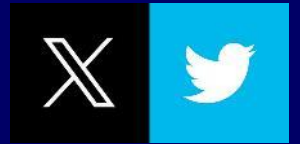




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Dear Parents/Carers,

Number Day - Friday 2nd February

Next Friday we will be celebrating the annual NSPCC Number Day. This is a day where schools raise money for the NSPCC and make a real difference to the lives of vulnerable children across the UK.



To help raise some money for the NSPCC we are inviting children once again to come to school wearing an item of clothing with digits on (e.g. football shirt) or a onesie or even dressed up as a dice, ruler or calculator!

Early Years will go on a number hunt and be challenged to find numbers between 1-10 (in Nursery) & 1-20 (in reception), Year 1 children will be challenged to know simple number bonds to 10/20 and children in years 2-6 will be challenged on their times tables/division facts. Teachers will set the challenges for their classes (as they know the children best).

Donations can be made online here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/gillespienumberday2024>

PE Kit requirements

We have noticed increasingly recently that many children have been wearing unsuitable clothing for PE lessons including cropped tops and unsuitable footwear/boots. The myriad colours and styles that children are attending in are beginning to resemble a fashion parade! Please can you make sensible choices. As you know, we allow children to come to school in their PE kit and not have to change in to their PE kit in order to maximise time spent exercising during PE lessons. We remind you a PE kit should consist of:

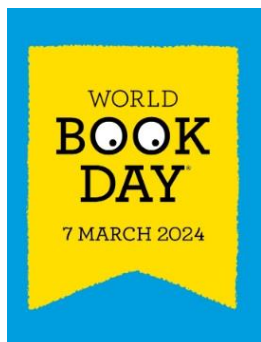
- Joggers/leggings/shorts
- T-shirt/sweatshirt
- Trainers

Please consider this advice seriously. From September 2024 we intend to implement a more formal PE kit which reflects the range of school colours in the school uniform (yellow/white/blue) to reflect the fact children are in school to learn including in their PE lessons.



We also remind you we have a set school uniform and children should be wearing school uniform at all other times when they do not have a PE lesson. Our school uniform guidelines are [here](#).

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March



For World Book Day this year we are going to be doing the same as last year with the £1 book tokens. We will not be sending the £1 book token home, instead, we ask that you and your child take some time to choose one of the books from the link below. Your child can then tell their teacher, or you can email them [on or before Wednesday 7th February](#) the book they would like to swap their £1 voucher for. At a date closer to World Book Day year 1 and year 6 will take a trip to Waterstones in Angel where they will exchange the vouchers for the books all the children have chosen. These classes will deliver the books to each class and your child can then take their book home to keep forever.

Please use this link to select a book. <https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/>

If you click on each book you can read a blurb about that book, watch a short video from the author and even get some ideas for World Book Day costumes for some of the books.

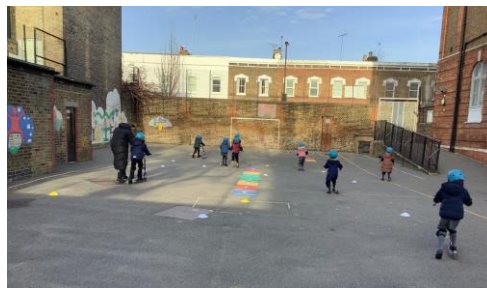
Year 4 Learning

Year 4 had a great afternoon in Lab_13 learning about the digestive system and what happens to food after it is eaten. It was very messy but through modelling different stages, the processes involved will remain memorable.



Year 1&2 Scooterability

This week Juan from Action Sports Schools came in to do some scooter ability training with Y1&2 children. We learnt how to safely ride, balance on a scooter, use the brake properly and how to swerve around stationary objects. We also learnt that we must get off a scooter and walk with it when crossing a road, even if it has a zebra or pelican crossing on it.



