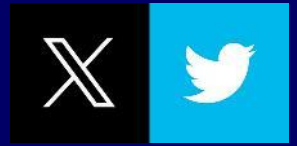




Friday 26th April 2024

Newsletter 433

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@GillespieSchool

Dear Parents/Carers,

London Marathon fundraiser

Congratulations to Hassan for completing the London Marathon once again, what a fantastic achievement! A big thank you to parents, carers and staff who have donated money. There is still time to donate if you would like to.

Donation page closing Monday 29th April:

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



Celebration assembly

In our whole school assembly today children learnt about the Jewish festival of Passover and St George's Day marking England's national day.

Parent consultation meetings

We had a fantastic turn out this Wednesday with almost 90% of the parent community attending meetings this week. We hope you all found the meetings informative and enjoyed looking through your children's workbook at some of the incredible work they have been doing this year!



International Evening & Eid Party

We are really looking forward to celebrating with you all next week at our International Evening and Eid Party.

Families are invited to bring a dish to share – please ensure dishes are labelled and contain no nuts or sesame.

School will not be providing any additional dishes.

Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 22/04/24
Reception	92.41%
Year 1	90.33%
Year 2	98.67%
Year 3	97.33%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	96.21%
Year 6	97.50%
Total	95.78%

Attendance Cup Winner
Week Beginning
22/04/24

Year 2!





LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

Fire Safety Workshops

This week, fire safety workshops were delivered by a member of the London Fire Brigade in Y2 and Y5. The children explored a range of potential fire hazards in the home and learned what to do in the event of a fire.

Children watched these informative videos which families can also watch at home:

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/schools/learning-at-home/fire-safety-education-at-home/>

Families are also encouraged to book a FREE home fire safety visit here:

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/book-a-home-fire-safety-visit/>

Useful resources for children	
KS1 fire plan	KS2 fire plan

Reception Class Learning


Reception had a visit from Bronte's wonderful cousin who is an editor/author. We learnt all about the teamwork involved in creating books, we discovered that there are authors, illustrators, editors, publishers and more. They were curious camels asking lots of interesting Q's



Year 4 Learning

This week in our Writing through Art project Y4 studied the painting 'Hawking in Olden Times' by Sir Edward Landseer (1832). They had to imagine that they were a character in the painting and wrote a diary entry from the characters perspective. Here is Anna's writing as an example

24.4.24



LO: To write a diary entry
 SC: Past tense
 Emotive language for feelings
 Powerful verbs

Write a diary entry imagining you are the character in the painting.
 In your diary recount what happened.

You may want to include the journey from the camp, the fight between the hawk and heron, and finally how you felt being there and seeing what happened.

Dear Diary,

Dear Diary,
 Last night, I could barely sleep when I came back from my hunting trip out on the moor. I have no idea why, but I can hear this little voice in my head telling me that falconry is wrong. It all started yesterday, I awoke early like to the one and only, Gregginga Simber asking me to be part of her churning party the day before. Of course, I had already been with James Thompson, but

to go with her was an honour as she was the best at falconry in Scotland, that is, before I showed up. The journey from the castle to the moor was rather long but I really wish that it would have been longer. As I watched the beautiful heron collide with the fierce falcon, I felt a shower of anxiety fall on me. As the falcon pierced the heron, I felt a powder of guilt ripple through me. I couldn't take it anymore, so I galloped back to the castle, the sun retreating with me. Luckily, I came back just in time for the feast, it was delicious.

The Scholastic book fair will be taking place
 Daily Mon 29th April until 4th May 3:30-4:00pm in the bottom hall
 All books are 3 for the price of 2!
 Payment by card or pre-paid voucher.
 Full details [here](#)

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME To the SUPER AMAZING BOOK FAIR!

