

Reaching out

William Tyndale
Primary School



An exceptional education for all

2nd December 2022

We are now in the lead up to the holidays, and although we are getting excited about the Christmas shows there is still lots of learning continuing. Next week is Computer Science week, where every class will have a workshop learning about digital technology.

During the holidays, we wholeheartedly encourage you to keep up the excellent reading that has been happening throughout the term; please use the local library and their Winter Reading Challenge as well as the Reading Eggs Read-A-Thon to encourage your child/ren to keep reading over the break. Thank you to all of you who choose to donate your time to read with children within the school; your support is greatly appreciated. We will be holding a workshop for **Reading Volunteers** on **Friday 13th January** at 9am; we do hope you can make it.

During November, there were lots of enrichment activities: we held several maths challenges; there were lots of inter-school competitions in PE; we attended an Anti- Bullying Conference; Year 5 has begun a partnership with a local care home and Year 2 went to the London Eye. Please read below to learn more about these amazing events.

Please look at the events bar to see when concerts and the Christmas lunch will take place. We are so pleased to be able to welcome audiences again.

If your child is interested in learning more about coding, Toni has identified some coding clubs and events that you may find interesting (see below).

During December we will be focusing on the Global Goals **Zero Hunger** and **No Poverty**. December is also Human Rights Month, with a special focus on Human Rights Day on the 10th. Our focus *Right* is ARTICLE 14: **FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND RELIGION**. Please read below for more information.

We are delighted that the governors have selected Sophie to be the new head teacher, starting in September 2023. Congratulations, **Sophie!**

Have a wonderful weekend!

Bea Mayer

Assistant Head Teacher

EVENTS

December

Week beginning 5th 3 *Discovery* working with every class for Computer Science Week
6th Foundation show to Nursery parents and carers @10am
6th Violin, Clarinet and Dom's flute learners' concert @2pm
7th Foundation show to Reception parents and carers @10am
8th KS1 show to Year 1 parents and carers @10am
8th Christmas lunch
8th Guitar concert @2:30pm
13th KS1 show to Year 2 parents and carers @10am
14th KS2 show to Year 3 parents and carers @10am
14th KS2 show to Year 4 parents and carers @2:30pm
15th KS2 show to Year 5 parents and carers @10am
15th KS2 show to Year 6 parents and carers @2.30pm
16th Last day of term (1:45pm finish)

January

3rd Spring Term Begins
13th Reading Volunteer Workshop @9am

The next newsletter will be published on 6th January.

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DON'T FORGET TO JOIN OUR GREAT WINTER READING CHALLENGE



It starts on 1 December -
sign up at your local library!

Libraries
ReadLearnConnect

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READING

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Reading Eggs Read-A-Thon

Reading Eggs are running a competition to get children reading over the Christmas Break; schools with the highest average of books read per pupil can win a prize.

Encourage your child to read on Reading Eggs and Reading Express between **December 19th and January 8th**. Children can choose their own books from the platform and the schools with the highest average of books read will be in contention for a prize!

We highly recommend all children continuing to read over the holidays, either by visiting the library, on Reading Eggs or any other way of reading books!



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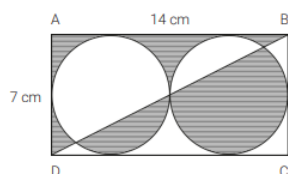
Maths Challenges in November



November has been a busy month for maths at William Tyndale.

On Thursday 17th November, we held a **Number Facts Bee**. So many children wanted to take part that we organised knock out competitions in the class to ensure only 2 competitors from each class in the assembly. This was the first year when we also had a challenger from Reception. The amazing children who took part were: **Jonah** from Juniper, **Nicole** and **Aamer** from Willow, **Jules** and **Lara** from Mimosa, **Cian** and **Ethan** from Tea Tree and **Diego** and **Eliana** represented Spindle Class. All the children showed incredible knowledge of number facts, so much so that I had to make up extra questions on the spot. The eventual champion was **Eliana**, with **Aamer** as an impressive runner up.

