

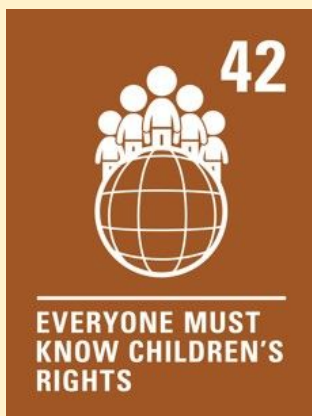
Reaching Out

February 2024

In February our Skill of the Month was Staying Positive. Next month, it will be Creativity.



February's Right of the Month:



Key Dates

Please check the **school calendar** on the website for upcoming events.



Welcome to this month's newsletter!

As we come to the end of February and move towards Spring, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back **Olivia**, Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO from maternity leave. We are thrilled to have her back. I would also like to thank **Claire Oliver**, Deputy Head, who has covered the role.

In February, we celebrated **Children's Mental Health Week** and focused on the essential skill of **Staying Positive**. Below you can find some links to resources to support your child/ren's mental health.

As mentioned in previous communications, we continue to explore new ways to keep you informed and engaged with your child/ren's learning journey. Whether it's through parent conferences, newsletters like this, or our digital platforms, we are committed to ensuring that you feel connected and valued within our school community. As part of this process, we would like to gather your thoughts on communication. Please complete this short survey to give us your feedback: [Communication Survey](#) - thank you!

Please also make sure that you have signed up for **Parent Conferences**, which are coming up in March. If you have had any difficulty booking your appointment, do contact the school office.

Looking ahead to next month, as we welcome the vibrant energy of spring, I am delighted to invite you to our next **Green Community Event** on 17th March, from 2 - 4pm. Many thanks to the F&SA for organising this event. We hope to see many of you there.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

With best wishes

Sophie

Head Teacher

REACH for your future **Respect Enterprise Ambition Confidence Happiness**

As a GOLD Rights Respecting School we value learning ABOUT, THROUGH and FOR the rights enshrined in the UNCRC. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our pupils.

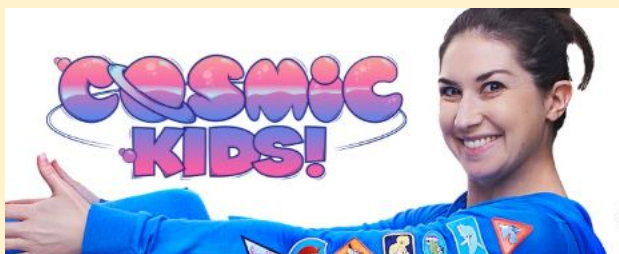


Children's Mental Health Week is a mental health awareness week that empowers, equips and gives a voice to all children and young people in the UK. We celebrated the week with assemblies, in class activities and a day of yoga.

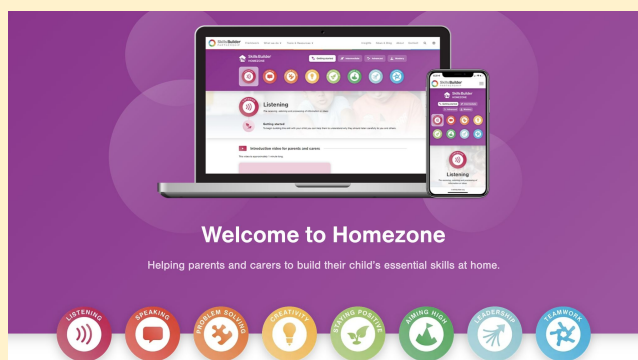


RESOURCES TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

Free mental health webinars from the Charlie Waller Trust



[Click here for great kids yoga videos!](#)



Talk to your child about their **essential skills** and what they can do when something goes wrong.

Have a look at

[Homezone | Skills Builder](#) for daily challenges to help your child apply their skills.

My VOICE MATTERS

Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK
5-11 FEB 2024

CONVERSATION STARTERS
Some ways to start a conversation with your child about mental health could be...

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR DAY

WHAT WAS THE BEST THING ABOUT TODAY?

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST STRESS / WORRY IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?

