



Friday 15th November 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers,



It's been a very busy week at Gillespie starting with Remembrance Day on Monday commemorating those who fought for our freedom. Followed by odd socks day Tuesday to kick off anti-bullying week, a workshop on understanding child emotions Wednesday, voting for school councillors on Thursday; then finally finishing the week spotty, striped or ready for bed for Children in Need!



Anti-bullying Week class activities

During anti-bullying week, every class had a go at activities based around the theme: 'Choose Respect'. We spoke a lot about what the word respect meant to us and why this was important especially when talking about bullying. In Year 5, we created a collage of any words or phrases that were linked to respect. Some year groups also wrote pledges or poems and in assembly we heard all about what the different classes got up to!



The anti-bullying alliance have created this useful FREE resource pack for parents and carers to 'help you start the conversation about bullying no matter the age of your child and give you other ideas about anti-bullying at home'. Homepage: [here](#).

Parent Workshop message from Lyn: I just wanted to thank the parents and carers who attended the 'Understanding your child's emotions' workshop on Wednesday. It was great to welcome parents from across the school (years 1 – 6) and to share and learn from each other. I'd like to also extend my thanks to Lisa and Rosie from the SWS (School Well-being Service) who led the session and our discussions so well. If you have any questions or would like to follow up on any of the issues raised during the session please get in touch with me on my school email below & I'll get back to you.

Many thanks, Lyn ljones@gillespie.islington.sch.uk



School Council elections

A huge thank you to all of the children who put themselves forward for election in the school council. All children made wonderful speeches in the hustings making a fantastic case for why they should represent the school and gave great examples of things they would like to do. The following children have been duly elected using a secret ballot: Aaliyah, James, Eli, Mira, Miles, Maeve, Rowan, Emilia and Ivan. Next week the children will decide which class they represent and choose their own leader to be chair of the council.

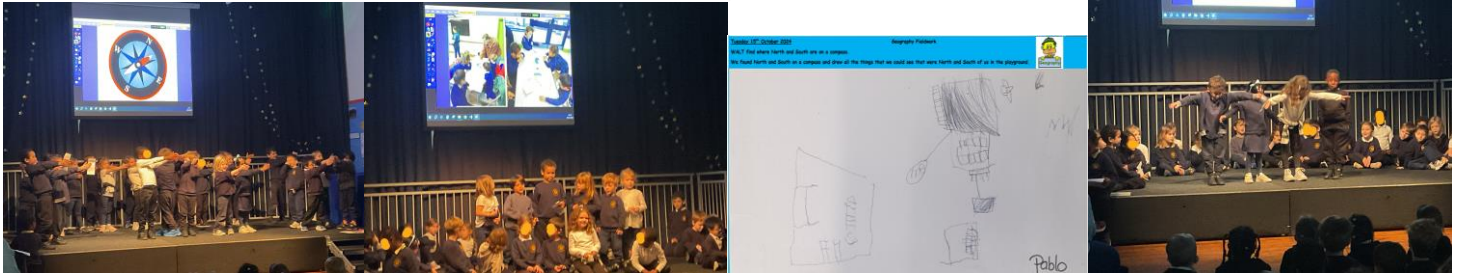


Children in Need

Thank you so much to families for their generosity raising over £300 for BBC's Children in Need. There is still time to donate here <https://tinyurl.com/4dyybmyj>. Donations can be made until Friday 22nd November. Thank you!

Year 1 Learning

In their class assembly, Year 1 shared the fantastic work they have been doing in their Geography Fieldwork lessons on the local area. The local area being the year 1 classroom and the playground. They talked about what an aerial view is, shared the aerial views they had drawn and the maps they had made of the classroom and the playground. Finally they shared the work they did with compasses and maps in their workshop at Gillespie Park Ecology Centre.



Learning in Lab_13

STEM Club learnt how GPS works and that a Bee-Bot is not a robot as it does not respond to data gathered from sensors and make decisions to move in response. They programmed a Bee-Bot to reach a destination on a Shop-a-Bot challenge mat whilst avoiding obstacles.



