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Dear Parents/Carers,



FoG Foundation – a huge thank you to our parent community!

Parents and carers will know that the Foundation has been launched and that since the summer has raised over £50,000! Our **huge thanks** to everybody who has contributed in so many ways in setting up the Foundation including the team of parents who have been working over the summer supporting us with communications and set up. So far we have recruited one additional teaching assistant, this is one of our key shared priorities. Further information was sent to parents today and you can find the Foundation page on our website here:

<https://www.gillespie.islington.sch.uk/parents/friends-of-gillespie/fog-foundation/>

👻 A Spooktacular thank you to the Friends of Gillespie Halloween Crew! 🧛‍♀️

Wow! What a *fang-tastic* night we had at the annual Halloween Disco! A huge shout-out to Vicky Hatchett and our amazing FoG parents and volunteers for turning the school into a spooky wonderland — from cobwebbed corridors to the eerily enchanted hall and playground!

Everyone danced their socks off at the disco, enjoyed frightfully tasty food, spooky sweets and ghoulishly good drinks. The costumes were simply *boo-tiful* — you all looked amazing! Best of all, thanks to your support, we raised **over £2,000**. That's money that will go straight back into making our school even more magical. A massive thank you to everyone who helped set up, scare up some fun, and clean up afterwards. You're all absolute stars — and we can't wait for next year!

Year 6 Learning- Islington Local Heroes Workshop

Nadia Joseph from the Anti-Apartheid Legacy shared stories of courageous, creative and change-making people - including her parents! Then we wrote postcards to a local Islington hero, telling them why and how they inspire us.



Year 2 Learning

Year 2 have been learning about Diwali and we made our very own 'Diyas/Diwas' (shining lights). We learned about Rama and Sita and the demon king Ravana. We had a great time!



Year 4 learning

A big thank you to *History Off the Page* for delivering an engaging and educational Ancient Greek Day for our Year 4 pupils. The children had a fantastic time exploring life in Ancient Greece through hands-on activities and immersive storytelling. It was a brilliant way to bring their topic learning to life, and thoroughly enjoyed by all!



Attendance Matters

Class	Attendance WB 20/10/25
Reception	98%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	92.67%
Year 3	95.67%
Year 4	96.67%
Year 5	98.67%
Year 6	94.33%
Total	95.72%



Attendance Cup
Winner
WB 20/10/2025
Years 5!

Important dates

27th – 31st October	<i>Half term</i>
Friday 7th November	Year 5 bake sale and used uniform stall
10th – 14th November	Anti-Bullying Week – ‘Power of Good’
11th November	Remembrance Assembly
14th November	Children in Need
26th November	2-7:30pm Parent Constulation Meetings
16th December	10am & 2pm Christmas Shows 3:45pm FoG Christmas Fayre
17th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas dinner
19th December	Last day of term. School closes 1pm

Reminder:
10am Fri 7th Nov
Y2 Class Assembly

As we reach the half-term break, we want to wish all our families a wonderful and well-deserved rest! We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for an exciting second half of the term on Monday 3rd November.

Yours sincerely,
Mark Owen,
Headteacher

