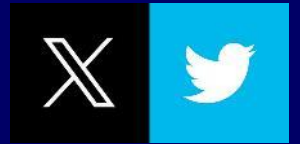




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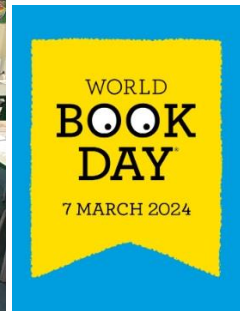


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Dear Parents/Carers,

World Book Day

Another amazing bookish day with a sea of homemade character/author costumes from a staff team of Wally's to Potters, Tigers who came to tea, Willy Wonka's, Gruffalo's and more. Steph kicked off the morning with an assembly discussing the importance of reading for pleasure and children launched the '24 hour Reading River Homework' (details below). In the afternoon teachers & teaching assistants read their favourite books to groups of children throughout the school.



24 hour Reading River Homework

Children have until 15th March to complete and return to their class teacher.

Here's what you need to do:

- Write down all the reading you do over a 24 hour period of time.
- Think about what reading you do that is not just reading a book- do include the books you read though!
- You choose which 24 hours you record. It can be during the week, or at the weekend.
- Record what you have read in whatever different and creative ways you can think of. It needs to be on at least an A3 sized sheet- you can do it on a bigger piece of paper (as long as it's not too big), but not a smaller one.
- Draw, use photos of the things you've read or use the actual thing (like the milk bottle sticker in Steph's reading river).
- This is your homework and so the expectation is that you complete it. Your teacher will be waiting excitedly on Friday the 15th March to see what you read in those 24 hours.
- Maybe you might want to challenge your family to do their own 24 hour reading river and find out what and how much they read in a day.



Year 2 Learning

Y2 loved their time at Waterstones this week as part of our World Book Day celebrations. They were Curious Camels, exploring so many different books. They got very excited when they found ones that we have read together along with other books by the same author!



Year 6 Learning

Year 6 loved their trip to the Museum of London Docklands this week deepening their learning of the British Empire, trade and migration.



Year 6 enjoying their role play game furthering their understanding about Fair Trade.



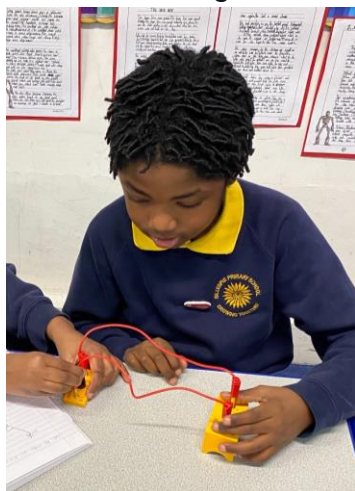
Year 5 Learning

Year 5 visited the Institute of Physics to meet some people with careers in STEM including young female astrophysicists and data analysts inspiring us on International Women's Day!



Year 4 Learning

Year 4 have been exploring electricity this week. We learnt how to make a simple circuit to light a bulb. We tried adding more cells to the circuit to make the bulb shine brighter.



Spring Term Diary Dates

Date	Event
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 04/03/24
Reception	93.45%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	98.67%
Year 3	99.67%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	95.86%
Year 6	96.07%
Total	97.10%

Attendance Cup
Winner
Week Beginning
04/03/24

Year 3!



Islington football league

Ahead of International Women's Day the girls team triumphed with a 4-0 win against Montem Primary. The boys played brilliantly and showed good sportsmanship towards their 2-1 loss. With huge thanks to FoG for funding the school football kit. How very smart looking it is!



Comic Relief's Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March

To celebrate Red Nose Day children and staff are invited to **wear red** – raising money for Comic Relief. Donations can be made online here:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/mark-owen-1709905821511?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fmark-owen-1709905821511&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share



To our Muslim families ahead of Ramadan starting this Sunday/Monday, we wish you all a blessed Holy Month. Those whose children would like to fast during the school day must give their consent via the form sent by text. Thank you.

Yours sincerely, Mark Owen Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Gillespie Eco-Committee and Meg invite everyone at home to participate in positive change. Together, we can build even more evidence about what happens to our plastic waste to help put a stop to the plastic crisis.

In 2022, nearly 250,000 people from schools, households and communities across the country made The Big Plastic Count the biggest ever investigation into UK household plastic waste. It showed that nearly 100 billion pieces of plastic are thrown away in the UK each year, with hardly any of it recycled.

