



Friday 27th November 2020

Newsletter 301

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent consultation on Sex and Relationships Education Policy (via Zoom)

Thursday 3rd December 2pm

The government has updated their legislation on sex and relationships education which schools are required to teach and we are updating our policy in line with this legislation. Next week is an opportunity for us to inform and consult with parents on this. Mark, Steph our PSHE Lead and Reba our Parent Advisor will be presenting and taking questions.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/91311889910?pwd=OGduVXcvendjNlFUNW1TNUZnTjhnQT09>

Meeting ID: 913 1188 9910

Passcode: Gad3ry

Wrap up warm!

Parents will know that we are ensuring that all school spaces are well ventilated at all times as this is a very important way of keeping the Covid-19 virus at bay. Please ensure that your children are coming in to school with plenty of layers. If girls are wearing skirts or dresses, please ensure they are wearing warm tights. All children must bring coats to school!

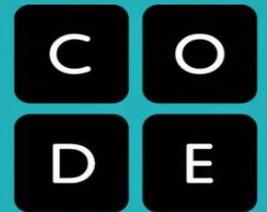
Christmas Show

Orlando is working on this year's Christmas show and will be practising with children during their weekly music lessons over the coming weeks. Children will perform within their class bubbles and will be recorded; with all performances collated to make the show. We are working on how we will have the show made available to families and send information about this soon.

Hour of Code Week

International Hour of Code Week is coming up week beginning 7th December. Next week Sarah will be preparing children for Hour of Code Week and talking to the classes about what activities they will be engaging in.

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CODE



Dragonfly Tales Podcast!



A FREE story podcast for families!



Story telling with Emily

All children enjoyed a range of story telling sessions with Story Teller Emily this week! We love having her at our school.

Emily has a free story podcast called Dragonfly Tales for children aged 4+

She will be doing shout outs this week for regular listeners in yrs 4, 5 and 6. If the children would like a shout out, then parents or guardians can send her an email - all details are in the episode notes each week.

Attendance Matters 16th – 20th November

Overall school attendance for the week – 98.10%

Nursery	96.32%	Year 3	96.55%
Reception	99.66%	Year 4	98.71%
Year 1	97.50%	Year 5	97.69%
Year 2	99.31%	Year 6	98.32%

Breakfast Club

We remind parents that breakfast club runs on a weekly booking and parents are charged regardless of their child's attendance. Payment should be made in advance, please check Eduspot for any outstanding payments. We still have some places available if you would like to book.

Primary Leaders Award: If you were an engineer what would you do?

Last year, pupils in Years 3 – 6 that attended Science Club entered a competition: *If you were an engineer what would you do?* The pupils learnt that engineering is all around them, from the cars people drive in, the TV screens people watch, to the food that they eat. They learnt that engineering can solve problems and can make life better for themselves and others. A mechanical design engineer visited the club and shared his work. He then answered their questions about engineering. The pupils then identified a problem and drew and annotated a solution to it. They wrote a letter explaining why their solution should be manufactured by engineers.

I am delighted to announce that Lexie Teuton in Year 5 has been selected as a winner in her category for the London region. Lexie designed *The Wheely Car Seat*: a wheelchair with wheels that slide up so that it can be put in a car. You can see her winning design and others in the virtual gallery by following this link: <https://leadersaward.com/2020-online-galleries/> Congratulations Lexie.

Meg in Lab_13



Reading Road Map

Nicolas and Aran (Y4) were inspired by an Islington reading road map book 'Olga' to bake these delicious looking olive muffins! Well done!

Primary School admissions

Application process for children born between: 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017

Application deadline – 15th January 2021

Read the full Primary School brochure here:

https://www.islington.gov.uk/~/_media/sharepoint-lists/public-records/schools/information/adviceandguidance/20202021/20200907primaryschoolbrochurefor2021admissions.pdf

We will be holding a school tour parent meeting via Zoom on Thursday 10th at 2:30pm

<https://zoom.us/j/93635199556?pwd=UDMxb2VDbGd0aDk5MFZBUzBZOWdjdz09>

Meeting ID: 936 3519 9556

Passcode: peq5za

Wishing you all a great weekend,
Mark Owen
Headteacher

Year 2 Learning

Wednesday 4th November 2020

WALT: To understand who is **Jewish** and what they **believe**

We were visited by 'Rabbi Mendy'. We learned some things that are important in the Jewish religion and then played a traditional Jewish game using a dreidel.



