



Friday 13th October 2023

Newsletter 413

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@GillespieSchool

Dear Parents/Carers,

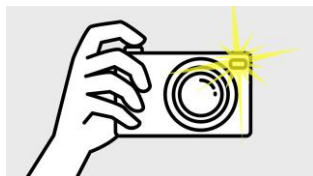
Harvest festival Assembly & Food Bank Collection

Today we celebrated our harvest festival by talking about the history of celebrating harvest in different cultures and religions around the world. We looked at the kind food donations that our children have brought in to school and children identified which foods were grown in the northern hemisphere and which foods were grown in other regions of the world. A big thank you to all families who donated. All food goes to Food Bank Aid which supports over 30 independent food banks across North London.



Individual and sibling photos – Wednesday 18th October

Next week our photographer company Van Cols will be in to take individual and sibling photos of our children. We ask that children in Reception – Year 6 are wearing full uniform for their photos. On the day the children will bring home with them a form with QR code which parents can scan to create an account. Once the photographers have processed and uploaded the pictures you will receive notification and be able to place orders. Orders placed on time (deadline to be confirmed) will be delivered to school for free and sent home with your child.



Breakfast Club arrangements from 30/10/2023

You will have received our letter this week about our new breakfast club partnership with Calypso Gymnastics Club. We remind families that booking for BC should now be made directly to them here: <https://calypso-gymnastics.classforkids.io/camp/17>. You can also view a copy of the letter shared [here](#).

Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 09/10/23
Reception	97%
Year 1	99.33%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	94.67%
Year 4	97.33%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	97.50%
Whole school	97.12%

Attendance Cup
Winner
Week Beginning
09/10/2023

Year 2!



Lab_13 News

Eco News: Well done to Emma, Alexandra, Rosie, Kitty, Sophie and Audrey for helping to clear litter at the front of our school. Thank you to Orlando for taking the photos.



Ongoing reminders

Class assemblies

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

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
Wednesday 18 th October	Individual and sibling photographs
Thursday 19 th October	FoG Halloween Disco
<i>Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October</i>	<i>Half term</i>
Wed 1 st & Thu 2 nd November	Flu nasal spray immunisations
Friday 3 rd November	9:30am FoG AGM in bottom hall
Friday 10 th November	Remembrance assembly School Nurse Health & Well-being clinic
WKBG 13 th November	Anti-bullying week
Wednesday 6 th December	2:00-7:00pm Parent Consultation Meetings
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas dinner
Wednesday 20 th December	10am & 2pm Christmas Shows 3:30pm FoG Winter Fair
Thursday 21 st December	Last day of Autumn term. School closes 2pm

Reminder that school will finish at the normal time on Friday 20th October for half term with after school clubs running as usual.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Owen Headteacher



FoG News

Autumn Term Dates for your diary

Below is a summary of all of the FoG events for the Autumn Term. With plenty happening between now and the winter break, please feel free to get in touch with any of the FoG Team (see the noticeboard in the playground) or your class reps to offer ideas, suggestions or to volunteer to help out. Any support will always be greatly appreciated!

Fri	13-Oct-2023	Year 6 Back to school Bake Sale & Uniform Sale
Thu	19-Oct-2023	Halloween Disco
Fri	3-Nov-2023	FoG AGM
Fri	3-Nov-2023	Yr 5 Bonfire Night Bake Sale & Uniform Sale
Fri	1-Dec-2023	Y4 Christmas Bake Sale & Uniform Sale
Wed	13-Dec-2023	Carol Singing Bucket Shake
Wed	20-Dec-23	Winter Fair



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 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**

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.



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ADMISSION**



COMPETITION



FITNESS



CONFIDENCE

Monday and Friday

4-5pm 5-11 years

5-6.15pm 12-16 years

6.30-8pm 17-24 years

**Metrobox Islington,
Sobell Leisure Centre, Hornsey Road, N7 7NY**



07769 369235



www.metroboxlondon.co.uk



info@metroboxlondon.co.uk

Flu immunisation for pupils in school years Reception - Year 11

DEAR PARENT/CARER,

The flu vaccine is being offered at your child's school again this autumn/winter.