The following day 20 children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the **Primary Maths Challenge**, organised by the Mathematical Association. This was a 45 minute test with increasingly complex questions. The highest scoring pupils will be invited to take part in a bonus round in February. I was so impressed by the dedication of these children, who took the initiative to look up past papers and to practise at home. I was delighted by how well the children did. The scores were so close that I had to award 3 Gold certificates - **Ariya**, **Alex** and **Hugo** from Sequoia Class; 5 Silver certificates - **Gyan** from Sequoia, **Louie** from Kowhai, **Asher** from Cashapona and **Frankie** and **Valentina** from Theobroma Class; and 6 Bronze Certificates - **Charlotte**, **Arielle** and **Molly** from Kowhai Class, **Arthur** from Sequoia, **Inu** from Theobroma and **Otis** from Cashapona Class.



The rectangle ABCD measures 14 x 7cm. There are two identical sized circles which just touch the sides of the rectangle and the other circle. There is a diagonal BD.

What is the total area of the shaded part in the diagram?



We then held a **Multiplication Bee for Years 3&4** on

Wednesday 23rd November, which followed a similar format to the Number Facts Bee but involved multiplication and division questions of increasing difficulty from all the times tables and even ending with multiplying 23×6 in their head! Congratulations to all the children who participated; **Sachie** and **Jane** from Sycamore Class; **Alfred** and **Lyra** representing Magnolia Class; **Gabriella** and **Anthony** from Marula Class and **Finn** from Acacia Class. I was so impressed with these children for their confidence in standing in front of a full assembly and figuring out complex mental mathematics. Our champion was **Finn** with **Anthony** as the runner up.

Years 5 & 6 competed in a Multiplication Bee on Wednesday 30th November. I was blown away with the level of arithmetical knowledge. The children were so confident that we had to organise a second Bee in the afternoon to provide adequate challenge to eliminate competitors. The questions involved cube numbers and multiplying 2 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers mentally. The competitors were: **Midori** and **Ada** from Cashapona Class; **Daisy** and **Valentina** from Theobroma; **Alex** and **Hugo** from Sequoia and **Gaia** and **Louie** from Kowhai. The eventual winner was **Valentina** with **Hugo** as runner up.

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the maths challenges, both in class and in smaller groups. I am so pleased to see such enthusiasm for maths across the whole of the school. Congratulations to everyone who took part both in your classes and in the assemblies.

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Sports Successes in November

Year 5 and 6 Pantathlon

On Wednesday 9th November, a group of Year 5 and 6 children took part in the Islington Pantathlon, which involves a group of children participating in several games throughout the day

"We went to Market Road Sports centre where we did different activities. Our favourite activity was bowling and we also enjoyed basketball. We were happy and excited to represent the school and we worked as a team and came 3rd winning bronze for William Tyndale."

By Masahiro and Khalil



Years 5 & 6 Tag Rugby

On Wednesday 16th November, we left the school at 9:00 am and got there about 30 minutes later. The tournament was at Market Road. The people in our team were: Fillipo, Gabor, Neave, Tessa, Henry, Safiya, Ariya, Noah and us two. Coach got us to do exercises before the matches. We won our first two matches, lost to Canonbury, tied in the next match and won our final match.

We ate our lunch at 1:30, (after all our matches) and returned to school at about 2:30. It was such a fun day and we had a great time! Luckily it wasn't raining, though. The weather was actually quite nice!

By Elif and Alexander

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Anti Bullying Conference

On Friday 18th November, some members of The Green Group attended the Islington Anti-Bullying conference at Platform Youth Hub. This year, the theme was Reach Out. Amahra, Maggie, Juliette and Odette assisted Heather Vaccianna, from Islington Council, to present at the conference. They did a fantastic job speaking in front of the large crowd. After the introductions, everyone was split into groups to discuss different aspects of Anti-Bullying week including: racism, online safety, mental health and wellbeing and gender stereotyping. Following the discussions, schools from around Islington performed creative presentations about how they have celebrated Anti-Bullying Week. Kayden, Vita, Poppy Mae, Cian and Bom spoke about the Positive Postcards sent between students at school during the week and passed out postcards to the audience. The children did brilliantly at the conference and were awarded third place for their creative presentation. Well done!