Spring Term Diary Dates

Date	Event
Friday 2 nd February	NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer internet day
Saturday 10 th February	Chinese New Year
12 th – 16 th February	Half term
Wednesday 21 st February	Class photos and Y6 individual photos
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of Spring term. School closes at 2pm

Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 22/01/24
Reception	99.33%
Year 1	95.17%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	93.45%
Year 4	99%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	97.50%
Total	96.92%

Attendance Cup
Winner
Week Beginning
22/01/24

Year 2!



Yours sincerely,
Mark Owen Headteacher



FoG News



Spring Term FoG General Meeting



Friends of Gillespie will be hosting our termly **General Meeting** on **Wednesday 7th February @9am in the bottom hall**. The main aim of the meeting will be to share and discuss plans around key priorities for the Spring Term, address any areas of interest that attendees wish to raise and consider any new ideas and suggestions for how to support the school as we move through the school year. Topics will include:



- Summary of financial status and expected spending for the Spring Term
- Confirmation of agreed calendar events (and requests for volunteers)
- Forward plans for initiatives to support the school (new playground refurbishment, comms strategy)

Movie Night - Volunteers Needed!!!

Following the success of the last few years, FoG are keen to once again run a **Movie Night** for Gillespie School students during the Spring Term. As usual, in order to put on a worthwhile and enjoyable event we are putting the call-out some volunteers. This will involve:



- Pre-event planning - date and timings, event promotion, ticket sales, refreshments and of course... movie choice!
- Set up and clear up support
- Supervision during the movie

If you are able to offer any support then please get in touch with **Sean on 07986792367**

Christmas Clutter Clearout!

Got more toys and books than you have space for? Want to recycle some of the things that no one uses anymore? Is that box of party bag 'stuff' starting to overflow? Have no fear - FoG are here to help!



We are looking to replenish our toy and book supply so that we can continue to offer stalls and prizes for the children (big and small) to get their hands on at future events. **If you have any items that you would like to pass on then please drop them in to the front office (in bags or boxes please!) for collection.** Not only

will you help boost our stock, but you'll also be supporting the school's ongoing efforts as an Eco-School!

↓Donate to FoG here!



FOG WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HAS BEEN ABLE DONATE (TIME, MONEY, IDEAS, MORAL SUPPORT) OVER THE LAST YEAR.

We know and appreciate that not everyone is able to directly support charitable initiatives. However, if you feel like you can and would like to contribute, here are some example ways in which you can help:

- A monthly regular direct debit donation of as little as £5 [DONATE TO FOG HERE!](#)
- A donation of an item which we can put to one of our auctions (last year we raised almost £3k by auctioning Glastonbury tickets, golf tickets and a signed England shirt).
- Running a stall at an event, helping on the door or just acting as an extra pair of hands (for example at our **Winter Fair on the 20th December**).
- One off donations of any amount are always welcomed.

Stephens Ink Community Meeting

Thursday 1 February at 6.30pm

(Doors open at 6:00pm)

Stephens Ink Community Centre

Stephens Ink Estate,
Tannington Terrace, Gillespie
Road, London N5 1LG

The centre is a local facility, so come along and have your say in the centre's running and organisation!

Refreshments and nibbles will be available at the meeting.



The election of officers and a new residents management committee to manage the community centre will take place and matters relating to the use of the community space will also be discussed.

Attendance and participation is welcomed by all residents of the Stephens Ink Estate, Tannington Terrace, Leiston House, Kenton House, Otley House & surrounding neighbourhood.



For more details contact Vanessa Khan, Community Partnerships Officer on **07925 890968** or vanessa.khan@islington.gov.uk



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Full details here:

<https://islingtonlife.london/things-to-do/toy-project-donation-drive/>

CALYPSO GYMNASTICS CLUB

GYMNASTICS HALF TERM CAMP

12th-16th February
10:00am-14:00pm

William Pattern Primary School N16

Learn skills and make new friends at our gymnastics half term camp.

Full week £160
Full day £45
Half day £25

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