

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A big thank you to all staff and parents who have made a wonderful contribution to our school this term. Children continue to have fantastic learning experiences. We wish a Happy Easter this weekend and to all our Muslim families an Eid Mubarak during the holiday. We hope all families have a good rest and children come back refreshed for the new term on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

## **Reception Learning**

Reception class have been busy creating Easter wreaths.





#### Year 2 Learning

Y2 visited Gillespie Park to support their science learning on habitats. Firstly they sorted pictures of the animals they could expect to find in a woodland habitat into four groups: carnivores, herbivores, omnivores and detrivores. Then they went on a hunt for them! They needed to be Curious Camels, observing closely and using woodland identification sheets and classification keys to identify the animals that they found.



Making tzatziki: We read the recipe together in our whole class reading session. Then we used our maths learning on division to decide how many groups we would need to share out the ingredients easily. We used the scales to measure out what we needed and then we followed instructions to make it. We learned how to use the 'bridge' and 'claw' methods to cut vegetables safely. Then we got to eat it with pitta bread- yum!





# London Marathon fundraiser- go Hassan go!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the fund so far. We are getting closer to our target! Keep up the training Hassan. Donations can still be made here:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/GillespieHassanMarathon2024

#### **Diary Dates**

Date	Event
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of summer term for pupils
WKBG 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Ready Set Stage clubs begin
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	1:00-7:30pm Parent Consultation Meetings
	(information shared on 15/04)
WKBG 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Scholastic book fair
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	4:30-6:30pm International Evening and Eid Party
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week
WKBG 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term

## **Attendance Matters!**

Class	Attendance WB 25/03/24		
Reception	99.51%	Attendance Cup	
Year 1	98.10%	Winner	
Year 2	93.33%	Week Beginning	
Year 3	99.52%	25/03/24	
Year 4	93.33%		
Year 5	89.16%	Year 3!	
Year 6	92.86%		7
Total	95.12%		





Yours sincerely, Mark Owen Headteacher

#### Summer Term Club Page

#### **Breakfast Club with Calypso**

Summer Term Breakfast Club: https://calypso-gymnastics.classforkids.io/camp/23

Summer Term Wednesday Morning Gymnastics KS1: https://calypso-gymnastics.classforkids.io/info/352

Summer Term Thursday Morning Gymnastics KS2: https://calypso-gymnastics.classforkids.io/info/351

#### **Ready Set Stage After School Clubs** www.readysetstage.co.uk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Ready Set Stage						
Gymnastics	Arts & Craft	Singing	Performing Arts			
Football	Basketball	Football				
(Years 3-6)		(Reception - Year 2)				

Families eligible for Free School Meals to call the school office to book their child's free club.

Ready Set Stage Dates:

- Clubs begin week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> April x5 weeks
- \*no clubs during half term week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> May
- Weeks recommence week beginning 3rd June 6 weeks -
- Last week of clubs week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> July
- \_ Total 11 weeks



#### NATURE **ACTIVITIES** CONNECTION INCLUDE:

In our busy city. children need access to their local wild spaces to enjoy the outdoors and immerse themselves in nature through free play.

Building dens, making fires and using natures loose parts to make

things, helps children to learn more about the natural world and offers children the time to be awe inspired by nature and supports their creativity and sense of wonder.

At Forest School children observe and interact with our natural environment, stimulating their natural curiosity and enhancing their social and emotional wellbeing. Playing with others in a natural environment helps children form strong friendships and build empathy and personal resilience.

Join ous for our Easter camp on Hampstead Heath and help your child to flourish in the outdoors.

"strong roots produce greater fruits"

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After School Forest School Club pick up at Gillespie School

Fridays 3.30-5.30pm visit our website www.urbanoutdoorslondon.co.uk