Alana

PHSE Lead



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Year 2 Multi-Skills Festival

On Tuesday 22nd November, we went to the Arsenal Hub. It took a very long time on the bus. When we got there we played 8 different games: Skittles, Krusty Crab Attack, Mr Bean Bags, Cannon and Ball, Snakes and Ladders, Moon Walking, Rock and Roll and Dinosaur Eggs. The best games were Krusty Crab Attack, which was like football and Dinosaur Eggs. We got to meet Gun-sauras and we got given red backpacks as prizes!

By Otto, Elijah, Aliyah and Toprak



Year 2 trip to the London Eye

Year 2 had a fantastic time on a trip to the London Eye to help us learn more about our topic in Geography 'Exploring the UK'. We travelled to the Southbank on the 341 bus and spotted lots of London landmarks along the way. We were very excited to get into the pods in groups and see the amazing views over London. While we were in the London Eye we enjoyed completing a London landmarks treasure hunt!



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Year 5 Bridgeside Lodge Care Home Visit

On Wednesday, we went to the care home. We were in the music and talking group. I met Isabella who was about 94. She loved Scottish songs but we didn't know any. Instead we sang Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, Happy Birthday, Merry Christmas, and Sing Together at Christmas.

Next, we went to Derek. He showed us some brilliant pictures of him and his wife. We helped him turn the pages of the album because he didn't have very good hands. He was still very kind to us. Finally, we went down the lift to pick everybody up and we went back to school.

By Lena and Sarya (Theobroma)

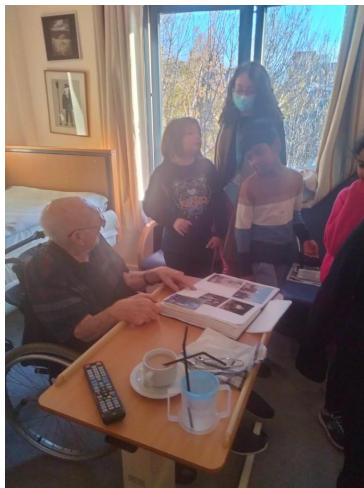
First of all we left our school and my partner was Dennis. We were singing Christmas songs on the way with Iman and Daisy. When we got to the care home we went out to the garden and stroked the cat called Tom-Tom. After that, Fatima put us on the second floor and Helin and I met an old woman called Sandra. Her favourite colour is yellow and her favourite food is macaroni and cheese. Also she was very chatty. After, it was time for us to leave and then saw not one, but two rainbows.

Harry (Theobroma)

On 23rd November, we went to the care home. The care home building was beautiful and it had a terrace with an amazing view of the canal. Inside there were 64 rooms, but we only visited 2. The first person was called Isabella, she was from Northern Scotland. She couldn't really hear us and she also wanted us to sing, so we had to sing a bit louder than usual. That was really fun. When we had finished we sang 'Happy Birthday' to a lady called Dawn because hers was on Monday 28th November. Yvette took us to a man called Dereck. He had visited 90 countries and had a daughter and a son. Dereck also showed us some pictures he had taken because he was a photographer. Later, we saw a few other people but they were in other rooms sleeping, so we didn't want to disturb them. Finally, we all gathered together and came back to school.

I had an amazing afternoon.

By Valentina



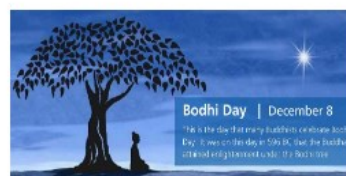
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Right Of The Month December: Article 14

The right to follow your own religion.



GDPR

We updated our Data Protection Policy and the Privacy Notice for parents and pupils in May 2021.

The updated documents are available to view on the school website:

<https://www.williamtyndale-islington.co.uk/about-us/policies-and-procedures>

Please be aware that any consent regarding your child's data which was given in the past will continue to be valid (e.g. consent for taking and distributing photos). You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time.