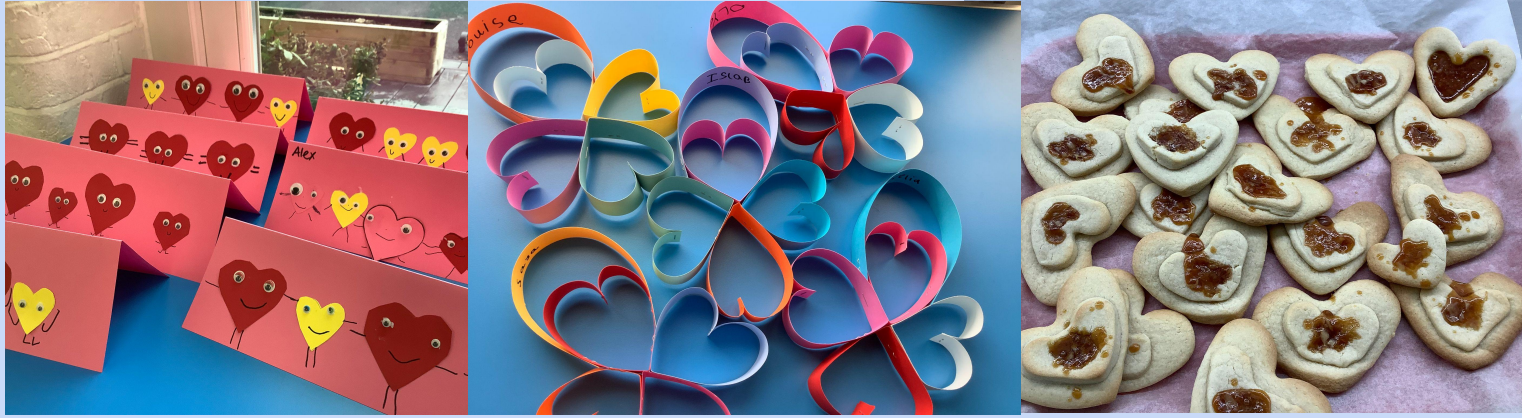
WHAT'S YOUR ONLINE LIFE LIKE?

WHO WOULD YOU TALK TO IF YOU WERE FEELING WORRIED ABOUT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP YOU?

February Half Term Playscheme

There was lots of fun at our February Playscheme with whole range of activities, including arts and crafts, baking, sports and a trip to Asteys Row Park. Thank you to Nancy, Elvira and the team who ran the playscheme! The children had a wonderful time. This is what some of them said:



"I liked baking, making pancakes, dance and gymnastics with Jamie and making a valentine card." Aurelia, Year 4



"I think the play scheme is awesome because you can play with your friends and have fun." Sebastian, Year 3

"My favourite part of the week was when we made pancakes. I also enjoyed painting my lovebird." Yuguo, Year 2

Easter Playscheme

The Easter Playscheme will run on
Tuesday 2nd – 5th April 2023, 8am – 4pm.
Information can be found in the weekly bulletin from Friday 23rd February or please email the school office to request a booking form.



Would you like to help William Tyndale School secure an extra **£4000** on average in additional funding?

Great, as David Astburys Estate Agents would love to help support this incredible cause. For a limited time only, we are offering:



Sales

To pay 20% of our fee for any property we sell, which comes via a William Tyndale recommendation. This would result in an average £4000 being paid back to the school, for every completed transaction we are a part of.

Lettings

10% for the first 5 properties let, subject to referral to us by the parents, guardians, carers or staff. Thereafter, 15% on any successful lets carried out, subject to referral from the 6th January let, running throughout until tenancies commencement. (Up until 31st December 2024)

Property Management for just £49/month

For a limited time we are offering a heavily reduced fixed rate for NEW and existing clients.
*Terms and conditions apply.

Referral Incentive

To support the fundraising for the schools we sponsor, we will give William Tyndale a percentage of our fees for any referrals to us by the parents, guardians, carers or staff across deals complete in Sales and Lettings in 2024. This can be an external referral brought to us from you too!

New Age Kurling Sports Trip

At the beginning of February, children from Year 6 attended a New Age Kurling competition. **New Age Kurling** is an target game inspired by the Winter Olympic sport of curling. It is an indoor version of the game and is played with specially designed stone to roll into the target area. Two teams compete to get their stones closest to the centre. Stones are pushed along the floor or propelled with a ramp. **The children did absolutely fantastically and came second!** They were awarded **silver medals** for their amazing efforts and results. Well done everyone!



New Age Kurling Equipment:



Tri-Golf

Year 3 took part in **Tri-Golf** event at Beacon High School! The event consisted of each team taking part in 8 activities which are shown in the table on the right. The children worked on developing 'Skills for Life' tools such as **emotional control, focus, visualisation** and **self-reflection** and also the importance of **honesty, respect, perseverance and teamwork**. Well done everyone!



