



Friday 6th October 2023

Newsletter 412

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Harvest festival & Food Bank Collection

We are pleased to announce we will be running a Harvest Festival collection for Food Bank Aid from **9th-13th October** and we will be celebrating Harvest in our assembly on Friday 13th October.

Food Bank Aid is a charity which supports over 30 independent food banks across North London by collecting, sorting and distributing food, toiletries and household items to over 16,000 people including more than 5,200 children. There has been a significant increase in people attending food banks, with rising energy and food prices coming into effect, and they need our help!

We delighted to help support such a worthy cause. We feel strongly as a school community we should help raise awareness of food poverty and engage particularly with our children about social responsibility, but most importantly help those families who are really struggling.

Please help us support this charity by bringing your donations to school, where you can leave them in the **bottom hall**.

GILLESPIE SCHOOL IS COLLECTING FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL



FOOD BANK AID

FOOD BANKS URGENTLY NEED DONATIONS

Food Bank Aid delivers your donations to 30 food banks each week, supporting 16,000+ people (including 5,200 children) across North London.

WHAT THE FOOD BANKS REALLY NEED



Tinned food - meat, fish, fruit, veg



Jam, honey and peanut butter



Breakfast cereals and porridge



Biscuits, crackers, cereal bars & dried fruit



Rice, grains & noodles



Laundry tablets and washing up liquid



Instant coffee and tea



Baby formula & nappies (large sizes), creams

HOW TO DONATE FOR FOOD BANK AID

Please bring your donations to school from **9th - 13th October**. Thank you!



Food Bank Aid: North London



@foodbankaid_nl

Food Bank Aid is a registered charity no. 1194314

Special whole school assembly led by Shecor in Year 4

After we launched black history month in our assembly last week, Shecor in Year 4 asked if he could talk about his godfather in assembly this week. Shecor made an excellent presentation about Dwayne Fields, a British explorer and TV presenter. He told us that in 2010 Dwayne became the first black Briton to walk over 400 nautical miles to the magnetic North Pole. Since then Dwayne has spent his life promoting the great outdoors nationwide, particularly to young people and raising attention around climate change. A big thank you to Shecor.

Bake sale success!

A huge thank you to parent governor Hafsa who organised and ran a bake sale raising funds for The British Red Cross Morocco Earthquake Appeal and Libya Flood Appeal. Many a cake and goody were sold and **£256** was raised!



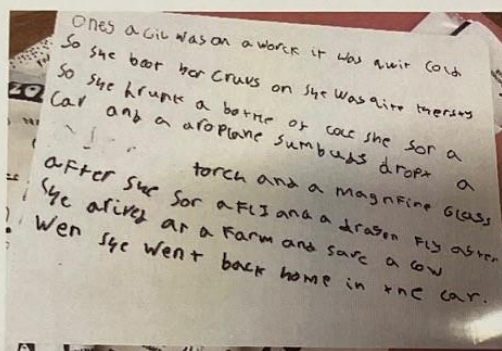


Year 5 Learning

'Just keep swimming...' has been Year 5's motto these last two weeks even when they had to wear pjs, a stroke of genius!

Lab_13 Learning

STEM Club: KS1 pupils learnt how to push information into their long term memory by linking items in a story.



STEM Club: KS1 pupils loved behaving like chemists to make slime. They had to persevere to get the result they wanted.



Lab_13 Y1: Pupils took turns to programme a Beebot to move forwards, backwards and to make quarter turns to the left and the right so that it could travel from one part of the human body to another.



Attendance Matters!

| Class | Attendance WB 02/10/23 |
|--------------|------------------------|
| Reception | 94.33% |
| Year 1 | 98.33% |
| Year 2 | 99.67% |
| Year 3 | 99.67% |
| Year 4 | 99.33% |
| Year 5 | 98.67% |
| Year 6 | 99.29% |
| Whole school | 98.05% |

Attendance Cup
Winner
Week Beginning
02/10/2023
Years 2&3!



Ongoing reminders – this information has not changed

Class assemblies

Thursdays at 2:30pm, top hall. Families invited to attend, we hope you can make it!

