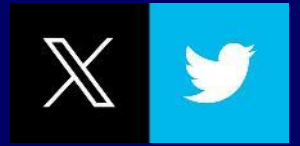




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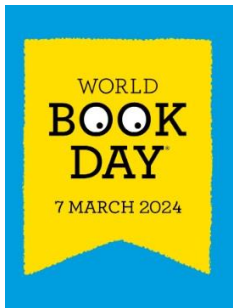
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Dear Parents/Carers,

International Women's Day - Friday 8th March

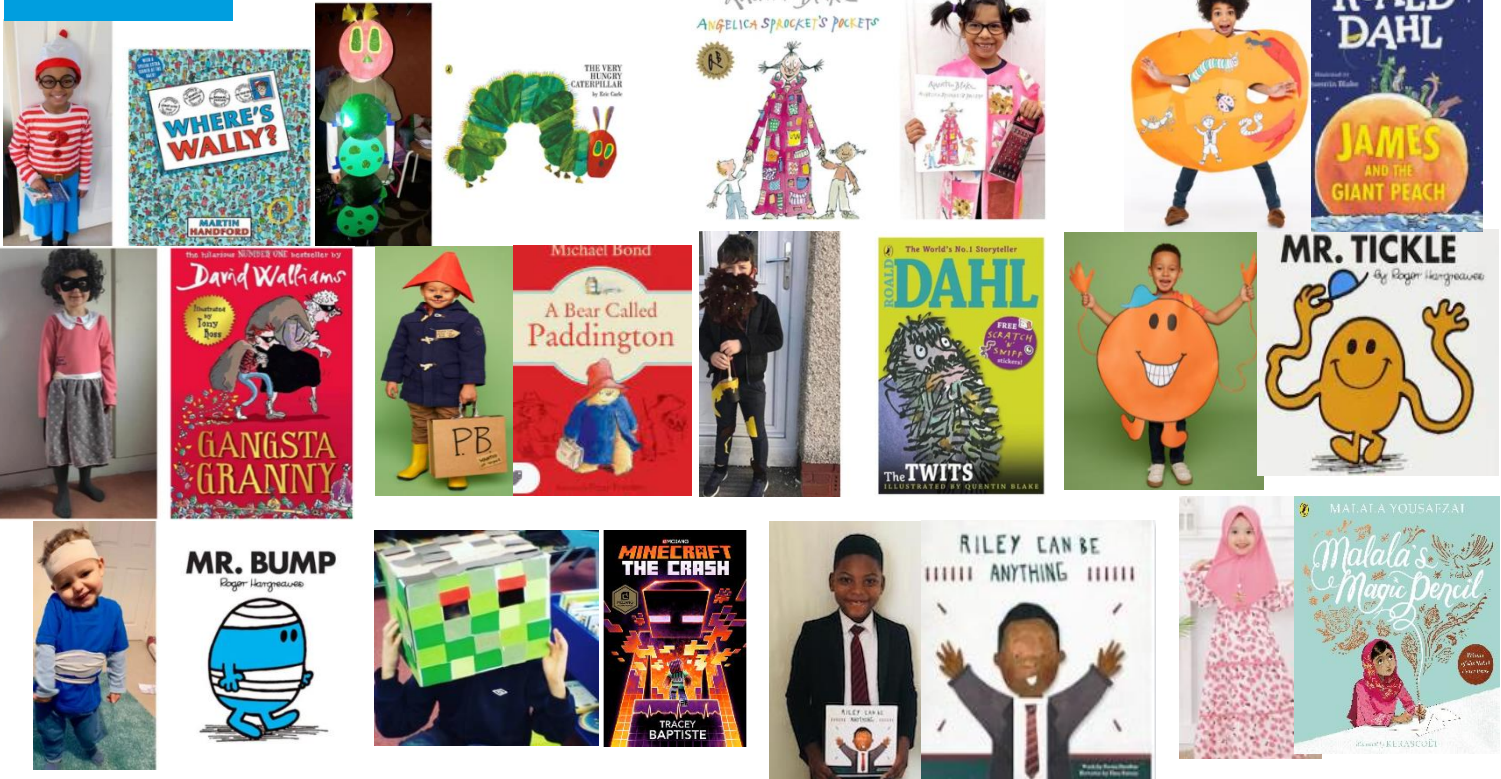
Today in assembly we talked about International Women's Day which will take place next week. This year the theme stresses the need for equality while celebrating women's achievements. Florie spoke to the children about the importance of women having equal rights to men and Chloe shared the quotes of many well-known inspirational women including Malala Yousafzai a Pakistani education activist and the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize laureate at the age of 17.