Breakfast Club & Kids' Club

0207 354 6106/ 07398 006 395

Charges

Breakfast Club 8am – 8.50am £6.50

Kids' Club 3.30pm – 6pm £13

(Nursery children 3pm – 6pm £16.50)

Any collection after 6pm will result in an on the spot fine of £30 + £1 per minute

Jewellery, Nail Varnish and Hair Dye!

We know how tempting it is for children to experiment with adornments but ask you please not to let your child do this in school.

It can cause upset and jealousy as well as, in the case of jewellery, present serious health and safety problems.

Children are welcome to wear watches and stud earrings – no hooped earrings of any kind are allowed.

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www.williamtyndale-islington.co.uk

Hello WT families!

It's time for our **Annual David Astburys Estate Agents Food & Toy Drive** and this year we are supporting; Bounds Green Foodbank, Hornsey Foodbank and The Arc Centre in Islington.

The holiday season always sees an increase in the number of people in need, and with the cost of living continuing to rise, our local Foodbanks are struggling to source adequate supplies and are experiencing an increasing number of people looking for support. This is expected to increase by 25% as we go into the Holiday Season.

If you can donate during the run up to Christmas for The Arc Centre, you can drop off donations at our office in Islington.

David Astburys Estate Agents
315 Upper Street, Islington N1 2QX

Follow the link for a list of the items most needed: <https://davidastburys.com/annual-food-toy-drive-donate-now/>

Hopefully together we can make a difference for many families this Christmas. Contact us for more info: <https://davidastburys.com/contact-david-astbury-islington-estate-agent/>

FREE Guide to Coping with the Cost of Living

We at David Astburys have been serving the community of North London since 2017 and care about the people that call it home.

That's why we've created a **FREE** guide to coping with the increasing cost of living. It's a challenging time for many of us, some more than others. As a local company, we feel it's important to do something positive for those in our community struggling with this current situation.

In the guide we'll share some tips and advice we've researched. We've created this guide in an easy-to-follow format. Each section focuses on things that can be done in the areas of energy costs, food bills, home expenses, and how we can take care of our wellbeing and not just our money.

We hope you find this guide helpful; you can download it for **FREE** here: <https://bit.ly/DA-FREE-CostofLivingGuide>

Exclusive offer to William Tyndale families and staff.

Referral Incentive

In an effort to support fundraising for the school, we will give the school 6% of our fees for the first 5 properties referred to us by you the parents, guardians or William Tyndale staff across deals completed in Sales and Lettings. In addition to that after the first 5 properties, we will increase the % paid to the school.

Free Property Management

For a limited time we are offering Free Property Management for NEW and existing clients for a period of 6 months. **Terms and conditions apply.*

Free Market Valuation

Homes valued accurately sell faster. We offer a FREE no obligation market valuation. Our team's local knowledge and expertise will ensure that we sell or rent your property at the best possible price and in the shortest possible time.

Please contact us at the Islington office for more information!

Look forward to seeing you all soon.

Thank you,

Team DA

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Dates for the Academic Year 2022 - 2023

AUTUMN TERM 2022

FIRST DAY OF TERM	Thursday 1 st September
INSET DAYS	Thursday 1 st and Friday 2 nd September
CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL	Monday 5 th September 2022
INSET DAYS	Thursday 20 th and Friday 21 st October
HALF TERM	Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October
LAST DAY OF TERM FOR CHILDREN	Friday 16 th December 2022

SPRING TERM 2023

FIRST DAY OF TERM	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
HALF TERM	Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February
INSET DAY	Monday 20 th February
LAST DAY OF TERM FOR CHILDREN	Friday 31 st March 2023

SUMMER TERM 2023

FIRST DAY OF TERM	Monday 17 th April 2023
May Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May
HALF TERM	Monday 29 ^h May – Friday 2 nd June
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 29 th May
LAST DAY OF TERM FOR CHILDREN	Friday 21 st July 2023

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Support Services Offered By Islington

Corinne, Pastoral Lead, has collated some of the services that are offered by Islington. This is not an exhaustive list and do continue to contact the school if you require support.