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|---------------------------|--------|
| 2 nd November | Year 2 |
| 9 th November | Year 1 |
| 16 th November | Year 3 |
| 23 rd November | Year 6 |
| 30 th November | Year 4 |
| 7 th December | Year 5 |

Admissions Information

Secondary School Admissions for children born between: 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013

- Apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk
- Deadline 31st October 2023
- Please email the office with dates of your child's school visits for our records
- See the Islington Admission's [Secondary School brochure here](#)

Primary School Admissions for children born between: 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020

- Apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk
- Deadline 15th January 2024
- To arrange a school tour please email the school office
- See the Islington Admission's [Primary School brochure here](#)
- Children in the Nursery Class do NOT automatically have a place in Reception Class. Families **must** apply online.

Diary Dates

| Date | Event |
|---|--|
| Tuesday 10 th October | Mental Health Day – universal human rights |
| Wednesday 18 th October | Individual and sibling photographs |
| Thursday 19 th October | FoG Halloween Disco |
| Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October | Half term |
| Wed 1 st & Thu 2 nd November | Flu nasal spray immunisations |
| Friday 3 rd November | 9:30am FoG AGM in bottom hall |
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Wishing families a warm, October weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Mark Owen Headteacher



FoG News



Gillespie Primary School Festive Card Project



And so it begins...

Every year FoG organises the **Festive Card Project**. All last week, children were busy making festive artwork in their classes. If your child completed artwork it will be sent home in the next few days with instructions on how to order cards, wrapping paper, mugs and present tags.

If you would like to order any of these items, just follow the instructions stapled to the back of your artwork. You don't need to send the artwork anywhere - it has all been scanned ready for orders. All profits from this initiative are utilised by FoG to fund additional school activities.

THE DEADLINE FOR SHOP ORDERS IS 22nd OCTOBER

If you have any questions about the project or how to make purchases, please email Mary (the real brains behind this operation) marydecinque@gmail.com.



FoG Annual General Meeting Date confirmed



On Friday 3rd of November at 9.30am Friends of Gillespie will host its **Annual General Meeting**.

This will be an opportunity for parents, carers and other stakeholders to learn more about the coordination and delivery of FoG activities, including:

- **A summary of accounts for 22/23**
- **Reporting on key priorities and activities during that same period**
- **Formal introduction of new FoG Committee members (please note that nominations for committee members remain open and are available to all - including individuals not directly connected to the school community).**
- **Overview of forward plans and objectives for 23/24**

ClayTime Mugs - Ready for collection

Did you or your child get to design your own tea mug at the Summer Fair this year? If so then the lovely people at ClayTime have dried, fired and glazed them for us - and they look great! If you think that one of these mugs might be yours, get in touch with Sean (07986792367) before the October Half Term.



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

All money raised by FoG goes towards support for the school and extra-curricular activities for Gillespie children. 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.**

Gillespie School Halloween Disco



Thursday 19th October
5.00 – 7.00pm

£3 per child, £5 family ticket on the door
(Adults free, all children must be accompanied)

The children's favourite, the Gillespie Halloween Disco will take place in the playground, so wrap up warm. Come to school dressed up and ready to dance and play spooky games.

Have your dinner at the disco. Pizzas, hot dogs, cakes, sweets and drinks will be served throughout the evening.

Enter the pumpkin carving competition and bring your carved pumpkin to school the morning of the disco. Prizes to be won.

Can you help?

We need cakes and treats to sell during the disco. Please bring into school that morning and remember, no nuts please.

We need parents to help during the disco to sell cakes, serve food, sit on the welcome desk and run games.

We also need a group of volunteers to help set up from 3-5pm and some to stay to help clear up at the end.

It takes a team of around 20 parents to put this event on. If you can help before, during or after, please let Vicky Hatchett know.

victoriahatchett@hotmail.co.uk mob.07877 984367.



October Family Fun

Kite Making and Twig Creatures

Saturday 14 October 2023, 1-4pm

FREE! family workshop for parents and children

Come along to this fun and exciting family session and make a kite that really flies and get imaginative creating twig creatures. No need to bring anything, we will supply everything.

How to register?

Book your place now!

Text or WhatsApp Gosia, 07834 172328, your name and number of adults and children who will attend and children's ages.

**Meet us at the
Clock Tower,
Caledonian Park,
N7 9HF**

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