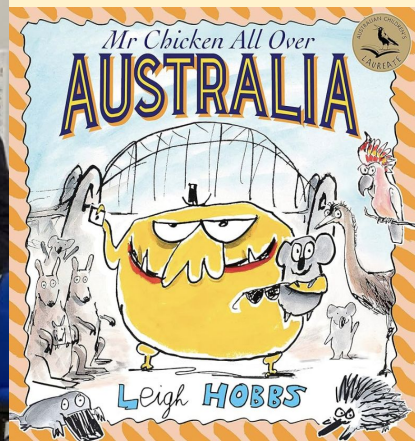
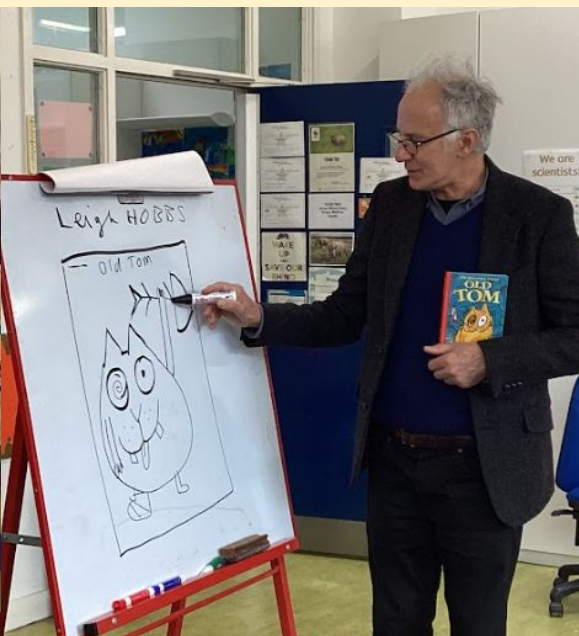
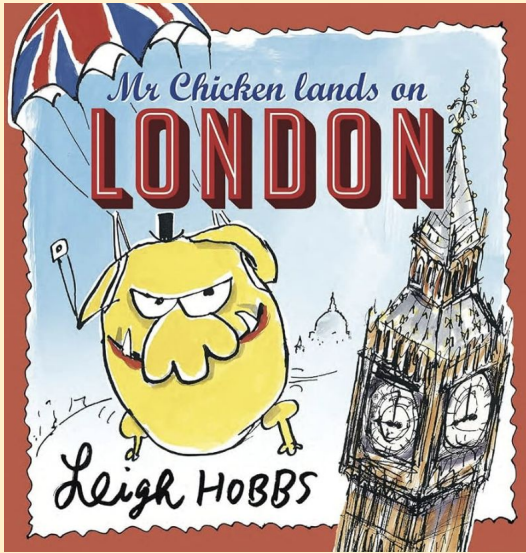
Bullseye	Chip onto target
Dominoes	Putting, hitting cones in order
Drive for Show	Attempt a drive over line, if successful putt into hoop
Finders Keepers	Putt to hit and remove all cones
Grand National	Chip the ball as far as you can, distance equates to points, over the back white line results in no points
Tunnel	Choose your starting position and putt into the hoop, further away means more points
Zone Ball	Putt to hit and remove all cones
Go for the Green	Chip the ball into 1 of 3 different zones of varying distance and angle



Year 2 Author Visit

Year 2 had a wonderful visit from **Leigh Hobbs** who travelled to see us all the way from **AUSTRALIA!**

Leigh Hobbs is an author and an artist. He wrote some incredible books which we are reading at the moment with Year 2, these include **Mr Chicken Lands on London** and **Mr Chicken All Over Australia**. He is both the author and illustrator of his books. The children had a great time with Leigh Hobbs and all created superb artwork.



Book Love - World Book Day

Next week, on Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day! This year the theme is **Reading for Pleasure** and to mark the event we have a full week of activities planned.

Reading for pleasure increases well-being as well as developing academic skills. We have lots of exciting activities running all week, which we have planned in conjunction with our fabulous Reading Ambassadors!

As well as in class, we have some additional events happening around the school. We look forward to your support in these events that will help to raise the profile of and pleasure of reading at William Tyndale Primary School.

Contribute to a photography display entitled 'Caught Reading'. Talk to your child about all their favourite times and places to read. What would be an 'adventurous' place they could read in? Take a photo of your child either reading in their favourite reading spot / the most adventurous. Add it to the gallery outside the school office either in person, or email it to Penny at parentmessages@williamtyndale.islington.sch.uk



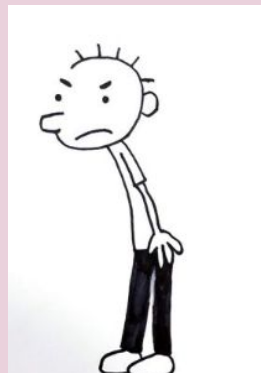
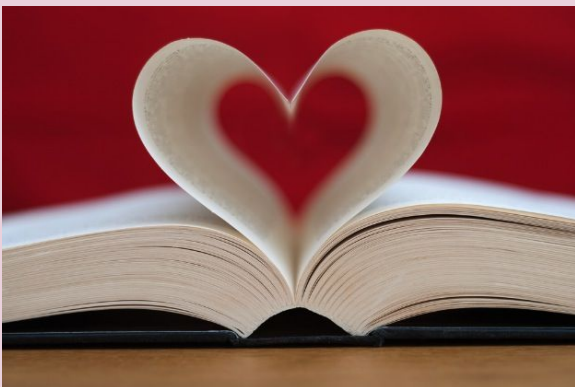
From Monday 11th March, we will be hosting the Book Fair.

