



# Newsletter 486

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Learning in Year 1

Year 1 took part in a wonderful Zoom lesson this week as part of our Black History Month activities. We listened to Dr Angela Tabiri, who was voted the most interesting mathematician in 2024 as she talked about all things mathematical. Angela has a passion for quantum, or non-commutative algebra, which she researches at the Ghana branch of the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (Aims). She also is passionate about changing assumptions that African female



mathematicians can only teach, which she pursues as academic manager for the Girls in Mathematical Sciences Programme in Ghana. After watching this zoom, schools were able to ask her lots of questions.

### **Attendance Matters!**

Class	Attendance WB 29/09/25
Reception	99.33%
Year 1	98.32%
Year 2	98.67%
Year 3	97.33%
Year 4	96.96%
Year 5	99%
Year 6	97.64%
Total	98.18%



Attendance Cup Winner WB 29/09/2025

Reception!



### Well done Luisa

We were excited to learn that Luísa (year 4) presented the Ballon d'Or to the Arsenal Women's team at the Emirates last Saturday, just before their match against Aston Villa. Other people in the picture include Arsenal legend Kelly Smith in the far right, the women's coach Renée Slegers and player Kim Little. How exciting!

Important dates	
13 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 swimming
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual and sibling photos
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Rec – Y6 Flu immunisations Register here: <a href="https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/islington">https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/islington</a>
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	5-7pm Halloween Disco
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half term

Yours sincerely Mark Owen, Headteacher



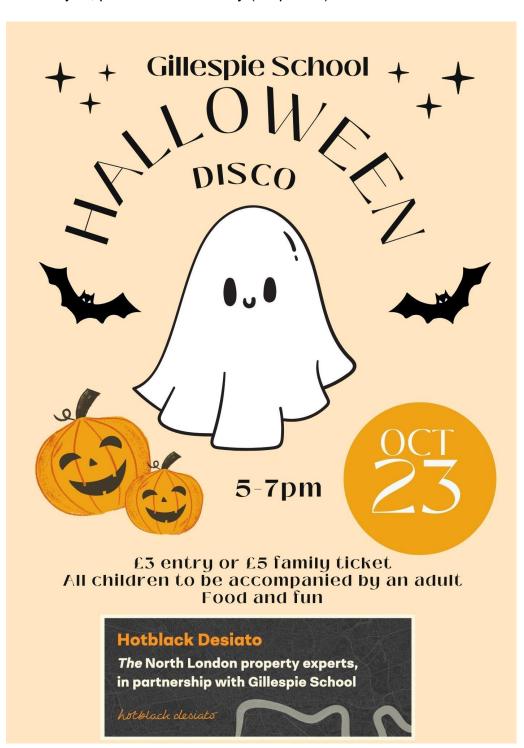
### FoG Halloween Disco - Thursday 23rd October

### Can you help?

The children's favourite, the Halloween Disco is fast approaching. It takes a large number of volunteers to make it happen. We are looking for people who can:

- 1. Help with decorating and set up, 2-5pm
- 2. Help during the disco for an hour, 5-6pm or 6-7pm
- 3. Help with clearing up (7-7:30pm)

If this is you, please contact Vicky (Y6 parent) on 07877 984367.



#### About the disco

You can buy your tickets on the door. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The disco runs from 5-7pm and is held outside in the playground, weather permitting. The children can dress up, dance and take part in Halloween games. There will be food to buy from the kitchen (hot dogs and pizza) and a bar selling a range of alcoholic and soft drinks.

# Pumpkin carving competition

Carve a Halloween pumpkin to be in with a chance of winning a prize. Bring your child's pumpkin to the school office on the morning of the disco clearly labelled with their name. Everybody's pumpkins will be lit up at the disco and three pumpkins will win a prize (battery lights provided by FoG).

# Donations of cakes and treats to sell during the disco

Please bring any donations for cakes and treats to sell at the disco to the school office. Remember no nuts please.



## FLU IMMUNISATION FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS RECEPTION - YEAR 11

Prevent your child from being seriously ill this winter! Vaccinating is crucial in protecting them and vulnerable friends and family from flu.

### NASAL VACCINE

No needles - just quick, painless, effective flu protection (contains gelatine)

OR

### THE INJECTION

We offer a PORK-FREE, GELATINE-FREE injection considered a faith-friendly alternative.



Complete this form, even if you do not want the vaccine.

https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/islington

Secondary School students only: Young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent themselves if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

### CONTACT THE TEAM

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 0208 017 7925

Need more information? Please see our FAQs sheet attached with this letter.



We endeavour to come to your child's school twice.

If your child is absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, they can still receive this important vaccine by attending one of our community clinics for the vaccine.

Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above. Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to complete a second form.



#### PRIVACY POLICY

Our 2024/25 policy can be viewed here: <a href="www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy">www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy</a>
For data protection queries, please contact: <a href="mailto:dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk">dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk</a>