Islington

Bright Futures, Early Help 5-19 (school-age to 19 years)

<https://directory.islington.gov.uk/kb5/islington/directory/service.page?id=txWgdPi-Gz0>

Islington

Bright Start Family Support Service

Parents-to-be and parents and carers of children under 5 years

<https://directory.islington.gov.uk/kb5/islington/directory/service.page?id=oYzOeiLheaA>

Islington

Parenting Programmes

http://directory.islington.gov.uk/kb5/islington/directory/service.page?id=GOa1wRnKc_E

Islington

Benefits and Financial Support

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/benefits-and-financial-support>

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Support Numbers

Emergency Services

999

Islington Children's Social Care

020 7527 7400

Domestic Violence National Helpline

0808 200 247

NSPCC

0800 800 500

Childline

0800 1111

Islington Library Service

Islington Library has **free e-books** and **audio books** which you can borrow for your child. If you haven't already got one, you will need to sign up for account to access these by going to the website below:

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/libraries-arts-and-heritage/libraries/online-resources-journals-and-magazines/ebooks-and-eaudio>

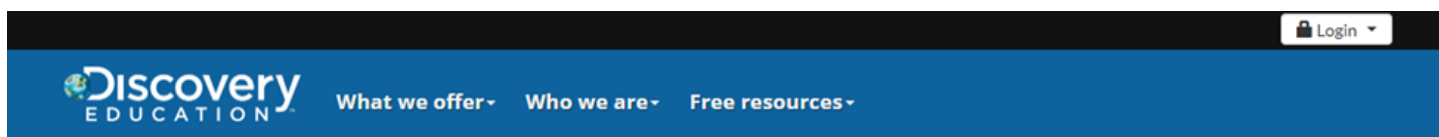
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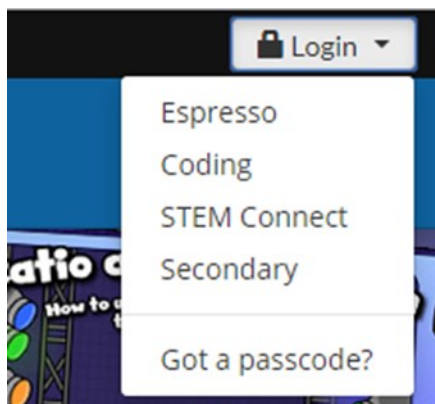
ESPRESSO HOME ACCESS FOR YEARS Nursery—Yr 2

Espresso Home Access is filled with wonderful resources across all subject areas for KS1 children to access from home. Please follow the instructions on how to get into all the great material.

Open a webpage and type in <https://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/>



Click on 'Login'



Choose 'Espresso' from the drop down

Type in the username and password that your class teacher has given you. If you have forgotten it, please ask.



My services



Click on espresso and you are able to access all of the resources. There are fantastic activities, videos and printable resources for all year groups. You can use espresso on both PCs and iPads. Some activities require Adobe flash.

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Reading and Maths Resources

All children from Year 1 upwards have an individual Reading Eggs password. Please ask your class teacher if you need your password.

Please login at www.readingeggs.co.uk.



All children from Year 1 upwards receive a login to Doodle Maths.

Doodle Maths is an app that allows children to practise their mathematical skills independently, both in school and at home.

Doodle Maths works by assessing areas of maths that children complete easily or find challenging; it then re-assigns questions to teach children new mathematical learning in small steps.

Your child has been given a **username** and **password**, and has been shown how to log in and use **Doodle Maths**.

It is very important that children complete the activities on **Doodle Maths** independently so that the app can assess which areas they need further practice in. Please do not help your children by giving them the answers, but direct them to the hints and explanations that can be found in the help section at the top of each question.

To link with your child's account, follow these simple steps:

- Download the **Doodle Maths** app;
 - Ask your child to sign in, using the details they have been given;
 - Tap on the Grown Ups section and follow the instructions there to link yourself to your child;
 - Login to www.parents.doodlemaths.com with your Grown Ups username and password and click on Monitor - Live so you can see how your child is doing as they complete their exercise; and
 - Download the Parent Connect app where you can see a snapshot of what your child is doing.
- Encourage your child/ren to earn at least 50 Doodle Stars a week and get instant updates through your app.

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