



Friday 24th November 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 class assembly

This term Year 6 have travelled back in time to the Victorian era. They used their learning about the Victorians to put on a fantastic performance of Oliver Twist yesterday. Well done Year 6!



Islington football league

On Tuesday the Year 6 football teams finally got to make their debut in the Islington after school league at Whittington Park. Both teams performed brilliantly and showed great team spirit. Watch this space for updates.



Parent Consultation Meetings

There is still time to sign up for your parent consultation meeting slot. You can do this at <https://gillespie.schoolcloud.co.uk>. Times and dates below:

Nursery	Wednesday 6 th December	3:30-6:00pm
Reception	Wednesday 6 th December	1:00-6:30pm
Year 1	Monday 4 th December Tuesday 5 th December	3:30-6:30pm 3:30-6:30pm
Year 2	Wednesday 6 th December	2:00-7:00pm
Year 3	Wednesday 6 th December	2:00-7:00pm
Year 4	Wednesday 6 th December	2:00-7:00pm
Year 5	Wednesday 6 th December	2:00-7:00pm
Year 6	Wednesday 6 th December	2:00-7:00pm

Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 20/11/23
Reception	97%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	96.67%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	99.67%
Year 5	96.67%
Year 6	97.50%
Whole school	97.50%

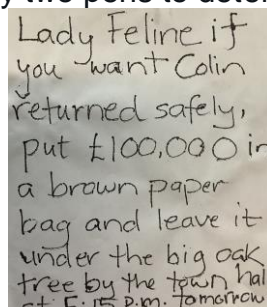
Attendance Cup
Winner
Week Beginning
20/11/2023

Year 4!

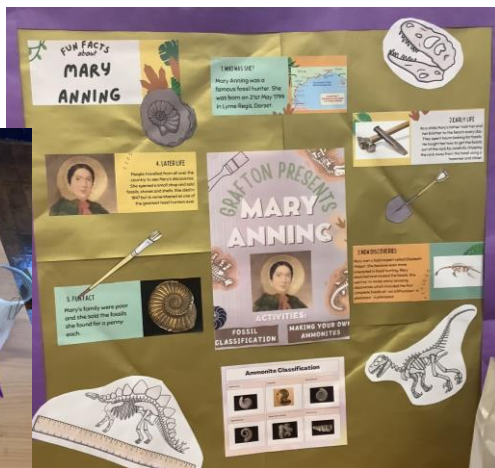
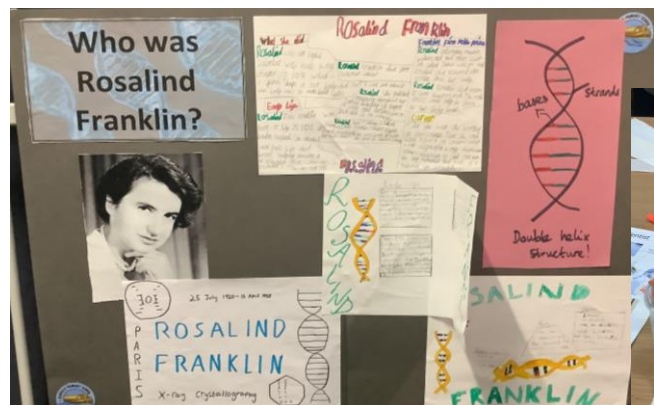


Learning in the Lab

KS1 STEM Club: Pupils were crime scene officers investigating if Robyn Banks or Nick Good's pen wrote the ransom note when Lady Felicity Feline's Cocker Spaniel was kidnapped! They used chromatography to look at the patterns created by two pens to determine who the culprit was.



Science for Life: Pupils from hub schools researched female scientists in preparation for the Women in STEM event. They made informative posters that celebrate the achievements of these inspiring women. They heard a microbiologist and a virologist speak about their careers and asked them questions. Some parents came along and joined in the activities at the end of the day.



Ready Set Stage After School Clubs

Ready Set Stage (RSS) After School Clubs – Spring term 2024 www.readysetstage.co.uk				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ready Set Stage				
Gymnastics	Arts & Craft	Singing	Performing Arts	
Football (Years 3-6)	Basketball	Football (Reception - Year 2)		

Spring term registration to be made online at www.readysetstage.co.uk

Dates:

- Clubs begin week beginning 15th January 2024 x4 weeks
- *no clubs during half term week beginning 12th February
- Weeks recommence week beginning 19th February x5 weeks
- Last week of clubs week beginning 18th March
- Total 9 weeks

Free School Meal eligible pupils

Children eligible for Free School Meals are entitled to one free club per term. Please sign up using the RSS website and enter the following code* FSMSPRING24 which will deduct any payment at the end. You can only use this code once per eligible pupil. If you are unsure if your child is eligible for Free School Meals please contact the school office.

Code: FSMSPRING24 for all clubs

*Code eligibility will be checked with the office. Families who incorrectly use a code risk their child being removed from the club until full fee payment is made.

Ongoing reminders

Class assemblies

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

Thursday 30 th November	Year 4
Thursday 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 1 st December	Y4 Christmas bake sale & uniform stall
Week beginning 4 th December	Parent Consultation Meetings
Sunday 17 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

Yours sincerely,
Mark Owen Headteacher



october gallery

FAMILY ART DAY

FREE ART AND PLAY AT OCTOBER GALLERY

10AM - 12PM
USUALLY
LAST SATURDAY
OF THE MONTH

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER
SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER

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FoG News



Winter (Fair) is coming...



Hot off the heels of the Halloween Disco success, FoG will now be focusing on making sure that the Winter Fair for 2023 is another fantastic event for the Gillespie School community. With the date set for **Wednesday 20th December 3.30 - 5.30pm**, work is in full flow to ensure that we are offering the usual festive fun, warm food/drinks and various stalls and activities to get everyone in the mood for the holiday season.



As with previous years, we are aiming for different classes to each run an individual stall, so do keep an eye out for requests from your class reps for helpers. We're also looking for people to help with set-up, tidy-up and plenty of other key jobs in the run up to the fair, so if you are willing and able to get involved please contact Sean (07986792367) or Max (07812 633 827). Also...

We need your skills or treasures for our annual Parent Pledge Auction!!!

Some examples of previous pledges have included offering to bake a cake, holding a masterclass in your chosen skill (French plaits, music, law, make up), cooking your signature dish for a dinner, painting a portrait or a couple of hours doing some DIY or gardening. Or maybe you have a special thing that you could donate e.g. a Banksy or a bottle of Bacardi. To add your offer to the pledge list, no matter how random, just message Jacqui (07900188328). When we have a selection of items, we'll announce the launch and open up the space for bids.

Thanks in advance for any contributions and pledges - we can't do this without you!



2023 Carol Singing Bucket Shake



We will be doing our annual bucket shake and singing of Christmas songs to raise money for the school before the Arsenal v Brighton football match on **Sunday 17th December**. Get the date in your diary now!!! **We'll be meeting outside school at 12:30pm on the 17th** and will be all finished by kick-off at 2pm.



Dates for your diary

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

Fri	1-Dec-2023	15:30-16:30	Y4 Christmas Bake Sale & Uniform Sale
Sun	17-Dec-2023	12:30-14:00	Carol Singing Bucket Shake
Wed	20-Dec-23	15:30-17.30	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	15:30-18:00	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!

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

Direct Donations

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 or below.**

Donate to FoG here!→