Children will receive tokens towards this. As always it will be in the Ground Floor Hall after school and will be open for the duration of the week.



Enter our poetry competition entitled 'Book Love'.

All entries will be submitted to Alicen in the library who will create a display and help to compile a shortlist of brilliant poetic entries.



On Friday 8th March, enjoy an extended walk-in Friday until 9.30am.

Read in your child's class or pop into the Ground Floor Hall, where there will be plenty of books and comfy seating available for you to stay and read with your child/ren. Join in with *The Great Character Draw*, recreating your favourite story characters in a giant collective art piece!



PUNCTUALITY and ATTENDANCE

Punctuality

Children are happier when they arrive punctually at school and their learning gets off to a fine start. We have many incentives to encourage children to arrive punctually, including certificates and medals.

Please remember:

- **The school gates open at 8.45am** and children are able to go straight to their classes.
- **School starts at 8.55am** but we give you a 5-minute grace period to account for exceptional circumstances; therefore, any child arriving at **or after 9am will be marked late.**

Timings for the end of the day will be as follows:

Nursery door will open at 2.50pm. (Children not collected by 3 will incur a charge.) **Reception** and **Year 1** doors will open at 3.25pm.

- **Year 2** line up outside the Reception play area at 3.30pm, flanking the fence in front of the hand washing trough, by the office as you come down the lane from Upper Street.
- **Years 3 – 6** will be brought down to the playground at 3.30pm. Please could parents wait near to where their child's class lines up, avoiding bottlenecking by the new extension of the Morris Building. Children will not be dismissed as they come out and down the stairs – only from their line.
- **Any children not collected on time will be taken to Kids' Club where a charge will apply from 3.40pm.**

It is really important to a child's feeling of security that they are brought in regularly and that parents arrive and depart promptly once they are settled. Children who arrive late can become distressed and find it hard to settle to their activities. Again, at home time, please collect your child promptly as they can become very anxious if you are late.

Please find further information in the [Parent and Carer Handbook](#) on the school website.



Attendance

The school and Educational Welfare officers monitor attendance on a regular basis. We expect children to have **at least 95% attendance. If your child's attendance falls below 95% then the Educational Welfare Officer will contact you. A child is considered a persistent absentee once their attendance falls to 90%.**

Please let us know of any changes in your child's home life, routines or health that may affect their attendance or punctuality at school, so we can support you accordingly. If you would like any more details about punctuality and attendance, please see Penny in the school office.



What do I do if my child is sick?

1. If your child is sick please inform the school office on the first day of absence.
2. On your child's return to school please bring a note to the school office explaining why your child was absent. If your child is absent directly before or after a holiday you will need to bring in medical proof to support the absence.

We award children medals and badges for 100% attendance and punctuality over a term and for over the whole year. Well done and thank you to everyone who continue to help reduce our absences, cooperating with procedures required by the Department for Education (DfE).

What about medical appointments?

Please try to avoid making dental or medical appointments for your child during the school day; if an appointment is absolutely necessary please show your appointment card (preferably in advance) to the school office as evidence for this absence.

What if I need to apply for leave during term time?

Any leave of absence has to be applied for, four weeks in advance, using the appropriate forms from the school office; each case is reviewed individually but please be aware that absence will be authorised in only the most exceptional of circumstances. **Holidays during term time will never be authorised.**

Any unauthorised absence may result in an immediate penalty notice of £60 per parent per child from Islington's Educational Welfare Department.

Support Services

Corinne, Pastoral Lead, has collated some useful services available to parents. 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

[Find Your Islington | Bright Start Family Support Service](#)

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Benefits and Financial Support

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

Islington Parenting Programmes

[Parenting Programmes in Islington](#)



The Children's Bowel & Bladder Charity

Support Numbers

Emergency Services

999

Islington Children's Social Care

020 7527 7400

Domestic Violence National Helpline

0808 200 247

NSPCC 0800 800 500

Childli

ne 0800 1111

“ERIC is the national charity dedicated to improving children’s bowel and bladder health. Our mission is to reduce the impact of continence problems on children and their families.”
The website has lots of information about toileting issues such as toilet anxiety, potty training, bowel and bladder problems. It offers lots of practical advice around how to support your child, webinars and a HELPLINE.

www.eric.org.uk



Free helpline: 0808 801 0343 Mon to Thur, 10am - 2pm