3 Books for the Price of 2!

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

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

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

Caterlink Summer term menu

Spring Summer 2024		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE W/C 15 April 6 May 3 June 24 June 15 July 9 September 30 September 21 October	Option One	Planet Friendly Day Golden Tortilla Stack with Rice (V)	Hearty Penne Bolognese (VE)	Chickpea Hotpot, New Potatoes & Gravy (VE)	Creamy Macaroni Cheese (V)	Bean and Leek Sausages with Rice (V)
	Option Two	NEW All-Day Breakfast (V)	Hearty Beef Bolognese	Roast Chicken with New Potatoes & Gravy	Mexican Chicken Fajitas with Rice	Fishfingers/Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Three	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VE)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VE)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn (VE) Roast Tomatoes (VE)	Courgettes (VE) Carrots (VE)	Broccoli (VE) Cauliflower (VE)	Roasted Tomatoes (VE) Sweetcorn (VE)	Peas (VE) Baked Beans (VE) Green Bean Power Salad (VE)
	Dessert	Yoghurt (V) & Fresh Fruit Station (VE)	Apple Crumble with Ice Cream (V)	NEW Berry Mousse (V)	Carrot and Courgette Cake (V)	Yoghurt (V) & Fresh Fruit Station (VE)
WEEK TWO W/C 22 April 13 May 10 June 1 July 22 July 16 September 7 October	Option One	Pasta Kitchen Tomato & Lentil Pasta (VE) or Carbonara Pasta (V) with Toppings	Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry and Rice (VE)	BBQ Quorn with JJ's Pasta Salad (VE)	Cheese Whirl with Tzatziki & Salad (V)	NEW Classic Sausage Roll with Chips & Tomato Sauce (VE)
	Option Two	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VE)	Classic Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Spicy Chicken with JJ's Pasta Salad	Greek Chicken Pitta with Tzatziki & Salad	Tuna and Chickpea Pasta
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn (VE) Broccoli (VE)	Cauliflower (VE) Green Beans (VE)	Roasted Veg Power Salad (VE) Sweetcorn Salsa (VE) Watermelon Salad (VE)	Mediterranean Mixed Vegetables (VE) Sweet Potato Power Salad (VE)	Peas (VE) Baked Beans (VE)
	Dessert	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie (V)	Yoghurt (V) & Fresh Fruit Station (VE)	Yoghurt (V) & Fresh Fruit Station (VE)	Jelly with Mandarins (V)	Apple Flapjack (VE)
	Option One	Summer Butterbean Risotto (VE)	FESTIVAL Spanish Plant Balls with Patatas Bravas (VE) or Chicken Paella	Lentil Wellington, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy (VE)	Beetroot & Lentil Burger with Potato Wedges (VE)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Slices with Pasta Salad (V)
Option Two	Smokey Bean Chili with Rice (VE)	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Burger with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
Vegetables	Green Beans (VE) Roasted Peppers (VE)	Mediterranean Mixed Vegetables (VE)	Leeks (VE) Carrots (VE)	Broccoli (VE) Sweetcorn (VE) Tabbouleh (VE)	Peas (VE) Baked Beans (VE) Roasted Veg Power Salad (VE)	
Dessert	Apple Sponge Cake with Ice Cream (V)	Yoghurt (V) & Fresh Fruit Station (VE)	Yoghurt (V) & Fresh Fruit Station (VE)	Pear Crumble with Custard (V)	Summer Lemon Cake (V)	

MENU KEY

Added Plant Power (🌱) Wholemeal (🍞) Planet Friendly Option (🌿) (V) Vegetarian (VE) Vegan

Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (V/VE) - Bread freshly baked on site daily (VE) - Daily salad selection (V/VE) - Drinking Milk (V)

ALLERGY INFORMATION:
 If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

BRONZE PROVEG SCHOOL PLATES

caterlink
feeding the imagination

Ongoing reminders – this information has not changed

Class Assemblies

Assemblies will take place on the following dates:

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

Diary Dates

Date	Event
WKBG 29 th April	Scholastic book fair
Thursday 2 nd May	4:30-6:00pm International Evening and Eid Party
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Thursday 23 rd May	FoG Quiz Night
WKBG 27th May	Half term
WKBG 10 th June	Healthy Eating Week
WKBG 24 th June	Y6/5 Cardfields residential
Saturday 6 th July	Summer Fair
Tuesday 9 th July	4:00-6:00pm Solo concert
Wednesday 17 th July	Sports day
Tuesday 23 rd July	Last day of term – school closes 2pm

Wishing families a wonderful weekend,
Mark Owen, Headteacher



You are invited to Messy Church at St Thomas's Church on Sunday 28 April from 4 – 6 pm where we will be exploring the story of Jesus Calming the Storm. It's a jam-packed afternoon for all ages and stages, including themed crafts, junk boat building, watery prayers and story-telling with a meal too, and it's all free!



FoG News



Gillespie Quiz Night 2024!!!



This term will see the return of the award-winning **Gillespie Primary School 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.