



Friday 9th July 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Football's coming home! Arrangements on Monday 12th July

We know that many families will want our children to participate in a very rare national event taking place this weekend – England playing football in the Euro's final! So on Monday school will be open at the usual time for all families that need it to be, but we are also offering a second drop off time of 10:00am to give any tired children a chance to lie in! Please bring children promptly at 10am to the main school entrance (ensuring you socially distance with other families and children of different year groups) so they can be registered as they enter the building.



Year 2 have a wonderful trip organised to the Ecology Centre and the children have already told their teacher and Mark that they want to go on their trip!! So Year 2 will need to come to school at their usual time as they plan to leave school at 9:30am. We will take extra care of them if they are feeling extra tired.

Science week

Thank you to Meg and Hassan for organising a wonderful Science Week. Children across the school have engaged in an amazing range of exciting scientific activities. Check out pages 3 to 5 for a more information about the week.

Sports day arrangements

Please see below a timetable of the upcoming sports day. We are pleased parents will be able to join us at the park in groups of 30 – following the latest Government guidance for groups outdoors. However this means we can only invite one parent per family and have a maximum of 30 adults per class. We will have two classes participating at any one time therefore each group of 30 must ensure they are distanced from each other AND the other group of 30. This will form part of our risk assessment that we have to submit to Hackney Council who have informed us if we do not adhere to this on the day may be asked to leave.

Year group	Sport slot AM	Sport slot PM
Year 1	9:30-10:30	
Year 2		
Nursery	10:30-11:30	
Reception		
Year 3		1:15-2:15
Year 4		
Year 5		2:15-3:15
Year 6		

Attendance Matters

Class	Attendance percentage	Class	Attendance percentage
Nursery	80.19	Year 3	100
Reception	88.59	Year 4	88.85
Year 1	98.56	Year 5	-
Year 2	97.33	Year 6	84.04
Whole school attendance WB 05/07/2021		91.74%	

Reminders:

Dairy dates

Thursday 15 th July	4-6pm Y6 Buggy Malone
Friday 16 th July	Sports Day @ Clissold Park
Monday 19 th July	School reports home to parents
Tuesday 20 th July	Teddy Bear's Picnic –donation to FoG Nursery graduation
Wednesday 21 st July	9:15am Y6 Leavers assembly
Thursday 22 nd July	Last day for pupils
Friday 23 rd July	INSET Day

Notice for Year 5 parents:

Children applying to City of London Academy Islington for September 2022 entry will have testing take place on the **2nd and 16th October 2021**.

Parents/cares should refer to the school's website for further information.

Elizabeth House Summer Playscheme

We are running a Summer Playscheme for 5 weeks this year and have a few free places left in our over 8's category. In order to qualify for a free place children have to live in the borough of Islington and fall in to one of the following categories:

- Get free school meals
- SW referral
- Have an EHCP
- Have a support worker

The dates for our play scheme are as follows:

Week 1 - 26-30 July

Week 2 - 2-6 August

Week 3 - 9-13 August

Week 4 - 16-20 August

Week 5 - 23-27 August

Bookings can be made by sending an email to childrensactivities@elizabeth-house.org.uk

The Playscheme will operate between the hours of 9.00 to 5.30 pm.

In order to assist in the effective implementation of safety measure and keep our children safe, **advance booking is essential**.

We will not be attempting to social distance the children within their group during their time with us, as we believe this is not possible and could add further stress and anxiety reducing the children's enjoyment. Spaces will be re-arranged to encourage greater play space and consistent cleaning and sanitising will be in place to limit the risk.

Fun activities will be planned for all children, with only outings in the local area to avoid public transport. Elizabeth House will have access to Gillespie School's playground so all children will be taking part in outdoor activities each day. A detailed programme of activities will be sent with drop off instructions later.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Come on England!

Mark Owen

Headteacher



**COME ON
ENGLAND!**

Gillespie Primary School Science Week 2021

Gillespie Science Week was celebrated with great enthusiasm this week with pupils' sense of excitement and curiosity about natural phenomena being piqued as they watched shows and undertook their own enquiries. Thank you to families for liking and sharing our posts on Twitter, giving others the chance to see all that has been going on at Gillespie! Here is a round up of events:

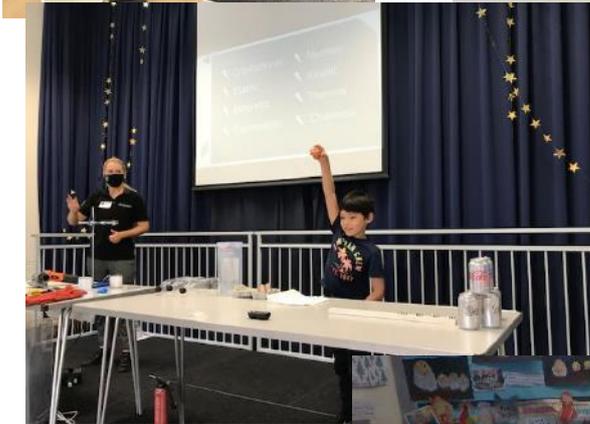
- Y1 - 6 watched the spectacular Royal Institute *Energy Live* show and learnt about gravitational, elastic, magnetic, electrostatic, nuclear, kinetic, thermal and chemical energy.
- Y4 and 6 attended an assembly presented by Andrew (Dr Szydlo). They were 'wowed' by chemical reactions and learnt about the history of chemistry. A version of his show can be viewed on the Royal Institution Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0g8IANs6zpQ>
- Y1 -3 were amazed to watch chemical reactions make all the colours of the rainbow when Andrew (Dr Szydlo) returned to deliver a second show. There were a lot of 'Oooohs' and 'Aaaahs' from the audience.
- Congratulations Tessa, Natalia, Jama, Adlan and Rita in the Y6 science committee for choosing and trialling activities for Y1 and 2 to do during science week. Their instructional videos included clear explanations and demonstrations which the younger pupils could follow easily.
- Y1 listened to the vibrations made when metal objects were banged. The vibrations travelled up strings into the pupils' ears and the sounds were incredible.
- Y2 adored having the Lab_13 committee as their science teachers this week – virtually of course! They carried out three investigations: Fantastic Fingerprints, Chiming Fork and Ghosts in the dark.
- EYFS pupils became space explorers today when they took part in an Inventors and Makers workshop. They made telescopes and printed moonscapes using foil and paint.
- In year 3, we investigated how different objects reflect different amounts of light. In our groups, we made predictions, described the objects we were investigating and recorded our results. We found out the shinier an object is, the more reflective it can be.
- We had a brilliant time in Reception blasting off into space and pretending to be astronauts walking on the moon! We learnt about constellations and made our own telescopes.

Thank you to all the teachers, presenters and pupils who participated. Y5 will undertake the rest of their Mars rover egg drop challenge when they return.

Meg (Resident Scientist) and Hassan (Science Leader & Year 5 class teacher)









Free Girls Football!

Sue Davies Pitch,
Sonderburg Rd,
N7 7QD

Every Tuesday

All abilities welcome

**Ages:
8 – 13 Years old**

Times: 4:15 – 5:30pm

For more information, please contact:
Rebecca Jones
rjones@arsenal.co.uk

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To be completed every week within 24 hrs of attending.



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Free Football!

Arts and Media
School.
Turle Road,
Islington,
N4 3LS

Every Saturday

All abilities welcome

**Ages:
8 - 11 Years old**

Times: 9 – 10:15am

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