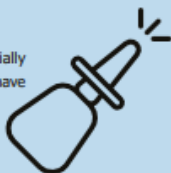
To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click here:

<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/islington>

Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

THE NASAL FLU VACCINE

- ✓ Protects your child from the flu.
- ✓ Protects your family and friends from the flu (especially those who are elderly, young babies, or those who have serious health conditions).
- ✓ Is painless, quick and effective.
- ✓ Is free



THE IM FLU VACCINE



We also offer the flu vaccine as an injection, which is **gelatine-free**. This may also be the vaccine of choice for vegans. Please go to our website where you can find out more about the manufacturing of the flu injection, and then decide if the injection is more suited to your child.

You only need to complete one consent form for each child. If you later change your mind, please call your local team. If your child has this immunisation elsewhere after you have submitted the consent form, you **MUST** inform Vaccination UK rather than the school.

We understand that you may have questions about the vaccine. For more information, please go to our website, where you can find a list of FAQ's, as well as details of our community catch up clinics. We also have some FAQ's enclosed below.

You can also find informational videos on our YouTube channel, including subtitled versions for other languages.

Yours Faithfully,
Your Local Immunisation Team
Vaccination UK



ISLINGTON
Immunisation Team
Contact Details

islington@v-uk.co.uk

0208 017 7926

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USEFUL INFO

- ✓ We endeavour to come to your child's school twice. If they are absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, you will need to attend one of our community clinics for the vaccine. Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above.

- ✗ PLEASE NOTE the flu vaccine will NOT be available to otherwise healthy children after December 15th at all, and so we urge you to return the consent form as soon as possible in case we are not able to visit your child's schools for a second visit this year.

- ✓ Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to complete a second form.

USEFUL LINKS

www.schoolvaccination.uk/nasal-flu
www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk



PRIVACY POLICY

Our 2023/24 policy can be viewed here:
www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy
For data protection queries, please contact:
dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:

- Mother: automatic
- Father: if married to the mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- Unmarried father: if name appears on birth certificate (since 1/12/03) or legally acquired
- Others: if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- Parental Responsibility Agreement: signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- Residence Order: granted by the Court

Please note that young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are there any side effects of the vaccine?

Possible side effects are: decreased appetite, headache, a runny or blocked nose, and sometimes a raised temperature. These are common, but they pass quickly and can be treated with paracetamol or ibuprofen if you feel your child needs it.

Are there any children who shouldn't have the nasal vaccine?

You should let us know if your child has any of the following:

- A very severe allergy to eggs, egg proteins, gentamicin or gelatine – it is important for us to know if your child has been admitted to hospital with a condition called anaphylaxis, triggered by these things.
- Are currently wheezy or have been wheezy in the past 72 hours with asthma. There is an alternative flu vaccine that we can talk to you about to ensure that your child is protected as soon as possible.
- Have a condition that severely weakens their immune system.

Also, children who have been vaccinated should avoid close contact with people with very severely weakened immune systems for around two weeks following vaccination (By severely weakened, we generally mean people who are isolating, such as those who have received some types of chemotherapy or people who have had a bone marrow transplant, for example). This is because there's an extremely remote chance that the vaccine virus may be passed to them.

Contact with other healthy children or adults does not need to be limited after having the vaccine.

We do not eat pork products.

Can my child have a different flu vaccine?

Yes. There is a flu vaccine available, in the form of an injection.

The nasal flu vaccine is the best vaccine for children and young people under 18 years of age as it is more effective at stopping the spread of flu and it is painless, but it does have a highly processed form of gelatine (porcine gelatine), which is used in a range of many essential medicines. The gelatine helps to keep the vaccine viruses stable so that the vaccine provides the best protection against flu.

If your faith or beliefs mean you would prefer a vaccine that has no pork (porcine gelatine) in it, please complete the consent for the flu injection only. You do not need to complete a form for both.

If your child is vegan, please note that the flu injection is a cell based vaccine. For more information, please see our FAQs page on our website:

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/nasal-flu>