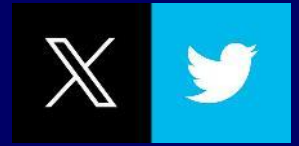




Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

# Newsletter 432

[www.gillespie.islington.sch.uk](http://www.gillespie.islington.sch.uk)



@GillespieSchool

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Welcome back

Welcome back to the summer term! Please put our dates for our exciting summer events in to your calendar including our class assemblies, sports day, summer fair and international food evening/Eid party. Children have settled down well and are keen and ready for learning. This is a very important time in the year for children to keep focussed. We carry out lots of assessments across the school including national end of key stage assessments for Foundation stage, Year 2 and Year 6. Staff will make sure that children are supported to make the best progress with their learning and to have fun doing it!

## London Marathon fundraiser- go Hassan go!

We are so very grateful for the generosity shown towards our latest fundraising campaign! We have revised our target again and there is still time to donate ahead of Hassan in the marathon THIS Sunday!



You can still donate here:

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

## Parent Consultation Meetings

Meetings will take place in your child's classroom on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. There is still time to book a 10 minute slot if you haven't already by visiting <https://gillespie.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. There is also a chance to view your child's books beforehand so please take the time to have a look at their wonderful work!

## Class Assemblies

Assemblies will take place on the following dates:

Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 2 2:30pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 2:30pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 2:30pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 2:30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 10:00am
To be confirmed	Year 1

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
WKBG 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Ready Set Stage clubs begin
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	1:00-7:30pm Parent Consultation Meetings
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
<b>WKBG 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Half term</b>
WKBG 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Healthy Eating Week
WKBG 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6/5 Cardfields residential
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	4:00-6:00pm Solo concert
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports day
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of term – school closes 2pm

## Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 15/04/24
Reception	91.38%
Year 1	89.17%
Year 2	94.17%
Year 3	96.25%
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>97.50%</b>
Year 5	93.53%
Year 6	96.88%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94.13%</b>

Attendance Cup  
Winner  
Week Beginning  
15/04/24  
**Year 4!**



As we enter the summer term we remind families about the school policy surrounding holidays and leave in term time. Parents and Carers are strongly urged not to book any holidays during school term time starting before Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July or to book holidays that run into the next academic year, which begins on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

All children are expected to be in school for the whole of the summer term unless there are exceptional circumstances why they cannot be in school. A leave of absence form (from the office) needs to be completed for exceptional circumstances. If circumstances are not deemed exceptional, leave will be recorded as unauthorised!

Thank you for working hard with us to continue to improve attendance at Gillespie and the achievement of all pupils.

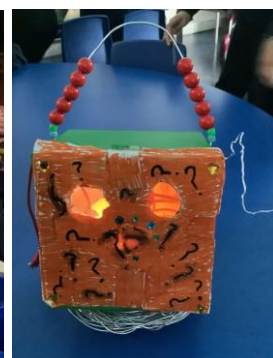
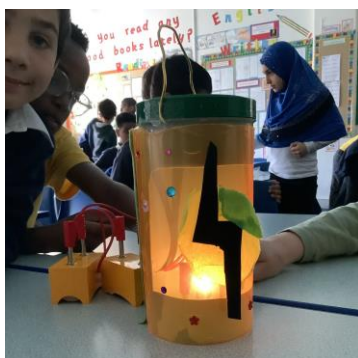
### Nurture Class Learning

We have been setting up our growing station in our nurture classroom this week- planting seeds to grow in readiness for outdoor planting when the weather warms up!



### Year 4 Learning

Year 4 have been working hard in design technology to design and make night lights. They worked in groups and used their science knowledge to incorporate an electrical circuit. They faced several challenges but problem solved together- great results!



Yours sincerely,  
Mark Owen Headteacher

FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!

# COME To the SUPER AMAZING BOOK FAIR!

A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99



3 Books for the Price of 2!  
LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

The Scholastic book fair will be taking place from **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April until 4<sup>th</sup> May.**  
All books are 3 for the price of 2!

## COMPETITION TIME

Win one of five £5 book vouchers to spend at the Scholastic book fair!

### Design and make a bookmark for yourself.

There will only be 5 winners so think about the following:

Make it exciting or interesting.

Make it so you can actually use it - don't make it too big, too bulky or too small.



You must put your name on it- no name means it won't be entered into the competition. Your name could be part of the bookmark, or on a post-it note that's stuck to it.

