

# Reaching out

*William Tyndale*  
Primary School



## ***An exceptional education for all***

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

January has been a busy month as usual. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have attended the workshops this term on Reading Volunteers, Maths across the curriculum and Rights Respecting Schools. It is so useful to have these opportunities to discuss what we do at the school; please see below for the ones still to run this term.

Please read below about some of the trips children have gone on last month: Nursery visited the local post box; Year 1 went to the Little Angel Theatre, which inspired their own puppet making; we celebrated Lunar New Year across the school; and attended PE tournaments in Islington.

Islington are running a Bikeability Scheme for children aged between 5-12 with a range of cycling abilities. If you are interested, please read below.

A reminder that **Monday 20th February** is an INSET day and school will be closed to children.

Parent Conferences will be held in school on **Wednesday and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March**. You will receive an email with more information next week and the system will be open for bookings on **Wednesday 22nd February**. Please arrive 10 minutes before your booked time as you will have an opportunity to view your child/ren's work. If there are any difficulties please contact the school.

In February our Skill of the Month is **Staying Positive** and our Right of the Month is **ARTICLE 42: THE RIGHT TO LEARN ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS**. Please read below for more information.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Bea Mayer  
Assistant Head Teacher

## **EVENTS**

### **February**

3<sup>rd</sup> F&SA Quiz night @19:30

7<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day

***HALF TERM 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> February***  
***Holiday Play Scheme***

### **20<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY**

22<sup>nd</sup> Booking for Parents Evening opens

24<sup>th</sup> Early Reading Parent Workshop @9

28<sup>th</sup> Skills Builder Curriculum @9

### **March**

8<sup>th</sup> Parent Conferences 4 - 7pm

9<sup>th</sup> Parent Conferences 4 - 6pm

14<sup>th</sup> Acacia Class Assembly

@10:10

15<sup>th</sup> Year 5 trip to Ragged School Museum

16<sup>th</sup> Mimosa Class Assembly

@10:10

23<sup>rd</sup> Spindle Class Assembly

@10:10

28<sup>th</sup> Magnolia Class Assembly

@10:10

30<sup>th</sup> Tea Tree Class Assembly

@10:10

31<sup>st</sup> Last Day of Term—finishing at 1.45pm

***Holiday Play Scheme 3rd-6th***




**The next newsletter will be published on 3<sup>rd</sup> March.**

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## Spring Term Parent Workshops

Please have a look to see the Parent Workshops still to come this term.

<p><b>Early Reading</b></p> <p><b>Friday 24th February, 9am in the Morris Building</b></p> <p>Come and hear from Michelle, our English Subject Lead, about the stages of early reading and different strategies to support your child.</p>	
<p><b>Skills Builder Curriculum</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 28th February at 8.50am, Meeting Room</b></p> <p>In this second Skills Builder workshop, Sarah (our Skills Builder Associate) and Sophie (Assistant Head Teacher) will continue to explore the framework and discuss how it is taught in school as well as ways to use the essential skills at home with your child/ren. Skills Builder is also a framework for adults to use at work.</p>	<p>We need eight essential skills to succeed in education, work and life</p>  <p>Download the Skills Builder Universal Framework at <a href="http://www.skillsbuilder.org">www.skillsbuilder.org</a></p> <p> Skills Builder PARTNERSHIP <span style="float: right;">#skillsweneed</span></p>

## Nursery Trip to the Post Box

Blossom Class went to post messages and drawings to their families. Their topic this half term is People Who Help Us and the focus was postal workers.



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## Year 1 trip to the Little Angel Theatre

On Monday 9th January, Year 1 went to see the Pixie and the Pudding at the Little Angel Theatre. "I enjoyed it because it was fun. In the play there was a farmer and he left a note. The new people, Daddy and his daughter read the note which says that they should leave out a pudding. The daughter believes it, but the Daddy doesn't. In the end they left a pudding." Akira  
"I liked it because it was about the relationship between a girl and her dad and he believed her in the end." Lara



After visiting the theatre, Year 1 created their own marionettes for characters from The Smartest Giant in Town.

