



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

# Newsletter 356

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## FoG Movie Night

What a success! A huge thank you to the army of parents who organised and ran our movie night. Thanks to staff members Lyn and Sally who also helped out during the evening. We had over 150 children in attendance for the showing of Disney Encanto. Well done to FoG for another successful fundraiser. Great fun was had by all.

## Music Assembly to round off a fantastic term

Well done to all of our children who performed beautifully in our music assembly today showing the outcomes of their fantastic music learning this term, led by Orlando our dedicated Music Teacher. Children performed musical ensembles, whole class performances and lovely songs.

## Breakfast Club

From April 2022 we will be increasing the daily rate for Breakfast Club to £4.00 per day. This is to help with increasing costs the school faces. We remind families to please ensure their accounts are topped up/cleared before the new term begins. Thank you.

## COVID-19 Update for the Summer Term

Following the government changes to testing from 1<sup>st</sup> April please be advised of the procedures for illness and suspected COVID for the Summer Term.

- Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can come back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. Please inform the office of any illness.
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

## Don't forget to join Beat the Street

23<sup>rd</sup> March to 4th May 2022

### How does it work?

Each child has received a map, a contactless game card and instructions on how you can play. <http://www.beatthestreet.me>, top school teams will win hundreds of pounds worth of vouchers. The game is designed to work for large and small schools. Individuals can also win Lucky Spot prizes, including vouchers and Beat the Street goodies. Game card readers called 'Beat Boxes' will be positioned around Islington, including one outside Gillespie school. Players use contactless game cards to hover over these Beat Boxes as they travel around scoring points which sit on their individual and school leaderboards.

How can I find out more?

Here's a short video explaining more

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJbOghMQ5ZM>

You can register as an individual, as a group or as both here

<https://www.beatthestreet.me/islington/>



## After School Clubs

We are pleased to be running clubs in partnerships with Ready Set Stage, Elizabeth House and Music Education Islington. Please see the details below about what each company have to offer and how to register for these clubs. Please note all correspondence should go directly to them. Sign up closes on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you.

### Elizabeth House Playcentre

Cooking Club Wednesdays (27<sup>th</sup> April – 20<sup>th</sup> July, 12 sessions) 3:30 – 5pm

Dance Club Mondays (25<sup>th</sup> April – 18<sup>th</sup> July, 11 sessions) 3:30 – 4:30pm (no session on 2<sup>nd</sup> May Bank Holiday)

Cooking Club Fridays (6<sup>th</sup> May – 15<sup>th</sup> July, 10 sessions) 3:30 – 5pm

Contact: <https://elizabeth-house.org.uk/> or telephone 020 7690 1300

### Ready Set Stage After School Clubs

Our exciting clubs are back after Easter! With return favourites like Street Dance and Basketball and our new club; Arts & Crafts.

Spaces are filling up very fast so, to avoid disappointment BOOK NOW! This term we will be having our in person shows for performing arts and street dance as well as a football tournament in July!

Ready Set Stage are ready for the summer!

Clubs begin week commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The clubs will run for 5 weeks before the half term break and 6 weeks after. To book your clubs visit [www.readysetstage.co.uk](http://www.readysetstage.co.uk) by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Ready Set Stage After School Club Timetable – Summer term				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Performing Arts Reception – Y6	Basketball Reception – Y6	Street Dance Reception – Y6	Gymnastics Reception – Y6	Boxing Reception – Y6
Football Year 3 - 6	Arts & Crafts Reception – Y6	Multi-Sports Reception – Y6		

### Music Satellite Centre at Gillespie for children in Y2 & 3

We are pleased to introduce a music satellite centre/club here at Gillespie for children in Years 2 & 3. The club will run every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30pm.

Held at Gillespie, this 60 min course offers children the experience and joy of making music through a range of fun activities, games and songs. They will learn to feel a strong sense of pulse, moving to music, pitching notes and hearing the music in their heads. As well as musical skills, children will also develop listening skills, social interaction, coordination, and memory and language skills. This engaging, playful and supportive learning environment allows each child to express themselves in a creative and safe space, helping them to grow as a person and as a musician.

The course is £60 per term and payment will be made available via School Money.

