



7<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**Dear Children, Staff, Parents and Carers, Governors and Friends**

The first month of the new school year has been a very productive one!

I hope that you found your year group information meetings informative and useful – they were very well attended. Thanks are due to teaching staff who prepared and ran the sessions as well as supporting each other by running crèches. Keep your eyes peeled for details of Nursery and Reception year group meetings.

In the context of our school's centenary, children throughout the school enjoyed celebrating Roald Dahl's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 13<sup>th</sup> September. This included many activities based around his work and life and a Read Aloud competition open to all KS2 pupils. Children read from any of Roald Dahl's work and performed excerpts, many from memory, to their classes. The children had to limit themselves to 100 words or 100 seconds. The winners delighted the rest of KS2 with their performances. Please see below for winners and special mentions from each year group. Last Friday, some of the work created as part of the birthday celebrations, was exhibited in the hall for families to enjoy – from poetry and artwork to recipes and Dream Jars! Thank you to **Rachel**, our English Subject Leader, for organising these events.

We were pleased that our parent questionnaire last term received 186 responses. Please see the results of the questionnaire at the end of this newsletter. Thank you to everyone who responded. This helps us to understand your views and consider ways forward.

Thank you for your support in ensuring such a positive start to the new academic year. Please check the events column next to this for key event dates for the rest of this term.

Have a lovely weekend!

Tanya Watson - Head Teacher

**Newsletter Dates**

The newsletter will be published on:

**4<sup>th</sup> November & 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

Occasionally there may be a reason to publish an extra letter and we will inform you via a text message.

**EVENTS**

**Class assemblies @ 10.20 in the Ground Floor Hall (GFH):**

**November**

11<sup>th</sup> Almond & Morpurgo Classes

**January**

26<sup>th</sup> Umansky Class

**October**

12<sup>th</sup> Yr 4 trip to Archway Temple

12<sup>th</sup> Yr 3 to Little Angel Theatre

12<sup>th</sup> Walliams class to London Zoo

13<sup>th</sup> Almond class to Time Based

17<sup>th</sup> Yr 2 to London Aquarium

17<sup>th</sup> Nursery to Little Angel Theatre

18<sup>th</sup> Morpurgo class to Time Based

18<sup>th</sup> Umansky class to Wagamama

19<sup>th</sup> Sendak class to Wagamama

19<sup>th</sup> Reception parent meeting

3.45pm

21<sup>st</sup> INSET DAY - no school for children

24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM

**November**

2<sup>nd</sup> Nursery parent meeting 3.45pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Individual Photos

15<sup>th</sup> Yr 4 Science trip

16<sup>th</sup> 4 – 7 pm Parent Conferences

17<sup>th</sup> 4 – 6 pm Parent Conferences

21<sup>st</sup> Yrs 1,2,3 flu immunisation

**December**

2<sup>nd</sup> Yr 3 trip to Tower of London

6<sup>th</sup> KS1 show to Yr 1 parents 10am

7<sup>th</sup> KS1 show to Yr 2 parents 10am

7<sup>th</sup> Carols in the playground

8<sup>th</sup> FS show to Nursery parents 10am

9<sup>th</sup> FS show to Reception parents

10am

13<sup>th</sup> Reception to Little Angel Theatre (Jeffers Class am, Rosen Class pm)

14<sup>th</sup> KS2 Christmas concert at St

Joan of Arc Church 6.30pm

16<sup>th</sup> last day of Term



Please ensure that if children wear earrings to school, they wear small studs only. No hoops or dangling earrings please.

## Fruit Snacks 🍎🍌

Children from years three to six may wish to bring in a snack for morning break. Please help us avoid upset children by only providing fruit for this snack – dried, or fresh fruit is fine but no cereal bars/chocolate bars, crisps, etc. Thank you for your understanding and support.

## Time for Learning

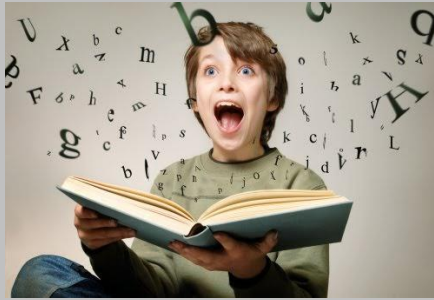


Well done to all of our families who make it in on time every day.  
Please remember to arrive by 8.50am when the school doors open.

**Teaching and Learning begins at 8.55am** so any child arriving in class after this time is not only late but they have missed a learning opportunity!

Help us to give your child every important minute of learning as well as instilling a positive attitude to punctuality as an important life skill.