A shofar



Playing with the dreidel



Monday 23rd November 2020

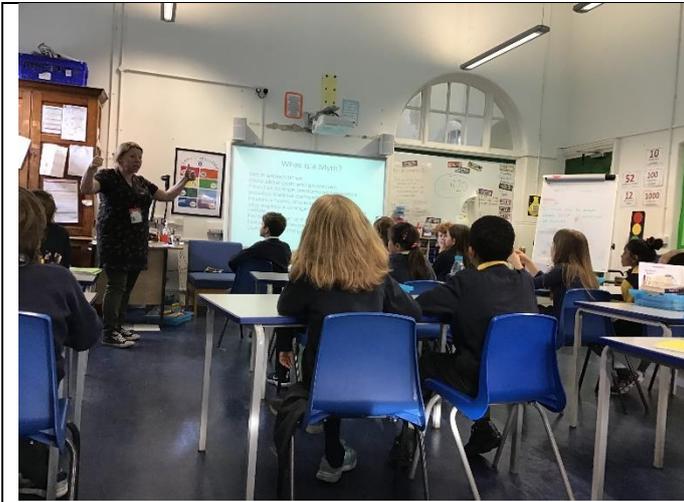
WALT: To recount the main events of the Great Fire of London



We acted out the main events of the Great Fire of London to help us to remember them and to understand a little more about why different things happened and the consequences.



Emily the storyteller- Theseus and the Minotaur



Year 4 enjoyed a brilliant session with Emily the story teller. She taught use about the 'ingredients of a myth' and then shared the exciting story of how Theseus defeated the minotaur!

Aran: I think she was really enthusiastic. Emily made me feel like I was really there! She used really good actions. I really enjoyed it and want her to come back!

Mary: I thought Emily was a funny and interesting storyteller. I loved listening to the story because she included lots of funny bits!

VEGAN LUNCHBOWLS BY @MS.WANTON

£1 per bowl donated to FOG

When COVID-19 restricted travel to my native Singapore, I started cooking my heritage dishes like a fury to soothe homesickness. I started selling my food to friends and neighbours.

And so @ms.wanton was born!

*A lunch dish I really miss is **Hakka Thunder Tea Rice** - "Thunder" being the sound of grinding the fresh herb pesto. I decided to make my own!*

These vegan lunch bowls feature Kerala red rice / low carb cauliflower rice, a rotation of organic veg, and home-pickled mushrooms. They make for a healthy and tasty WFH lunch.

£1 from every bowl sold will be donated to FOG. Dig in! -- Wen



PRE-ORDER FOR TUES & WEDS

Whatsapp WenLin Soh at 07824592026

to join the Thunder Tea Rice broadcast group
or view the full @ms.wanton menu



@ms.wanton

FOG CHRISTMAS SILENT AUCTION

Got a Gift? FOG needs Parent skills or treasure for Xmas auction prizes!

PLEDGE PERIOD: TILL END NOV
CONTACT JACQUI BARRETT
BARRETTJACQUI@GMAIL.COM / 07900 188328

BIDS START: TUE 1 DEC 2020
BIDS END: FRI 11 DEC 2020

BID RESULTS: TUE 15 DEC 2020

You can offer to bake a cake; hold a masterclass (French-plaits, make-up, digital/legal/clever stuff); cook a dinner, paint a portrait... don't be shy about your skills!

OR maybe you could donate a special thing, eg a Banksy or a bottle of Bacardi?

Message Jacqui with any offering, no matter how random!

All Pledges will be confirmed on 1 Dec for everyone to bid on and impress a loved one with a unique Xmas present!



Covid-19 Key reminders

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on 31st October, new national restrictions came into force on Thursday 5 November.

Full details can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

In light of this we are reminding families of the following:

- Parents/Carers should follow social distancing guidelines at drop off and pick up times – it is YOUR responsibility to ensure you are at a safe distance from other families.
- Parents/Carers are not to enter the school building. You should call or email the school office with any messages you have
- You must ensure your child comes to school equipped with all the resources they need for their day including water bottle, coat, musical instruments if applicable
- Punctuality Matters: it is important that children arrive to school on time to ensure a good start to their day. If your child arrives late they will need to be dropped at the front door and the office will sign them in as Parents/Carers are not to enter the school building
- Children should not be bringing in any other personal items from home! This includes match attack or other gaming cards. All personal belongings should remain at home
- Years 1 & 2 children should be dropped in the playground at their allotted time in the mornings and Parents/Carers should promptly leave the playground to avoid congestion. Please do not stand and wait on the ramp at drop off but leave as soon as your child has arrived on their spot.
- At collection time Parents/Carers should enter the playground, collect from the football pitch and leave immediately or stand around the perimeter if waiting for a sibling. Small children should be supervised at all times
- Parents/Carers should arrive promptly at your allotted drop off/pick up time and not hang around the school gates. This eases congestion on the ramp and Gillespie Road

Elizabeth House Food Hub

Elizabeth House is expanding its Food Hub for the duration of the lockdown and can support families eligible for free school meals with a weekly food bag. To register for this contact Elizabeth House on 020 7690 1300, Monday to Friday 10 am to 5pm. Food bags will be ready for collection on Fridays between 10.00-3.00pm (families will be required to complete a registration form for this service).