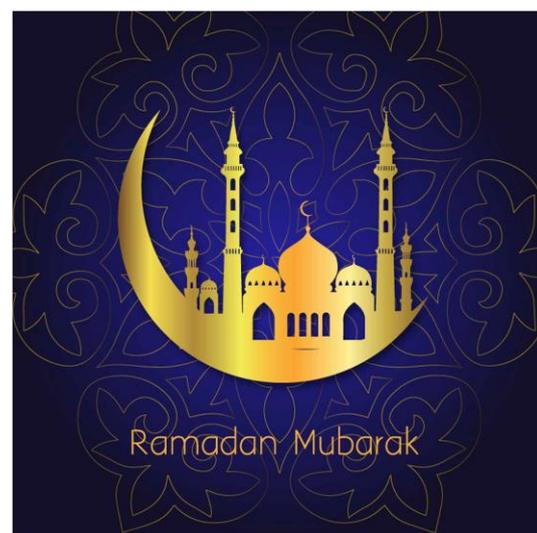
If your child would like to attend please sign up here: <https://form.123formbuilder.com/6050167/form>. There is a specific tick box for the year 2/3 satellite at Gillespie.

Attendance Matters			
Attendance WB 28/03			
Nursery	85.42%	Year 3	99.67%
Reception	91.53%	Year 4	94.14%
Year 1	98.67%	Year 5	96.77%
Year 2	96%	Year 6	94.81%

## Spring Term Diary Dates

Date	Event
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last Day of Spring Term
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day (school closed)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Summer Term for pupils
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Wear it Wild Day
WB Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	After School Clubs begin
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	2:00-7:30pm Parent Consultation Evening & Parent Voice Event
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1 'Bank Holiday' bake sale (FoG)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Additional Bank Holiday for Platinum Jubilee (school closed)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
WB 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	4:30-6:30pm Eid Party & International Food Evening
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 bake sale (FoG)
WB 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term
WB 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Healthy Eating Week
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Quiz Night – FoG event (adult only)
WB 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5/6 School Journey to Cardfields
WB 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Gillespie Science Week
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception class bake sale
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	12:00-3:00pm Summer Fayre
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of Summer Term ( <b>2pm finish</b> )

Wishing families a wonderful Easter break and Ramadan Mubarak to our families celebrating!  
 Yours sincerely,  
 Mark Owen Headteacher





# HOW WILL YOU GET FIERCE?

## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Year 6 science committee are excited to be holding a Wear It Wild (non-uniform) Day on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April to raise awareness of the need to protect our wildlife for future generations. Your child can choose to come to school out of uniform or can be inspired by wildlife to dress up as an animal; in an animal mask, ears or socks; in some animal print or pyjamas or onesie. 'Our world is under threat like never before. Globally we're all using the planet's resources faster than nature can restore itself. We are wiping out life on Earth and we are fast approaching the point of no return, when the damage can no longer be undone. Nature provides our life-support system. We cannot survive without it. So we must all act right now to reverse the damage and restore nature. Together, we can save our world, and help nature and people thrive for future generations by raising money to help protect our incredible world.' Wear it Wild.

Here are some fun activities that your child might like to do over the holidays to get in the mood:

- Make a costume or a mask: [Wear-it-Wild Mask Activity Sheet.pdf \(wwf.org.uk\)](https://www.wwf.org.uk/activities/wildlife/wear-it-wild/mask-activity-sheet)
- Do some cooking: [Wear-it-Wild-Recipe-Book.pdf \(wwf.org.uk\)](https://www.wwf.org.uk/activities/wildlife/wear-it-wild/recipe-book)
- Do some face painting: [Wear-it-Wild-Face-Painting-Guide.pdf \(wwf.org.uk\)](https://www.wwf.org.uk/activities/wildlife/wear-it-wild/face-painting-guide)

If you would like to make a donation to the World Wildlife Fund, please follow the link: [WWF - Donate to Charity | World Wildlife Fund](https://www.wwf.org.uk/donate)



**SOCK IT**



**WING IT**

The Year 6 Science Committee are also looking into declining numbers of garden tiger moths in London and will be working with Ele Johnstone from Butterfly Conservation. Follow this link to find out why moths are so important: <https://butterfly-conservation.org/> If you would like to make a donation to support Butterfly Conservation, please follow this link: <https://butterfly-conservation.org/protect>

