



Friday 3rd November 2023

Newsletter 415

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Dear Parents/Carers,

School photos order deadline 06/11

Photos are now available online via www.getphotos.co.uk. If you need a new photo code please email the school office. Deadline to order for free delivery to school is 06/11/2023.

Anti-bullying workshop

Thank you to the parents who attended the workshop this week with Heather Vacciana, we hope you found it useful. For those who were unable to attend we can share the presentation from the meeting [here](#) – please take a look at this incredibly useful resource. We will be taking part in the annual Anti-bullying Week, week beginning 13th November and will share with families the work we will be doing in school.

After School Clubs

This week we saw Reception children join the Ready Set Stage clubs now that they are all settled in to school life. We know there were some hiccups with children getting to their intended club (going to Elizabeth House at 3:30pm instead of 4:30pm) and we apologise for this. We have reviewed procedures and discussed with the teams involved to ensure a smooth transition for next week!

Learning in Lab_13

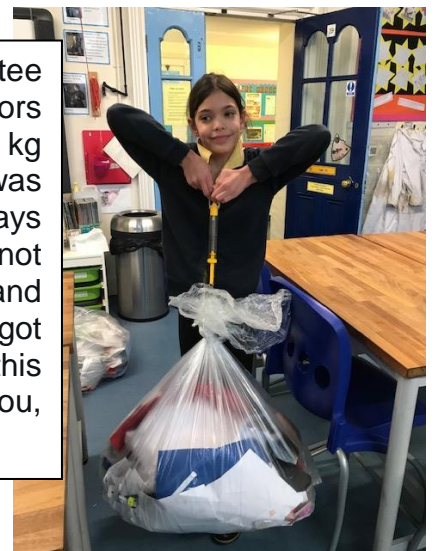
Nursery pupils used red, blue and yellow paint to create autumn colours. They printed with cardboard autumn leaves (sycamore, horse chestnut, oak) and real autumn leaves.



Science Committee have been inviting pupils to participate in lunch time science games and activities. It's a hit! 42 pupils have attended so far. Well done.



Our Eco-Committee recycling monitors ensured that 4.75 kg of rubbish was recycled over 4 days this week and did not end up in landfill and they have only just got started. Watch this space. Thank you, Meg



Year 4 Learning

Year 4 spent a historical day at the British Museum this week looking at ancient Greek artefacts. They engaged in a hands on workshop and visited the galleries to find out more about life in ancient Greek times. The children were really focused at looking carefully at objects and drawing some that particularly caught their eye. A great way to spend a day!



Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 30/10/23
Reception	98.67%
Year 1	99.67%
Year 2	98.67%
Year 3	99.67%
Year 4	99.67%
Year 5	98.67%
Year 6	98.21%
Whole school	99.03%



Attendance Cup Winner
Week Beginning
30/10/2023

Years 1, 3 & 4!



An excellent week of attendance across the school for the first week back after half term. Keep up the good work!



This is presented to

GILLESPIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

To thank the whole school community for its amazing and generous donations of food, toiletries & household goods to Food Bank Aid. We are so grateful. Thank you so much!

OCTOBER 2023

www.foodbankaid.org.uk



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FAMILY ART CLUB



Arty fun for all the family! Materials are provided, or you can bring your own. Suitable for children of all ages.

Meets monthly on Saturdays, 2-3pm

Starts Saturday 25 November

N4 Library
26 Blackstock Road
N4 2DW

Ongoing reminders

Music Classes for Year 2 & 3

There are still lots of places available in the 'new starters' class. The minimum for this class to run is 15 pupils and we currently have 5 registered. If we do not have enough by December, Music Education Islington have said unfortunately it will not be able to run. If we are successful, this class will start in the Spring term. For more information or to sign up click here:

<https://form.123formbuilder.com/6370200/mei-satellite-sign-up-2023-24>

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](#).

Class assemblies

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

*Wednesday 8 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

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

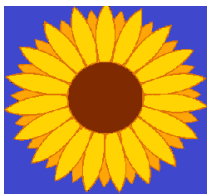
Date	Event
Friday 10 th November	Remembrance assembly
WKBG 13 th November	Anti-bullying week
Friday 17 th November	Children in need
Friday 1 st December	Y4 Christmas bake sale & uniform stall
Wednesday 6 th December	2:00-7:00pm Parent Consultation Meetings
Wednesday 13 th December	FoG Carol singing bucket shake
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

Wishing families a warm and safe bonfire night!

Yours sincerely,

Mark Owen Headteacher





FoG News

Year 6 Bake Sale and Halloween Funds Confirmed!

The FoG bean counters have been working away diligently over the half term break, and we are happy to share the following amounts for our first two major fundraising events of the year:

- Year 6 Bake sale and Uniform stall raised a whopping **£286.23!**
- The Halloween Disco saw us raise a similarly impressive total of **£1,615.00!**

What a great start to the year, and an extra special thanks to **Fiona Ayers** and **Vicky Hatchett** for their incredible organisation and execution of the events, as well as all of the parents, carers, staff and pupils who helped out before, during and after to make them such a success!

Dates for your diary

Below is a summary of all of the FoG events for the Autumn and Spring Terms :

Fri	17-Nov-2023		CHILDREN IN NEED (Non FoG event)
Fri	1-Dec-2023	15:30-16:30	Y4 Christmas Bake Sale & Uniform Sale
Wed	17-Dec-2023	1-2pm	Carol Singing Bucket Shake
Wed	20-Dec-23	tbc	Winter Fair
Spring Term			
Wed	24-Jan-2024	09:00-10:00	FOG Spring Term General Meeting
Fri	2-Feb-2024		NSPCC NUMBER DAY (Non FoG event)
Fri	9-Feb-2024	15:00 - 16:00	Year 3 Valentines Bake Sale & Uniform Sale
Thur	29-Feb-2024	tbc	Movie Night
Fri	15-Mar-2024		COMIC RELIEF (Non Fog event)
Fri	22-Mar-2024	15:00 - 16:00	Year 2 St Patrick's Bake Sale & Uniform Sale
Wed	27-Mar-2024	09:00 - 10:00	Open FoG Meeting

Make a note of any events you might want to attend or get involved in - we will always welcome the support!



Gillespie Primary School Festive Card Project



Remember, you can still place orders for these items, but will now need to pay for postage and packaging. 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



A huge thank you to all who attended the FoG AGM this morning, and for those who supported with the organising and delivery of the meeting. Lots of interesting and helpful ideas and suggestions for FoG to work on, and so much positivity in the room about how FoG can build on the successes of last year. If you want to access the powerpoint or finance information from the meeting then [just click here](#), and if you have any questions please get in touch with Sean on 07986792367

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

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.**