



Friday 9th June 2023

Newsletter 401

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Golden Hinde design competition – winner!

In the spring term, year 1 learnt about Sir Francis Drake and the Golden Hinde, the ship he circumnavigated the world in. The replica of the Golden Hinde in central London turns 50 this year and there was a competition to design and make a birthday card for the ship.

Year 1 designed and made some fantastic cards. We were up against designs from children of all ages in primary schools from all over London. I am delighted to say that Alex Laino won the primary school competition with his design.

Here is the feedback from artist and judge Zillah Richards:
"For sheer attractiveness as a composition (the clouds are a perfect balance) and for colour and drawing skill, I really would like to make this one the winner. Please pass my congratulations to the artist and very much hope he/she continues to draw and paint."

Alex's prize is a free trip for him and his class to the Golden Hinde. We hope to visit it again later this term.

Well done Alex!



Kuk Sool Won martial arts competition

Well done to the following children who attended the Kuk Sool Won martial arts competition in Norwich. They all came away with at least TWO medals each!

Ruby Y2, Gabriella-Maria, Nathan A, Ivan Y3 and Arlo K, Arlo B and Eli Y4

Toys/Books/Bric-a-brac

Do you have any used toys / books / bric-a-brac in good condition we can sell at the Summer Fair? If so, donations can be dropped at the office 26-30 June!

Year 4 Class Assembly - Carmen

Year 4 performed the famous opera 'Carmen' in their class assembly this week. Parents were wowed by their enthusiasm and talent for the operatic style. Big thank you to our music teacher Orlando for having the ambition to put on this beautiful work. Well done Year 4!



School Nurse Health and Well-being Clinic Monday 19th June 2023

The next health and well-being clinic with the Islington School Nursing team is coming up. The team are able to help with any of the following topics:

- Toileting routines including bedwetting and soiling
- Diet and nutrition including fussy eating or concern about weight
- Sleep hygiene/routines
- Dental health
- Health promotion activities
- Infections including management of head lice and threadworms.
- Body changes and puberty
- Emotional health of your child or yourself
- Support in managing health issues that impact on attendance.
- Referrals to services including CAMHS, dietician and healthy living service

If you would like to book an appointment with the team for the next clinic on 19/06 please email the school office for a referral form by **Monday 12th June**.

You can also see more information about the team and their services on their website - <https://www.whittington.nhs.uk/default.asp?c=40796>

Attendance Matters

Class	Attendance WB 05/06/23
Nursery	91.99%
Reception	94.02%
Year 1	95.58%
Year 2	97.55%
Year 3	97.53%
Year 4	95.67%
Year 5	94.97%
Year 6	96.73%
Whole school	95.78%

Attendance Cup
Winner
Week Beginning
05/06/2023

Year 2



As we approach the end of term we remind families about the policy surrounding holidays and leave in term time. Parents and Carers are strongly urged not to book any holidays during school term time starting before Thursday 20th July or to book holidays that run into the next academic year, which begins on Wednesday 6th September 2023.

All children are expected to be in school for the whole of the summer term unless there are exceptional circumstances why they cannot be in school. A leave of absence form (from the office) needs to be completed for exceptional circumstances. If circumstances are not deemed exceptional, leave will be recorded as unauthorised!

Thank you for working hard with us to continue to improve attendance at Gillespie and the achievement of all pupils.

Year 2 Learning

Y2 were visited by 1000 bees! Our local bee keepers shared so much knowledge about bees and have inspired Y2 to find out even more about these fascinating insects. We would like to send a huge thank you to Soner and Elif from our local cafe, Cinnamon Village!



Science for Life

Y6 pupils visited AMSI (Arts & Media School Islington) where they extracted DNA from strawberries. Thank you Abu Hassan and the Y7 students for a great lesson - Meg, Lab_13



Eco-Committee

Our Eco-Committee members have continued making beeswax wraps to use as an alternative to cling wrap so as to decrease the amount of plastic that is thrown away.



Ongoing reminders - Diary Dates

Date	Event
WKBG 12 th June	Healthy Eating Week and Science Week
Thursday 15 th June	2:30pm Y2 Class assembly Wear it Wild Day
Monday 19 th June	School nurse health and well-being clinic
Friday 23 rd June	10am & 2pm Gillespie Summer Music Concert (further details next term) 3:30pm Reception bake sale
WKBG 26 th June	Year 5/6 Cardfields School Journey Year 3 Bikeability
WKBG 3 rd July	Year 4 Bikeability
Thursday 6 th July	2:30 Y1 Class assembly
Saturday 8 th July	12-3pm Summer Fayre
Thursday 13 th July	2:30 Y5 Class assembly
Monday 17 th July	End of year reports home
Tuesday 18 th July	Sports day at Clissold Park EYFS & KS1 AM, KS2 PM
Wednesday 19 th July	10am Year 6 Leavers show
Thursday 20 th July	Last day of term for pupils – school finishes 2pm

*Bring a parent to school week has been postponed until later in the term. We will share full details about this shortly.

Healthy Eating Week – postponement

Thank you to all families who signed up to have lunch with their child during Healthy Eating Week. We apologise for cancelling at short notice, this is due to staff absence in the kitchen. We hope to reschedule for later in the term and will keep you updated via the newsletter.