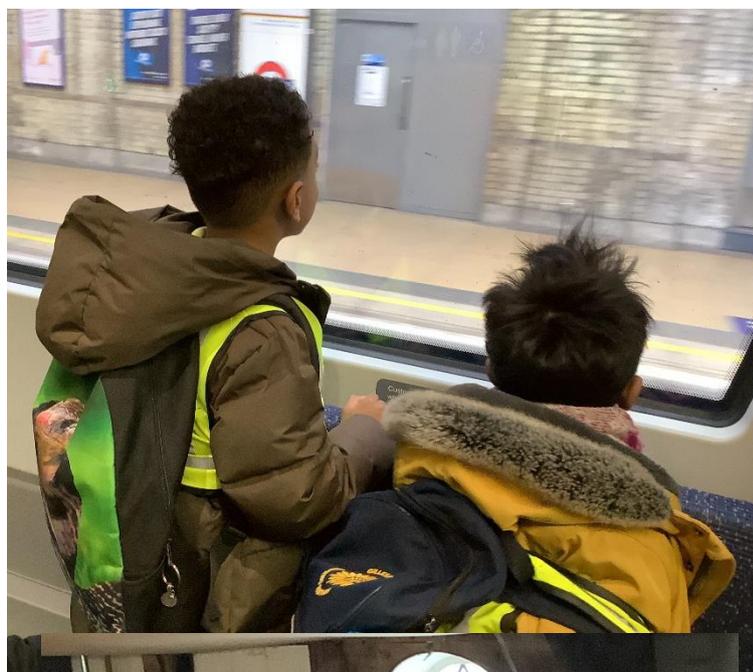
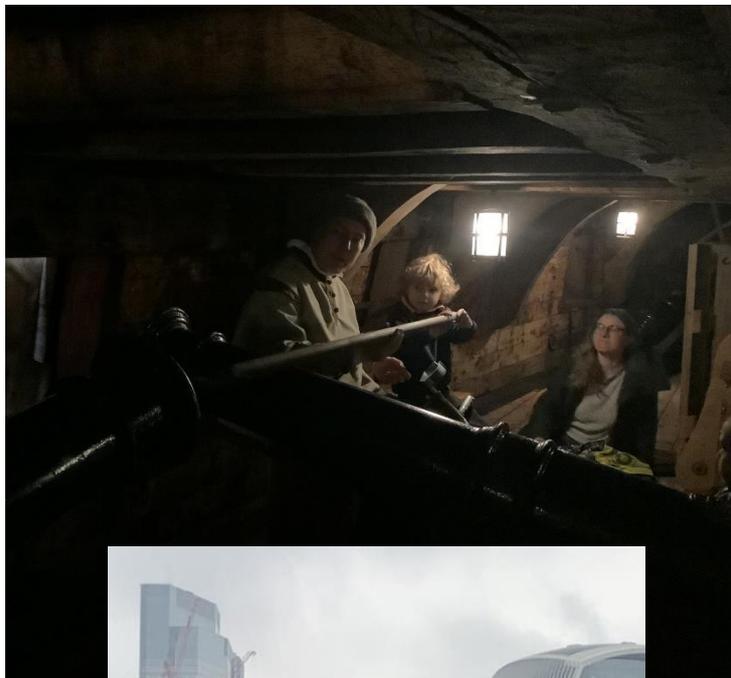
I very much look forward to dressing up myself and joining in the fun.

Meg (Scientist in Residence)

## Year 1 Learning

### Class Trip to The Golden Hinde

On Wednesday Y1 took the train from Finsbury Park to visit Francis Drake's ship, The Golden Hinde. We saw where he sailed, and the people who Francis Drake met along the way. We followed his ship and saw the countries he visited as he circumnavigated the world. We saw the captain's table, where Francis Drake and the important people of the ship ate and plotted their destinations on their maps. Francis Drake also slept here. We held and learnt about how different weapons were used, such as a long bow, the canon gun, a gentleman's dagger, an early type of grenade and the uses of lots of different arrows. We also went to the hold where we saw where all the treasure, food and water was stored. This was the biggest part of the ship. The adults couldn't stand up on the gun deck it was so small. 80 sailors and some farm animals slept here. It was also where they fired the cannons from. We had a go at loading and firing one too. What a great view by the River Thames to eat our packed lunches.



## Year 4 Learning

This week Year 4 have been busy making switches for their alarm systems. Mixing science and D&T.



Year 4's finished bedrooms and alarm systems. They built them for my daughter Pippa to alert her when her baby brother enters her bedroom!