STEM Committee are really enjoying trying out activities for the Science Magic Show they will be putting on in Spring!



Attendance Matters!

The Islington access and engagement team have helpfully put together this new guide on minor illness and attendance. We recommend families take a look: [Minor Illnesses and Attendance](#). You will also see on the following page a snapshot of childhood illness and any recommended time off school.

Class	Attendance WB 11/11/24
Reception	98%
Year 1	99.33%
Year 2	97.30%
Year 3	98.67%
Year 4	98.67%
Year 5	98.67%
Year 6	96.43%
Total	98.15%



Attendance Cup
Winner
WB 11/11/2024
Year 1!

Class assemblies

We are very excited as **Year 2** will be performing their class assembly at Sadler's Wells theatre Rosebery Avenue following their weekly sessions with the performing arts team this term. The performance will begin at 2:30pm. We have a limit of 2 tickets per child and names **must** be provided to Hassan by email for theatre security reasons. Children can be taken home from the theatre following the performance.

Class assemblies	
Thursday 7 th November 2:30pm	Year 6
Thursday 14 th November 2:30pm	Year 1
Thursday 28 th November 2:30pm	Year 4
Thursday 5 th December 2:30pm	Year 5
Friday 13th December 2:30pm @ Sadler's Wells Theatre Rosebery Avenue	Year 2

Upcoming Diary Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 21 st November	Flu immunisation catch up clinic
Wednesday 4 th December	2:00-7:30pm Parent Consultation Evening
Saturday 14 th December	13:30-15:30 Gillespie carol singing
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas dinner
Wednesday 18 th December	10am & 2pm Christmas shows 3:45pm Christmas Fair
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term School finishes at 2pm

Yours sincerely, Mark Owen Headteacher

Ready Set Stage After School Clubs

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've enjoyed seeing some familiar faces return this term and meeting lots of new ones along the way!

As we move into the next term, we would like to share some updates:

Update 1: New Club on Fridays

We are considering introducing a Friday club at Gillespie and would love your input! The options for this club are:

Option 1: Dodgeball Club

Option 2: Multi-Sports Club

Option 3: Games Club (a popular choice in past terms)

Option 4: Boxing Club

Please share your preferences with us by email to help decide which club to open from the spring term.

Update 2: Gymnastics Club Update

Due to rising costs, we've had to make the difficult decision to raise the price of the Gymnastics Club to £10 per session (a £2 increase) from January. Since joining the school in 2021, we've worked hard to avoid price increases despite business rate changes, but this adjustment is unfortunately necessary.

To ensure value for families, we will include an end-of-term presentation, so parents can see the fantastic progress their children are making in gymnastics.

We look forward to welcoming you all in the new term. Bookings for next term will go live on 2nd December.

Thank you for your continued support,

Ready Set Stage

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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Community page

St Thomas's Messy Church invites you to Explore the story of Joseph and his amazing dreamcoat
Sunday 17 November 4pm – 6pm
Activities + Story + Food
St Thomas the Apostle
St Thomas's Road N4 2QP



Metropolitan Youth Police Team online workshops

County Lines Intensification week will soon commence.

Please see below Eventbrite links for Catch 22 County Lines Parent/Carer webinar taking place on the following dates:

Monday 18th November 2024 - 6pm-7.30pm -

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1064178339059?aff=oddtcreator>

Thursday 21st November 2024 - 12pm- 1.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1070723124689?aff=oddtcreator>

Thursday 21st November 2024 - 6pm –

7pm <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1070741800549?aff=oddtcreator>

In addition, we have an upcoming mental health webinar '**County Lines and the Mental Health journey of a young person.**'

Please follow the link below for more details and feel free to share around!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/catch-22-county-lines-and-the-mental-health-journey-of-a-young-person-tickets-1077426434469?aff=oddtcreator>

Knife crime workshop for adults working with young people

<https://benkinsella.org.uk/knife-crime-training-for-parents-and-carers/>