## Read Aloud Competition Winners



**Congratulations** to our Read Aloud Winners

Lewis Class - **Isaac**

Tolkien Class – **Sara**

Umansky Class - **Beckett**

Sendak Class – **Tehya-Milan**

Pullman Class – **Harry**

Walliams Class – **Loris**

Almond Class – **Oliver**

Morpurgo Class – **Esther**

**Special mentions for effort** were also given to

Lewis Class – **Scarlett, Asya, Yanis and Molly**

Tolkien Class – **Lizzie and Nancy**

Umansky Class - **Aminah-Joy, Leo, Max and Kelvin**

Sendak Class – **Mariam and Flore**

Pullman Class – **Mohammed**

Almond Class – **Moaad and Angele**

Morpurgo Class - **Lorin and Joel**

# Blooming Fantastic!

We are very proud to let you know that we won 1<sup>st</sup> place for 'Best Children's Planting' in this year's Islington in Bloom competition. **Thanks to Sara**, our gardener, for her work with the children and for supporting their 'green fingers'.

The Islington Tribune wrote:

## Talent blossoms: young gardeners win Bloom prizes



*William Tyndale School pupils, who won the Best Children's Planting award, with Young Mayor of Islington Darey Cletus.*

**Published: 23 September, 2016**

Pupils from William Tyndale School were guests at the Town Hall this week when their gardening skills were rewarded as part of the Islington in Bloom competition. The annual contest picks the best back gardens, school plots and horticultural community projects, in partnership with Islington Gardeners.

*Please find us online at [www.williamtyndale-islington.co.uk](http://www.williamtyndale-islington.co.uk)*

**Parent Hotline: 08447 707576; school ID: 60256**

***William Tyndale School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its pupils.***

# ESPRESSO HOME ACCESS

We are delighted to announce that we have purchased Espresso Home Access! It is filled with wonderful resources across all subject areas for children to access from home. Please follow the instructions on how to get into all the great material.

Open a webpage and type in [www.espresso.co.uk](http://www.espresso.co.uk)



Choose from the list 'Espresso Home Access System' and click on 'Login'.



On the next page, type in your username and password (which your class teacher has already given to you).

**Tick** 'Accept the terms and conditions'

***You are now ready to use the wonderful resources available on Espresso Home Access! Enjoy!***

***Don't forget our wonderful links to [www.readingeggs.co.uk](http://www.readingeggs.co.uk) and [www.MyMaths.co.uk](http://www.MyMaths.co.uk) . If you have forgotten your passwords please ask your class teacher.***

## TERM DATES 2016 – 2017

### AUTUMN TERM 2016

<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM</b>	<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016</b>
<b>INSET DAYS</b>	<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016</b>
<b>CHILDREN RETURN</b>	<b>Monday 5th September 2016</b>
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016</b>
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> October to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016</b>
<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>	<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>

### SPRING TERM 2017

<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM</b>	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017</b>
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b>
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> February to 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017</b>
<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>	<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017</b>
<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017</i>
<i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017</i>

### SUMMER TERM 2017

<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM</b>	<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b>
<b>MAY BANK HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017</b>
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017</b>
<i>Spring Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017</i>
<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017</b>

### **WORRIES OR CONCERNS?**

If you have any concerns, no matter how small, about your child, please see their **class teacher** in the first instance. After school is the best time to do this and you can also arrange an appointment via the school office.

Please do not feel you have to wait until parent conferences to discuss matters about your child.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your concern has been addressed then do please make an appointment to see **Tanya** (Head Teacher), **Claire** (Deputy Head Teacher), **Bea** (Assistant Head Teacher), **Olivia** (Assistant Head Teacher and SEND Leader), or **Sophie** (Assistant Head Teacher).

### **Collection from Kids' Club**

Thank you to all who enable Tina, Yvonne and Elvira to finish their work on time by 6 pm in Kids' Club. If you are late three times in any one term you will not be able to send your child/ren to Kids' Club until further notice. There is an immediate fine of £20 per child (including siblings) to pay if you do not collect by 6 pm. This increases by £1 every minute (per child), so please make sure you are at the door before then. Thank you.

### **BICYCLE MANNERS**

**Thank you to those parents and carers who always dismount and leave their bicycles in our pods away from all the children during the morning and afternoon rush. There is a real danger of them falling on small children in particular. We are also grateful to those parents who remind their children not to ride their scooters and bicycles at any time through the school grounds.**

### **Playground Equipment**

***Thank you to those parents and carers who remember to keep their children off the playground structures in the morning and at the end of the day.***

### **Parking in Sable Street**

We understand that some of you may need to collect your children by car; if you do please help us maintain good neighbourly relations by making use of **public parking** spaces and not blocking exits. The Sable Street gate will close at **9.05 a.m.** and **3.45 p.m.** every day so please be mindful of this. Thank you.

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# Pullman Class Zoo Trip

## Going to the zoo

First we got bibs then lined up. When we got down stairs we waited for the parents to come. Then walked to Caledonian road, and got on the 274 bus. We went past my house.

When we got to the zoo we went to a rainforest classroom then got some binoculars and a temperature measurer and a sheet with animals to look for in the rainforest. After, we touched a jaguar skin and a hissing cockroach.



When we had lunch we sat in a little room which had little orange chairs. I had tuna pasta for lunch.