Science Week Competition!

The theme this year is 'Connections', which incorporates lots of STEM topics! You could explore how our body parts are all connected and work together, the connection between our actions and the impact on our environment, and even how internet connection has changed the world.



We wish that everyone could be a winner, but we only have a limited number of prizes. So, here's the lowdown on what the judges will be looking for:

- Creativity in approach – Innovative angle on the content or creative interpretation of the theme
- Content – Clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic
- Effective communication – presented and communicated in an engaging way

Deadline:

Thursday 15th June

Wear it Wild Day!



Gillespie Eco-Code

Members of the Eco-Committee have completed some great work writing and agreeing an Eco-Code for our school. Well done to all of them. Meg, Lab_13 →

Gillespie Eco-Code

Encourage environmentally friendly behaviour.

Choose walking over travelling by car.

Only use what you need.

Catch up on information about the environment by listening to and reading books, newspapers and online material and by watching documentaries.

Organise environmentally-friendly event days. Try to help out at these.

Dedicate your time to the environment.

Every day, try to make an effort to help the world.

Gillespie Eco-Committee



Wishing families a wonderfully warm, sunny weekend!
Yours sincerely,
Mark Owen Headteacher



www.eco-schools.org.uk





HOW WILL YOU GET FIERCE?

Thursday 15th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

The science committee are holding a Wear It Wild (non-uniform) Day on Thursday 15th June 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. Voluntary donation for dressing up can be made [here](#).

'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.

The committee will be selling some Wear it Wild themed snacks and drinks in the playground from 3:30 – 4:00 on Thursday 14th of June to raise money for the World Wildlife Fund so come along and purchase a treat.

Here are some fun activities that your child might like to do at home to prepare:

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



Parents **DO NOT** need to buy wild themed costumes! As part of being environmentally friendly you can make/recycle something you have at home.

If you would like to make a donation to the World Wildlife Fund, please follow the link:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gillespiewearitwild>

I very much look forward to dressing up myself and joining in the fun.
 Meg (Scientist in Residence)



FoG News

Welcome back, we hope you had a great half term!

Now that we're in the second half of the summer term, planning for the Summer Fair on **Saturday 8 July** is stepping up.

The fair is the biggest FoG fundraising event for the year and always a huge team effort, so there will be loads of opportunities to get involved.

You'll hear from class reps very soon about the plan for class stalls and in the newsletter next week there will be details of other ways to help out on the day and in the run-up.



Remember, you can support FoG through a one-off or regular donation

All the money raised by FoG goes towards extra-curricular activities for Gillespie children. [Read more about this in newsletter no.378.](#) There is no obligation to give and it can be as much or as little as you can afford. **To donate, [click here](#) or scan the QR code on the noticeboard next to the playground gates.**

Islington Borough Ladies FC - Wildcats Football

WILDCATS football session at Islington Borough Ladies FC...

- Whittington Park 3G astro turf pitch, Holloway Road, N19 4RS.
- Every Wednesday, 5-6pm with coaches Nadine, Tima & Lily (except for during school holidays).
- Fun introductory/beginner session for girls aged 5-11 years old.
- Focus on learning new skills and playing games.
- Just turn up! No booking required. Girls can wear whatever kit/trainers they are comfortable in.
- First session is free, £10 per month if you decide to sign-up.



Contact: Pete Samways Chair – Islington Borough Ladies FC
<https://linktr.ee/IBLFC> / 07966 614544

ROUGH CUT CASUALS

16 CHAPEL MARKET

LONDON N1 9EZ

TEL: 020 7837 7324

OPENING HOURS: MONDAY- SATURDAY 10-6PM

SUNDAY : 10-3PM

ONE MONTH IN JUNE PROMOTION -2023

Dear Parents

As we approach the end of the school year and start to think about the new school year, we would like to invite you to our store at , for an early primary school uniform purchase for your children, please note we are offering **5% Off for any spend over £50 spent**

You may be aware that in August/ September the store gets extremely busy and is under huge pressure, dealing with large volumes of parents and children trying to purchase their new uniform.

This will avoid the long queues and will ensure that you are able to purchase what you require for your child., at KEENER prices. It will also enable us the time to restock better to avoid disappointment.

Thanking you in advance for your custom.

Michael & Team

PLEASE SHOW THIS PROMOTION ON YOUR PHONE TO GET THE DISCOUNT.



PARENT OR CARER OF A CHILD IN YEAR 6?

Want to know how to support your child with their transition to secondary school?

These 2 online workshops are for YOU!

These 2 online workshops will:

- Equip you with the tools needed to respond to the needs of your child during transition.
- Help you to recognise and respond to risky behaviours and negative influences

Meet the Trainers:



TRACEY CAMPBELL
Director and Lead Trainer of Together Transforming Behaviour



MEL PROSPER
Founder and lead facilitator of Village Mind

£14.95 PER INDIVIDUAL SESSION OR £24.95 FOR THE 2 PART SERIES

TUESDAYS: 20TH JUNE 27TH JUNE

7.00PM – 8.15PM

SCAN TO REGISTER:

