

Gillespie



Foundation

Supporting growth at Gillespie Primary School

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Purpose of the Foundation



A Foundation set up under Friends of Gillespie (FoG) charity with the aim of raising funds to maintain and enhance the current outstanding learning experience for all Gillespie pupils

- To raise additional funds through individual donations, funding applications and seeking support from businesses and former Gillespie alumni
- Funds raised will be spent directly on the identified priorities in real time-in the school year – NOT used to plug any gaps in the school finances



Foundation Priorities



- Additional class teaching assistant hours – pupil support
- Specialist additional provision – expanding the arts, MFL, competitive PE provision
- maintain current music provision
- IT infrastructure – IWB, computers, laptops
- School dinners- supplement gap in funding
- SEND capital project- inclusive multipurpose sensory classroom space



Next Steps



- Set target to raise £ 100 000 to fund our immediate priorities by October 2025 ...
- To canvass Gillespie parent and carer community views on the Foundation identified priorities to enhance our current school offer



Our Outstanding Community School



Associate
School



- Ofsted Outstanding Provider – 2 consecutive Outstanding Inspections
- A strong school culture of rigorous self improvement where school is challenged and supported by a committed and effective Governing board
- Active and committed parent community supporting the school through FoG and volunteering
- Vibrant Curriculum and enrichment beyond the requirements of the national curriculum , particularly with STEM ,music, dance provision and outdoor learning including Forest School



Our Achievements



- Outcomes for pupils in Maths and English 20% above national average consistently by end of Y6
- Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils (eligible for free school meals) matching /above national average consistently for many years
- Embedded culture of outstanding learning and behaviour outcomes
- Happy , vibrant motivated pupils
- Inclusive culture where we strive to meet the needs of all pupils including SEND pupils



The Gillespie Journey

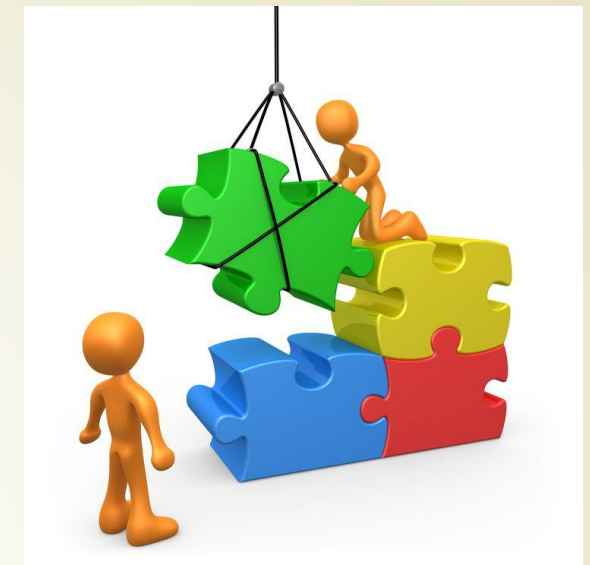


What we provide for our pupils...

- Fantastic EYFS provision including Forest School
- Award winning music provision from Nursery to Y6 including specialist partnership with London Guildhall school of Music
- Specialist sports
- Award winning STEM provision including additional enrichment through Science for Life
- Opportunities to lead & represent (clubs, committees)
- Creation station & play opportunities



Our partnerships



Partnerships help the school increase capacity to add value to pupils school experience and education

- ▶ Dame Alice Owen Foundation funds Science for Life – Megan's role
- ▶ Saddlers Wells- specialist dance opportunities for 3 classes a year
- ▶ Futurezone Education Improvement partnership
- ▶ Music Partnership with Islington and Guildhall London school of arts
- ▶ International school link with a primary school in Accra



Financial Challenges



➤ Long term decline in real terms funding :

National move to National funding formulae

Change in school demographics – 50% disadvantaged pupils in 2014/15

12 % disadvantaged pupils 2024/25 means a reduction in school funding

➤ Recent financial challenges

Successive unfunded /underfunded staff pay rises

Increased costs such as fuel bills in recent years

Increased cost of funding support for SEND