I made the mouse, because the baby mice are so funny. I made the body using grey paper and then a littler ball for the head and made zigzag things to be legs. Then I put the ears on with triangles of pink paper and googly eyes. We put the string through the middle of the head so we could move the puppet and make it jump around. We performed it in assembly. There was no goat in our class." Kestrel

Anyone who knows The Smartest Giant in Town will know that George, the giant, meets various animals to whom he gives his new clothes - including his shirt to a goat as a sail for his boat! Can you recognise the characters of the puppets below?



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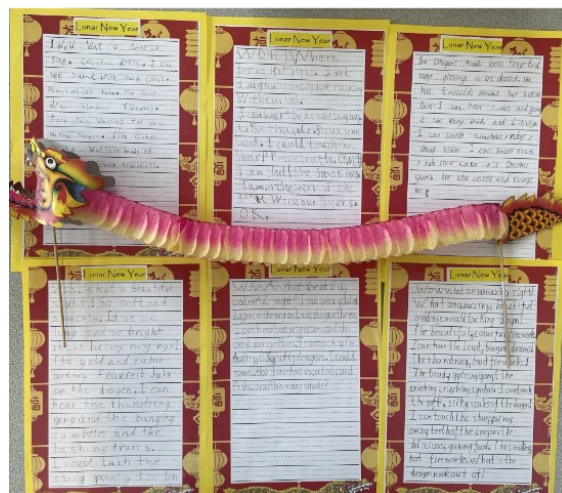


We had so much fun learning about Lunar New Year and how it is celebrated differently across the world!

**Year 1** went on an exciting Lunar New Year treasure hunt! The children used their map skills as well as positional and directional language to navigate their way around the school. They had a lot of fun looking for the hidden treasure which turned out to be beautiful red and gold lucky envelopes with a special sticker inside. They also made red and gold lanterns with numbers written in Mandarin.



**Year 2** were inspired by some of the stories they read about Lunar New Year to create a piece of writing imagining they were at a Lunar New Year dragon dance celebration. **Nursery** made some beautiful lanterns and read some brilliant books about Lunar New Year.



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## PE Successes



Four children from year 4 and four children from year 3 went to a Islington Tennis Centre for a PE competition. I never played New Age Kurling before so I was very excited. We walked there which took about half a hour. When we arrived at the Centre there was lots of other schools there as well. New Age Kurling is a lot like normal kurling, except you don't use brooms. Kurling is usually on ice, but we did it on the Tennis court floor. When the announcements came at the end , we got third place! Kurling is very fun and I hope I do it again.

by Hildy  
Acacia Class

## Year 5/6 Dodgeball Tournament

On Tuesday 24th January, a bunch of year 5 and 6s went to the Dodgeball Tournament and it was awesome. We split into 2 teams, Pink and Green, and we won ALL of our games except against Canonbury, and so we got a silver medal. There was a large amount of competition. The school was near Islington Green, and it was a medium length walk. The hall was very big, there were three pitches so three games going on at once. Most of us are very proud of our silver medal and are happy.

Alex and Alexander Year 6

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Islington are running a Bikeability scheme; please see more information below.

## 🚲 Half Term Cycling 🚲



### Half term Bikeability and fun ride

We have a programme of free **Bikeability courses for children** in the February half term holidays from **Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February**. We have a choice of venues in **N4** and **N1**:

- Beginners (age 5-12) – for children who can't yet ride without stabilisers
- Bikeability Level 1 (age 5-9) – learn bike control skills off road
- Bikeability Level 2 (age 9-12) – learn how to ride on quiet local streets

As part of the Level 2 course, there is now a new brand feature - **a Led Ride** on the Friday of the course - see photo above.

Follow this link to book: <https://islington.coordinate.cloud/courses/child-holiday-bikeability/>

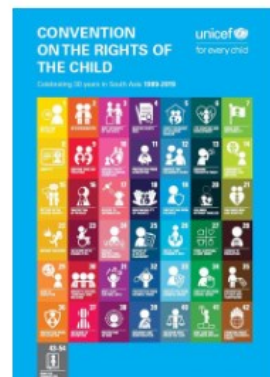
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## Right Of The Month February: Article 42

The right to learn about your rights



### 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](http://www.williamtyndale-islington.co.uk)

Hello WT families!

