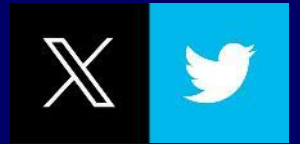




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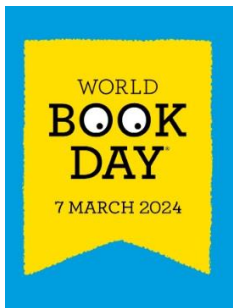
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. We hope you all had restful half term breaks! We have another busy half term ahead which includes the wonderful World Book Day- see further information below.

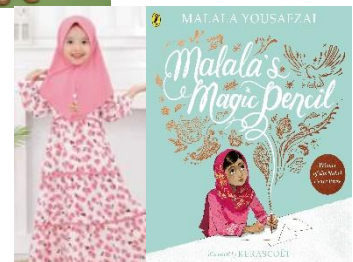
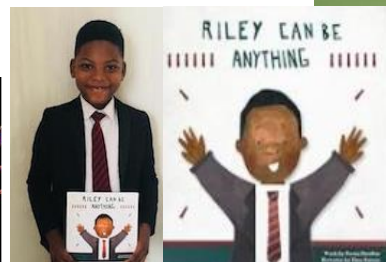
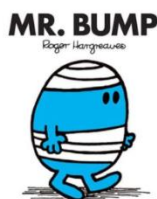
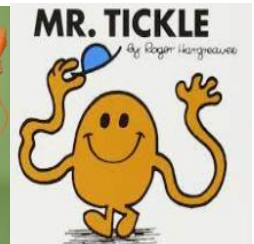
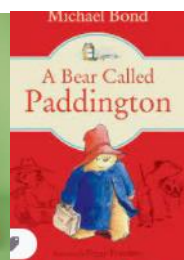
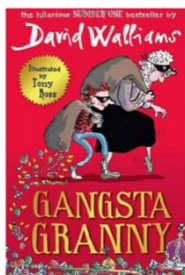
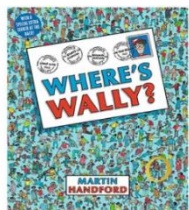
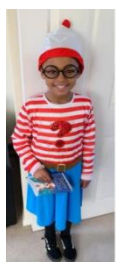
## Class photos

This week children had their class photo taken. You should have received an order form on the day. Orders to be placed online at [www.getphotos.co.uk](http://www.getphotos.co.uk) by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March for free delivery to school shortly afterwards. If you have lost the proof card and need the class photo code please email the school office.



## World Book Day

It's almost time for this year's World Book Day! On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, we invite all children and staff to come to school dressed as either their favourite book character or author. Please don't feel you need to buy any brand new costumes. There are often many things lying around the house that you can use to make a costume and charity shops can have bits that you could use to make part or all of the costume. Here's some ideas of homemade costumes.



As you may have seen in recent newsletters, year 1 and year 6 will be going to Waterstones in Angel to pick up the pre-ordered World Book Day books in exchange for the [£1 book token](#). [Your child will bring home this book on World Book Day. This is theirs to keep forever; they do not need to bring them back into school.](#)





### Junk modelling in the Nursery – materials needed!

Calling for any junk modelling materials especially ribbons, bows, wrapping paper, milk/water/bottle lids, food tubes (pringle type) etc – please no food containers from nuts. Thank you!



### Year 4 Learning

Straight back in to the swing of things this second half of Spring term! Y4 have started off the week with some bikeability.

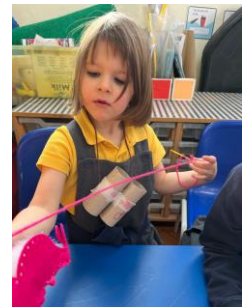


Year 4 have been energetic learning lots of dance moves in PE this term. They have been concentrating really hard to get all the dance moves right- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and let's go again!



### Reception Learning

Reception have been busy creating beautiful sea creatures using different materials including cd's and paper plates. The children have been 'don't give up dory's' persevering with their sewing. They have been threading needles and learning new sewing skills.



### Year 6 Learning

As part of our art and RE work this term Year 6 have produced some religious pop art pictures.





## Year 2 Learning

Y2 were Curious Camels today exploring plant and animal habitats in Gillespie Park. They found a range of minibeasts in micro-habitats and considered what conditions the animals must be suited to in order to live there.



## Spring Term Diary Dates

Date	Event
26 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 bikeability
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day FoG Movie Night (*No Ready Set Stage clubs this day)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
WKBG 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Last week of Ready Set Stage clubs
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y2 bake sale and uniform stall
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Spring term. School closes at 2pm

## Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 19/02/24
Reception	94.83%
Year 1	96.67%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	99.33%
Year 5	95.86%
Year 6	97.86%
<b>Total</b>	<b>97.08%</b>

Attendance Cup  
Winner  
Week Beginning  
19/02/24

**Year 4!**



## Absence reporting

We remind parents/carers that if your child is too unwell to attend school you must contact the school office by call or email before 9:30am giving the reason for absence. This is so we can record your child's absence accordingly. Thank you.

## Missing bike

A blue and white frame Carrera bike has gone missing from the school playground. If you think you may have taken this home by mistake we ask that you return it as soon as possible so it can be returned to its owner.

**NSPCC**

## NSPCC Number Day Fundraising

We are so pleased to have raised £468 so far for the NSPCC due to our recent Number Day in which children dressed up in digit inspired outfits as well as taking part in maths challenges in class. We thank you so much for your generosity! The page will be closing next week so this is your last chance to make a donation. You can do this online here:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/gillespienumberday2024?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fgillespienumberday2024&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/gillespienumberday2024?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fgillespienumberday2024&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)



Yours sincerely,  
Mark Owen Headteacher



# FoG News

## Movie Night - Date confirmed

Following the success of the last few years, FoG are going to once again run a **Movie Night** for Gillespie School, with an agreed date of **Thursday 7th March from 3:30pm until 5:30pm**. 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!

### Dates for your diary

Thur	7-Mar-24	15:30 - 17:30	Movie Night	Open to all pupils
Fri	15-Mar-24		COMIC RELIEF	Non-FOG Fundraiser
Fri	22-Mar-24	15:30 - 16:00	Y2 Bake Sale & Uniform Stall	

↓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.