



Thursday 28th April 2022

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent Consultation Meetings and Parent Voice Event

We were pleased to see so many of you back in the school building on Tuesday for your Parent Consultation Meetings! We hope you found the meeting useful discussing your child's progress and targets for the coming weeks.

Thank you to Governors for hosting and to the many parents for attending the Parent Voice Event in Lab_13 which focused upon our reading partnership between home and school. We will collate all the information and feedback to parents in our newsletter in the coming weeks. Governors and staff evaluate the information we have got and then it informs our school improvement planning moving the school forward. We will update parents on any plans that we make.

Farewell Sue!

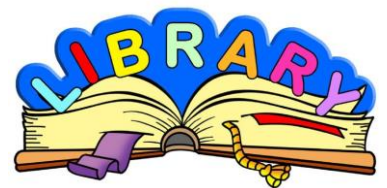
Sue Egan joined Gillespie in 2004 and over the years has been a Teaching Assistant, School Governor, librarian, anchor of the Breakfast Club, Table Tennis Club leader and fanatic, and leader of the Green Team. Sue was committed to the school far beyond her paid job and many parents will know

about her passion for reading and for promoting our wonderful school library and for her equal commitment to supporting children in understanding and learning about issues to do with the environment and climate change. As part of that work Sue encouraged children to be engaged in growing and tending our school gardens. After 18 years of service at Gillespie she has taken the decision to retire and we know you will join us in wishing Sue all the very best in this new chapter of her life. We will all miss you Sue!



School Library Volunteer

We have been told by the wonderful Islington Schools Library Service that Gillespie School has one of the best and biggest primary school libraries in Islington. Now that Sue has retired we are seeking a community volunteer who might have the time (perhaps half a day per week) to help manage our school library. This is a big commitment but if any parents/carers know anybody who might be interested please ask them to get in touch with the school. The volunteer will be required to undergo a DBS check. We are very keen to get our library up



and running fully again. We already have a lot of beautiful books that have been donated by parent Marianne Levy to add to our collection and are keen to think of creative ways in which we can re-engage children and families with the library. One of our Gillespie parents suggested at our reading consultation this week that perhaps we could facilitate parents and children choosing books together at our library. I think this is a lovely idea and will be discussing with staff how we can best set this up.



Eid Party and International Food Evening Thursday 12th May 4:30-6:30pm

We are very much looking forward to celebrating Eid with all of our parent communities at Gillespie! In traditional fashion we are inviting all parents and staff to bring a dish and food to share, particularly if you have a dish to celebrate the diverse cultures and cuisines that make up our vibrant Gillespie community. Please note that the school **will not** be providing any food as this is a community sharing event, so all attendees must bring a dish for sharing. *Please no nuts or sesame seed!* Soft drinks will be provided. More information about this event in next week's newsletter.

Wishing our families a lovely extended Bank Holiday weekend, and Eid Mubarak to our Muslim Families!


Yours sincerely
Mark Owen



Attendance Matters			
Attendance WB 25/04/2022			
Nursery	87.66%	Year 3	99.17%
Reception	98.73%	Year 4	97.41%
Year 1	99.17%	Year 5	98.79%
Year 2	97.5%	Year 6	97.22%

Nursery Learning
Eid Mubarak to all celebrating this weekend! Nursery made beautiful crescent moon and star Eid decorations!






Number Day 2022

Thank you to all the pupils and staff at

GILLESPIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

for raising **£1,983.50**

We are so grateful for your support and generosity. The money raised will help to change childhoods across the UK.





Josephine Swinhoe
Executive Director of Income Generation

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This year your generosity raised our biggest total ever.

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Year 2 Learning

Y2 have been exploring water and woodland habitats at Gillespie Park, using keys to identify the creatures that they found.



Ongoing reminders – this information has not changed

Spring Term Diary Dates

Date	Event
Friday 29 th April	Additional Bank Holiday for Platinum Jubilee (school closed)
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
WB 9 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Thursday 12 th May	4:30-6:30pm Eid Party & International Food Evening
Friday 20 th May	Y6 bake sale (FoG)
Tuesday 24 th May	5:00-6:30pm Solo Music Performances
WB 30 th May	<i>Half term</i>
WB 13 th June	Healthy Eating Week
Thursday 16 th June	Quiz Night – FoG event (adult only)
WB 27 th June	Year 5/6 School Journey to Cardfields
WB 4 th July	Gillespie Science Week
Thursday 14 th July	10am & 2pm Summer Music Concert
Friday 15 th July	Reception class bake sale
Saturday 16 th July	12:00-3:00pm Summer Fayre
Tuesday 19 th July	Sports Day at Clissold Park
Thursday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 22 nd July	Last day of Summer Term (2pm finish)

COVID-19 protocols for the Summer Term

Following the government changes to testing from 1st 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.