The rest is burned, sent abroad or ends up in landfill. We can't recycle our way out of the plastic waste crisis, so The Big Plastic Count is back – and this time we've got an even bigger target in our sights – The Global Plastics Treaty.

By joining thousands of people across the country and counting all the plastic you throw away for a week, you can gather the vital evidence we need to convince UK ministers, supermarkets and big brands to lead the way at the global talks that could finally phase out plastic production for good.

Let's get counting to make the Global Plastics Treaty as big and bold as it can be.



The UK Government needs to push for a strong and ambitious Global Plastics Treaty. The treaty needs to include an end to plastic pollution, a phase-out of new plastic production, and ensure a just and inclusive transition to a low-carbon, zero-waste, reuse-based economy.

This isn't about rating anyone's recycling habits, and we wouldn't want anyone to feel embarrassed by how much plastic they use. We know that there are some plastic items which are essential for disabled people, or people with medical conditions, and so these won't be included in the count.

HOW TO TAKE PART

It's easy! From Monday morning until Sunday evening, **count as you throw!**

Simply mark every piece of plastic package as you throw it away on the [Let's Count Tally Sheet](#).

TOP TIPS

1. Put the [Let's Count Tally Sheet](#) up on your fridge, or near your bin or recycling.
2. Tell everyone you live with that you're going to be taking part and ask them to include their plastic waste in the count too.
3. Using the [Let's Count Tally Sheet](#), record the different types of household plastic packaging waste you use for one week. This includes plastic going in your bin and plastic you put out for recycling.
4. Use the [Plastic ID Tool](#) to look up plastic items if you need to.
5. Remember to write down any piece of plastic packaging you use while out and about, then mark it on your tally sheet when you get back home.

WHAT NOT TO COUNT

- ▶ **Don't** include: plasters, medication packaging, non-dairy milk/juice cartons, nappies, dog poo bags, plastic cutlery or period products.
- ▶ We **don't** want to include plastic items that are used for medical or sanitary reasons, or by people with disabilities who rely on plastic items for independence.
- ▶ Also, we are **not** counting coffee cups or Tetra Pak, the plasticised cardboard material that many juice/milk cartons are made of.
- ▶ Check out the Plastic ID Tool online to familiarise yourself with the kinds of plastics we're counting up for this survey.

Once your household has completed the survey, your child will:

Bring the [Let's Count Tally Sheet](#) in on Monday **18th of March** so they can record their results and submit them in class.

Find out more about The Big Plastic Count here: thebigplasticcount.com.

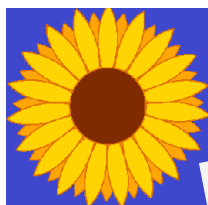
We'd like to say a huge thank you for taking part in this important investigation!

Together, we can build even more evidence about what really happens to our plastic.

If you need Meg to print out a tally sheet for you, please let her know.

Best wishes,

Megan Begley (Scientist in Residence) and the Gillespie Eco-Committee



FoG News



Movie Night - Huge thanks



Last night saw us host another Gillespie Primary School Movie Night and safe to say it was another roaring success. FoG would like to offer a massive thank you to the entire parent volunteer team, but especially to **Karen Cattini** and **Lyn Jones** for overseeing the event and making sure everyone had a fun and enjoyable evening.

Also a huge thanks to **Cinnamon Village** for their generous donation of cups for the popcorn. It was clearly the highlight for a lot of the children and is greatly appreciated by everyone involved in the planning and delivery of this event.

FoG are also happy to share that with close to **120 pupils attending** we were able to raise nearly **£300.00** to contribute towards future initiatives and activities for the school.



FoG are always keen to learn from each event and hear from members of the Gillespie community on how we can improve these kinds of activities, so please contact **Sean** on **07986792367** with any comments, suggestions and ideas on how we can make them even better for all involved.

Dates for your diary

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 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.

STORYTELLING EVENT



Celebrate Shakespeare Week with our family retelling of The Tempest. Join us as we use puppets and song to tell the story.

Saturday 16 March, 2pm

Suitable for families with children of all ages.

N4 Library
26 Blackstock Road, N4 2DW
020 7527 7800

Imagination station



Join poet Paul Lyalls for a fun hour of laugh out loud poems and then be prepared to change the world with the magic of your imagination! Warning - this show contains laughter, imagination & magic. It also contains rhyme, but not all of the time!

Saturday 13 April, 2pm

A family event suitable for children aged 5+

N4 Library, 26 Blackstock Road, N4 2DW
020 7527 7800

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