We hope you are having a great start to the year! We ended 2022 on a positive note and recently reflected on some of our proudest achievements:

Raised nearly £18,000 for nearly 13 charities.  
Supported 3 local foodbanks and donated over 50 bags of food to individual families in need.  
Sponsored and hosted over 18 events in the local area which were focused on fundraising.  
Over **1,200+ FIVE Star Google Reviews!** A testament to our focus on customer service.

### **David Astburys Estate Agents SPONSORING Quiz Night - February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

We are excited to announce that we are the official sponsors of Quiz Night and have donated the prizes for the lucky winners and we will have a round of questions called **'There's No Place Like Home'**.

Be prepared and increase your chance of winning by brushing up on your knowledge of homes, property and the local area! We will also be announcing our special collaboration with the TFL and our campaign to provide **Devices for Schools**. We are excited to give you more details of this on the night and explain how it will benefit the school, the children and support their learning.  
We look forward to seeing you all there!

### **FREE Guide to Coping With The Cost of Living**

We 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: <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 Values 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



**David Astburys**  
Estate Agents

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## Dates for the Academic Year 2022 - 2023

### AUTUMN TERM 2022

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

### SPRING TERM 2023

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

### SUMMER TERM 2023

FIRST DAY OF TERM	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
May Bank Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Extra Bank Holiday	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
HALF TERM	Monday 29 <sup>h</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May
LAST DAY OF TERM FOR CHILDREN	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023

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### **AUTUMN TERM 2023**

<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM</b>	<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>
<i>INSET DAYS</i>	<i>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September</i>
<b>CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>h</sup> September 2023</b>
<i>HALF TERM</i>	<i>Monday 23<sup>h</sup> – Friday 27<sup>h</sup> October</i>
<i>INSET DAYS</i>	<i>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October</i>
<b>LAST DAY OF TERM FOR CHILDREN</b>	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023</b>

### **SPRING TERM 2024**

<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM</b>	<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>
<i>INSET DAY</i>	<i>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</i>
<i>HALF TERM</i>	<i>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February</i>
<b>LAST DAY OF TERM FOR CHILDREN</b>	<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>

### **SUMMER TERM 2024**

<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>
<i>May Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</i>
<i>HALF TERM</i>	<i>Monday 27<sup>h</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May</i>
<i>Spring Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 27<sup>h</sup> May</i>
<b>LAST DAY OF TERM FOR CHILDREN</b>	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>

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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](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>

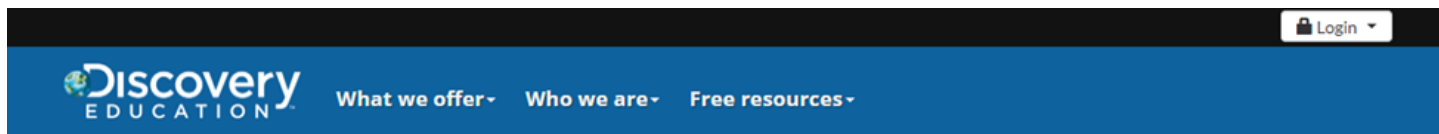
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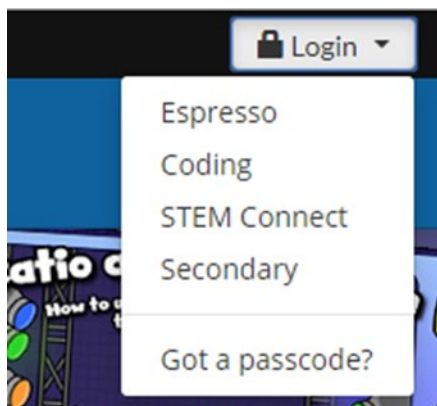
## ESPRESSO HOME ACCESS FOR YEARS Nursery—Yr 2

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](http://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](http://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.

Your child has been given a **username** and **password**, and has been shown how to log in and use **Doodle Maths**. Please ask your class teacher if you need a reminder.

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