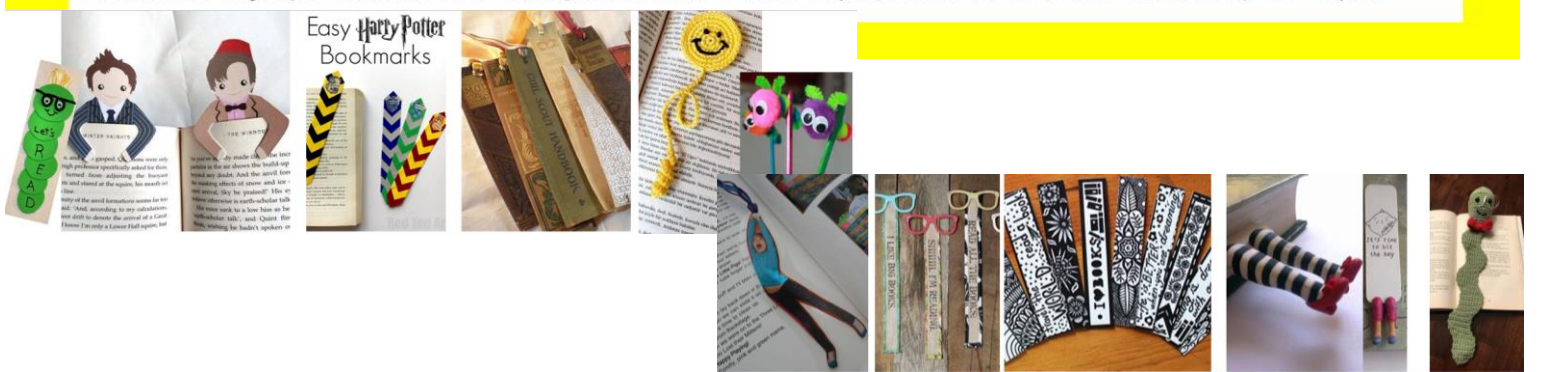


It must be in on or before Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April (next Friday).



Give it to your teacher and they will collect them all up and give them to me on the Friday.

Teachers will judge them and the winning bookmarks will be displayed in the book fair on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.





# FoG News



## Welcome Back Everyone



We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable Easter break, and especially those who celebrated Eid and Easter during the holidays. As we settle back into the Summer Term, FoG wanted to share an update regarding planned events and ask for your support in making sure they are another success for the school community:



**Summer Term Bake Sales** - FoG took the decision with the school to postpone the planned Yr 2 Bake Sale at the end of last term in acknowledgement of those families who were fasting during Ramadan (thank you to **Alison Stokes** for your insight on this), so we will be working to identify a new date for Year 2's in the coming weeks. Watch this space! For those still needing that regular cake fix we are happy to remind you that the **Year 1 Bake Sale** will take place next **Friday 26th April between 3.30pm and 4pm**. Reminders and information regarding payment will be sent out in due course.

**Quiz Night** - This term will see the return of the award-winning **Gillespie Parent and Carers Quiz Night!!!** Plans will soon be underway to make sure that this is another sell-out event, with information regarding registration, rules and of course prizes to be released in the build up, but for now get the date of **Thursday 23rd May** in the diary and get that babysitter locked in!

\*\*\*In order for this to be as successful as the last few years we are going to need a willing and able team of volunteers to plan and facilitate the event, so any quiz aficionados out there please do get in touch with **Sean on 07986 792 367, your class rep or anyone else involved with FoG asap** so we can



get the ball rolling. Those cheese and crackers aren't going to buy themselves!\*\*\*

### ↓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 COURSE OF THE 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 **Quiz Night on the 23rd May**).
- One off donations of any amount are always welcomed.



**MAY-HEM  
WORKSHOP**

**MAY 28TH - 31ST**  
Open for kids aged 6yrs - 14yrs

**WITH BREAKFAST - £103.50**  
9AM - 4PM

**WITHOUT BREAKFAST - £83.50**  
10AM - 3PM

**REGISTRATION**

[WWW.READYSETSTAGE.CO.UK](http://WWW.READYSETSTAGE.CO.UK)

Icons: soccer ball, basketball, paint palette, cupcake, theater mask.

### Middlesex community cricket

Middlesex community cricket are running sessions at Wray Crescent N4 3LP each Tuesday from 4:30-6:00 up until the end of Summer term. All sessions are free of charge and open to all ages between 7-15. There is no obligation to attend each week but the more the merrier.

First session will be from Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

[www.middlesexccc.com](http://www.middlesexccc.com)



**N4Library**  
ReadLearnConnect



**FAMILY  
ART CLUB**

Arty fun for all the family! Materials are provided, or you can bring your own. Suitable for children of all ages.

Next meetings:  
**Saturday 27 April. 2-3pm**  
**Saturday 25 May, 2-3pm**  
**Saturday 22 June, 2-3pm**

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

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**FREE SWIMMING  
LESSONS IN  
ISLINGTON**

Throughout the school holidays and in partnership with Islington Council, we are proud to be able to offer a variety of free swimming lessons for children and families. Lessons will run during Easter, May Half Term, Summer and October Half Term. Sessions include:

- Adult and child swimming lessons: 6-week course for under 3's \*Summer holiday only
- Swimming lessons for 4 -13-year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Teen swimming lessons 13 -16-year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday -Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Family swimming lessons, 6-week course for up to 2 adults and 2 children to learn to swim together and enjoy the pool together. \*Summer holiday only

To apply please scan QR code or visit website at [better.org.uk/free-swimming-lessons](http://better.org.uk/free-swimming-lessons)  
You can email for more information at [summer.lessons@gll.org](mailto:summer.lessons@gll.org)