In School we will take time to remind ourselves that everyone is unique, and our gender makes up just part of who we are. It doesn't make us more or less capable of doing anything, and we shouldn't be treated differently because of it. Every person deserves the right to be treated equally!



World Book Day

We cannot wait to celebrate World Book Day next week on Thursday 7th March. Children and staff are invited 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.



Year 1 and 6 braved the wet weather this week to take a trip to Waterstones in Angel to pick up the book token books families have requested. Children will bring this book home on World Book Day and this is for them to keep, they do not need to bring them back to school!

THANK YOU!

Thank you Siobhan!

We would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful school crossing patrol officer/lollipop lady Siobhan for her many years of helping children safely cross Gillespie Road as well as being a keen FoG volunteer! As Gillespie is now a 'school street' we no longer meet the national criteria for provision. However, you may still see Siobhan locally as she will now assist on Blackstock Road. We all wish her the very best!



Snacks/sweets/chewing gum

We remind families that children should not be bringing snacks/sweets or chewing gum in to school and it should not be consumed onsite during the school day or at our after school clubs. Thank you.

Spring Term Diary Dates

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

Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 26/02/24
Reception	93.10%
Year 1	97.67%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	96.67%
Year 5	95.17%
Year 6	97.14%
Total	96.25%

Attendance Cup
Winner
Week Beginning
26/02/24

Year 3!



Reception Learning

Wishing everyone a wonderful St David's Day today. Reception have been busy painting some beautiful daffodil pictures to celebrate!



Yours sincerely,
Mark Owen Headteacher



Movie Night Next Week



On **Thursday 7th March** from **3.30pm** until **5.30pm**, we'll be showing the latest release **Trolls Band Together** in the bottom hall for everyone to enjoy. Use this link to access the EventBrite page to purchase a ticket:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/851349197367?aff=oddtcreator>



There is an FAQ section on the site, but here are a few headlines for those interested in attending:

- A ticket includes any pizza (please state how many quarter slices you want!) and popcorn for your child - no extra charge.
- Children should bring their water bottles - no other drinks please.
- Children can bring their own snacks, but not to share.
- No cereal or breakfast bars, and obviously no nuts!

When completing your order, please be sure to fill all sections of the form so that we are able to ensure everyone who plans to attend does so, and also gets their allocated refreshments!

Please note that collection should be no later than 5.30pm

We are always looking for additional help in the build up to the event and also on the day, so if you are able to offer any support then please get in touch with **Sean on 07986792367**

Dates for your diary

Thur	7-Mar-2024	15:30 - 17:30	Movie Night	Open to all pupils
Fri	15-Mar-2024		COMIC RELIEF	Non-FOG Fundraiser
Fri	22-Mar-2024	15:30 - 16:00	Year 2 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 YEARS.

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.
- One off donations of any amount are always welcomed.

Science of Surgery – Friday 12th April, 11am-4pm

Want to do something fun, FREE, and family-friendly over the Easter holidays? Then make sure you visit the UCL / WEISS annual science fair, Science of Surgery. On Friday 12th April 11am-4pm UCL / WEISS scientists and staff will lead hands-on demonstrations to children and adults, showcasing the cutting-edge medical research that they are working on. Use a medical ultrasound scanner, try simulated keyhole surgery, and go on behind-the-scenes tours of their labs to see robot surgeons. For more info visit: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/interventional-surgical-sciences/events/2024/apr/science-surgery-friday-12th-april-2024>



**Islington Council
Wraparound Childcare survey for parents**

As part of the wraparound childcare expansion every Local Authority has a duty to ensure there is enough childcare in their area to meet parental demand. We would like to hear from local parents about their experience of finding and using Islington-based childcare before and after school. Give your views here:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=I6ITVb5600KxYcBqvFHLLs05E7vrYc9Gk5Im052GAhIUNzIVNzRTWDVPV1ZVSTM3NFZYMIFXMIZNRSQIQCN0PWcu>