We saw lots of animals. Bea took some pictures of my group with the animals. My favourite animal is a panda but they don't have them so I liked the hippo.

We met back at the entrance and then looked for the exit the exit was through the gift shop.

We walked to the bus stop and waited for the bus. On the bus I showed Kerem where my house is. Back at school we said goodbye to the parents and went back to class.

By Jennifer

## The trip to London Zoo

First we got our bags and put our bibs on. After we got split into groups and I was in Liam's mums group. My partner was Harpreet.



After we made it to London zoo and went to the classroom. We done a workshop about the rainforest and I learnt a new word. After we got binoculars and a thermometer and got a sheet and we had to spot the animals. We got to touch Jaguar fur and a cockroach called Charlie.

When we had lunch which was very yummy we had to go down stairs into a small building. When our groups were finished eating we looked at the animals. I was excited to see the penguins.



We saw the penguins, lions, which were in Lion Land, and we saw a lioness who was staring at us. Then we saw the bugs and got 3D glasses. After we saw a cute reptile. Then we saw the gorillas.

Then we met up at the reception and had a rest of all of that hard walking.

Finally we waited a minute for the bus but that bus was full. Then we waited for 6 minutes and got the bus. Then we got back to school in time for music.

By Mohammed



**Parent Questionnaire Results 2016**  
**Responses received 186**

	(Please tick)	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
1	Overall I am satisfied with William Tyndale School	105 (56%)	73 (39%)	1 (.5%)		7 (4%)
2	My child enjoys coming to school	120 (65%)	63 (34%)	3 (2%)		
3	The school understands and responds to my child's needs	89 (48%)	75 (40%)	13 (7%)		9 (5%)
4	My child is taught well at school	100 (54%)	74 (40%)	3 (2%)		9 (5%)
5	There are good standards of behaviour at William Tyndale	99 (53%)	76 (41%)	6 (3%)		5 (3%)
6	The homework given helps me to understand what they are learning in class	68 (37%)	73 (39%)	30 (16%)	4 (2%)	11 (6%)
7	Staff treat children fairly and with respect	114 (61%)	59 (32%)	9 (5%)	1 (.5%)	3 (2%)
8	My child is safe at school	136 (73%)	42 (23%)	4 (2%)		4 (2%)
9	My child is encouraged to work hard and do their best	108 (58%)	64 (34%)	8 (4%)		5 (3%)
10	I feel comfortable about approaching members of staff	99 (53%)	74 (40%)	13 (7%)		
11	A wide range of before and after school clubs are on offer at William Tyndale	89 (48%)	76 (41%)	15 (8%)	5 (3%)	1 (.5%)
12	William Tyndale School is well led and managed	106 (57%)	67 (28%)	4 (2%)	3 (2%)	6 (3%)
13	I am kept informed about my child's progress	76 (41%)	86 (46%)	17 (9%)	5 (3%)	2 (1%)
14	The school has a procedure for dealing with complaints	61 (33%)	49 (26%)	20 (11%)	10 (5%)	46 (25%)
15	My child is well prepared for moving on to their next year group or school.	86 (46%)	65 (35%)	16 (9%)	1 (.5%)	18 (10%)
16	The school helps my child to become more mature and take on responsibility	90 (48%)	70 (38%)	15 (8%)		11 (6%)
17	I would recommend this school to another family	132 (71%)	44 (24%)	1 (.5%)	1 (.5%)	8 (4%)

## Further comments provided by parents

Comment	Number of parents who commented	Year Group/s
Parent conferences – not enough time	2	Y3 Y2
Not much cross over between parents and staff	1	Y4
Behaviour policy inconsistent	1	Not provided
Behaviour reward chart – too much focus	1	Not provided
I am pleased with my child's progress	2	Y3 and Rec
Thank You!	1	Rec
Child loves school	2	Y2 Rec
Lots of support is given	1	Y3
Not enough homework	2	Y1 Y3
Sometimes maths homework difficult to understand (methods)	2	Y5 Y3
No homework should be given	2	Y2 Rec
Homework/PACT – unhappy with marking	4	Y1 Y2 Y4 Y6
Vegetarian options need labelling at lunchtime e.g. Jelly	1	Not provided
Children should be able to use the toilet freely during class time	2	Nur Y2
Insurance should be changed so that children can play on play equipment before and after school	1	Rec
Complaints poorly managed	1	Y3
Teaching is variable	1	Not provided
Teacher raises voice	1	Not provided
More information needed about intervention my child is receiving	1	Y3
Too much pressure to achieve high grades	5	Nur Rec Y1 Y2 Y3
Questions on questionnaire not worded appropriately	1	Y3
Columns on questionnaire not labelled appropriately	1	Y3
Upper Street pavement uneven and dangerous	1	Rec
Children should learn more Maths, English or PE rather than assemblies and shows	1	Not provided
Where is my child nationally/in terms of the class?	1	Rec
How can parents support transition?	1	Rec
Only gymnastics after school club for reception	2	Rec
Suggestion for an art club	2	Nur Y2