



Thursday 14th July 2022

Newsletter 367

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Farewell Sarah

Congratulations to Sarah Bergin our wonderful Year 6 teacher and English Lead who has been promoted to Assistant Head and will be moving to a new school in September. We will all miss Sarah who has been a real asset to Gillespie School in so many different ways but also great fun for both adults and children!



Farewell Jackie

A big thank you to Jackie who has been a fantastic partner teacher with Katy this year for our Reception Class. We were lucky to have Jackie who only had this year available to give us her additional time. Jackie's main work is training and mentoring new teachers and she will be continuing to do that on a more full time basis from next year. We will all miss Jackie and wish her luck for the future.

Welcome Zois

We are delighted to inform parents that we have recruited Zois Kouris who will be our new Year 5 teacher next year. We are looking forward to the skills and experience he will bring to the school.

Good luck Ashleigh

Ashleigh, our lovely midday meal supervisor in Reception Class has now started her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best in this new chapter in her life.

Classes for next year

Nursery	Laura Ceccarelli
Reception	Katy Parker (Mon – Wed) Lyn Jones (Thu – Fri)
Year 1	Steph Welburn
Year 2	Shelley Wragg
Year 3	Florie Smith
Year 4	Angela Parker (Mon – Thu) Katrina Moses (Fri)
Year 5	Zois Kouris
Year 6	Hassan Khan



Meet the teacher

This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and for them to talk about routines including homework, PE timetables and communication.

Tuesday 6 th September	3:40-4:10pm Year 1 4:30-5:00pm Year 2
Wednesday 7 th September	3:40-4:10pm Year 3 4:30-5:00pm Year 4
Thursday 8 th September	3:40-4:10pm Year 5 4:30-5:00pm Year 6

Reminders

As per text messages sent this week we have unfortunately made the decision to cancel next week's scheduled sports day due to the extreme weather. We have also cancelled the music shows due to the many music events that have taken place in school this term.

Jubilee Books

To commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the Government paid for all primary children to receive a illustrated book to mark the event. Your children will be bringing their copy home with them this Friday.

Ready Set Stage After School Clubs

We are pleased to continue to offer families who are eligible for Free School Meals, one FREE After School Club. Please ensure you complete the form sent to you via text by Monday 18th July.

The full timetable will be shared in next week's newsletter for families to sign up directly with Ready Set Stage. Clubs will run for children in Years 1-6 in the Autumn Term.

Elizabeth House After School Clubs

Break Dance: Mondays (12th September – 12th December, 13 sessions) 1 hour session (Times TBC)

Mindfulness and Yoga: Tuesdays (13th September – 13th December, 13 sessions) 1 hour session (Times TBC)

Cooking Club: Wednesdays (14th September – 14th December, 13 sessions) 3:30 – 5pm

Coding Club: Thursdays (15th September – 15th December, 13 sessions) 1 hour session (Times TBC)

Cooking Club: Fridays (16th September – 9th December, 12 sessions) 3:30 – 5pm

If parents/carers would like information on the above clubs, then they can email ChildrensActivities@elizabeth-house.org.uk

Science Week

Y2 were led brilliantly by Y5 pupils as they undertook activities related to forensic science in Lab_13. They explored using microscopes; chromatography; invisible ink; fingerprints and chemical reactions.









Y3 visited Lab_13 to investigate how we see things. They reached the following conclusions: you need a light source to see; lighter shades are easier to see than darker ones and light 'bounces' off an object (is reflected) into our eyes in order for us to see it.



SUMMER FAIR - less than two days to go!

We can't wait to see lots of you at the summer fair on Saturday! Bring your friends and family, and come ready to:

- eat and drink lots of delicious things 🍦 🍔 🍌 🍰 🍰 🍷 🍹
- try your luck for one of the fantastic prizes on the raffle and tombola 🎟️ 🎟️ 🎟️ 🎟️
- enjoy the bouncy castle 🏰
- throw a sponge at a teacher! 💧 🧽 🧽
- have fun playing games and maybe win a prize 🎲 🏈 🎯
- get your face painted, a glitter tattoo, hair wrap or your nails done 🎨 🎨
- find a new (old) treasure on the toy or book stall 📖 📖 📖 📖
- pick up a bargain at the uniform stall 👕 👖 🗑️

   It's set to be another hot day, so **we're still looking for help keep everyone cool**: If you can bring a **gazebo** or **parasol** on Saturday, or **freezer packs / frozen chunks of ice** (eg in a tupperware), please do!   

If you are able to bring food, please drop your contributions from 11am on Saturday:

- salad dishes and side dishes for the BBQ (no nuts please)
- cakes and biscuits (that will withstand the heat) for the bake sale

And remember you can still buy **raffle tickets** at school on Friday and for the first half of the fair. Don't miss your chance to win one of **nearly 50 great prizes**, including Robbie Williams tickets, free meals at local restaurants, vouchers for Boden and Oliver Bonas, artisan local honey, family trampolining session, and far too many others to mention here..!

Summer Reading Challenge 2022

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The Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to **keep reading during the summer holidays**.

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Ongoing reminders

Summer Term Class Assemblies

Thursday 21 st July 2:00pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
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Spring Term Diary Dates

Date	Event
Saturday 16 th July	12:00-3:00pm Summer Fayre
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.

Family Art Day
Art and Fun at the October Gallery

With OG Education Exhibition

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Free Drop-in for For All Ages
Saturday 30 July 2022, 10am-3pm

October Gallery,
24 Old Gloucester St, London WC1N 3AL www.octobergalleryeducation.com