

Reaching out

William Tyndale
Primary School



An exceptional education for all

7th January 2022

Happy New Year! I hope that you were all able to have a restful holiday. It is a real pleasure to see you back for the start of the Spring Term. I look forward to the evenings gradually drawing out and all the learning that will happen this term.

In December, Year 5 and 6 participated in a **Multiplication Bee**; read below for more details. Congratulations to all who took part.

Congratulations to **Toni** for organising such a successful Computer Science week. Please read more below.

Year 1 went to the Little Angel Theatre yesterday to see an adaptation of The Storm Whale; read more below.

A member of the senior leadership team will be in the playground each day, either at drop off or pick-up. Please do come and say 'hello!' We look forward to chatting with you. See photos of us below, so you know who to speak to.

The **February Half Term Playscheme booking form** is now on the website please [click here](#) to download the form and return to kidsclub@williamtyndale.islington.sch.uk.

I will be leading a **Virtual Early Years and KS1 Maths Parent workshop** on Thursday **20th January**; please see the flyer below.

If your child is in Nursery, do remember that the deadline for Primary Transfers is fast approaching (**15th January**); see below for more information.

In January our Skill of the Month is **Problem Solving** and our Right of the Month is **ARTICLE 29: AIMS OF EDUCATION (To be the best I can be)**. Please read below for more information.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Bea Mayer — Assistant Head Teacher

EVENTS

January

20th Virtual Early Years and KS1 Maths Parent Workshop @ 3:30-4:30

27th Virtual KS2 Maths Parent Workshop @ 3:30-4:30

February

8th Safer Internet Day

14th-18th

HALF TERM

Holiday Playscheme

Week of 21st Parent Conferences

March

Week of 7th Year 4 Swimming

Week of 7th Book Fair

The next newsletter will be published on **4th February**.

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Year 5 and 6 Multiplication Bees

On 9th December, Year 5 and 6 competed in a Multiplication Bee, where they faced a range of questions from multiplication and division facts within the tables, squared and cubed numbers and their roots, and multiplication involving the distributive law ($210 \times 6 = 200 \times 6 + 10 \times 6$). I was so impressed by the standard of arithmetic that these children can do in their heads! Each class had a competition in their classes and the winners of those rounds took part in the virtual assembly. Well done to **Zander** and **Vera** (Udumbara), **Alex** and **Sophia** (Shamrock), **Donovan** and **Lola** (Aconite) and **Mia** (Nightshade) who were all excellent competitors - all trying their best and showing great confidence by competing in front of all of Year 5 and 6. Congratulations to Donovan who won and Alex, Lola and Zander who were the runners up in a tightly fought and impressive Multiplication Bee.

Bea Mayer - Assistant Head Teacher and Maths Lead

COMPUTER SCIENCE WEEK

Computer Science week in December was a great hit! Across the school, classes were discussing leading people in the computer science world, such as Anielle Guedes and Amy Ko. It was fabulous to hear children coming up with their own inventive ideas, such as an E-pass for football games and a phone that is solar powered, on how they could use computer science to change the world. Classes also had a great time testing out their coding skills on Scratch, Espresso Coding or with the BeeBots. KS1 were looking at algorithms and sequencing; they created simple codes that they were able to debug. KS2 were advancing their thinking by using repetition, variables and conditionals to create codes that would respond to instructions the user had given.

Toni Wilson - Computing Lead

Here is Year 6 using Espresso Coding.

Do remember that you can access this at home, using your login. If you have forgotten the login, please ask your class teacher.



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Year 1 trip to The Little Angel Theatre

Yesterday, Year 1 went to the fabulous Little Angel Theatre to see an adaptation of Benji Davies' **The Storm Whale**. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching the story come to life through puppetry and songs.



"I really enjoyed all the songs." Odette - Aster Class

"I liked the part where Noi moved the whale around." Eysan - Aster Class

"We got to see two Storm Whales Stories!" Sebastian - Fuchsia Class

"The cat was called Sandwich. It made me laugh." Alegra - Fuchsia Class



Senior Leadership

As it has been a while since we were able to invite parents into the building, the senior leadership team wanted to ensure that we were able to see more of our community and so we will each have a day when we are available either to welcome or say goodbye to the children. Please do come to say 'hello' to us, as it is so nice to see familiar faces and to get to know new members of the school community.



Tanya
Head Teacher



Claire
Deputy Head
Teacher



Olivia
Assistant Head
Teacher and
SEND Lead



Sophie



Bea

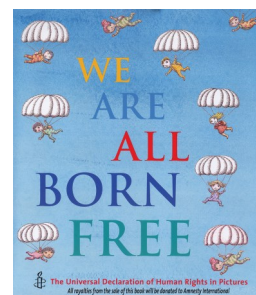
Assistant Head Teachers

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Right of the Month

In December, the children discussed and completed activities related to Human Rights Month and the right of the month: *The right to follow your own religion*. We used the book 'We Are All Born Free' to summarise and talk about the rights through pictures.



Each class also held elections for the School Council!

Well done to the following children who were elected by their classes to be a school council representative:

Cian	Year 1 - Fuchsia
Odette	Year 1 - Aster
Poppy-Mae	Year 2 - Honesty
Vita	Year 2 - Peony
Maggie	Year 3 - Buttercup
Juliette	Year 3 - Lavender
Valentina	Year 4 - Orchid
Heja	Year 4 - Leilani
Amahra	Year 5 - Shamrock
Bethia	Year 5 - Udumbara
Elliot	Year 6 - Aconite
Amelia	Year 6 - Nightshade

The school council will have their first meeting in the New Year!

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Right Of The Month **January: Article 29**



Aims of Education: The right to be the best you can be



Nursery and Reception Spare Clothes

Do you have any spare children's clothes ages 4-6?

If you are having a Christmas clear out and have any unwanted clothes, Nursery and Reception would be grateful to receive tracksuit bottoms (or other comfortable trousers), underwear and socks for these age ranges.

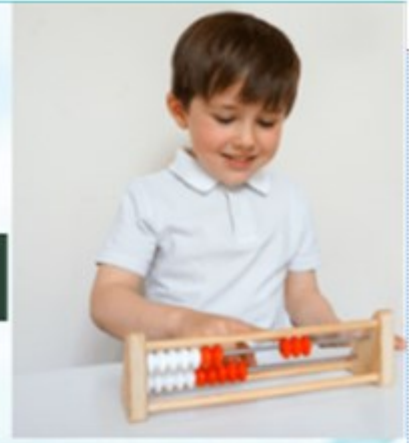
Please send them into the school office and Penny and Tina will make sure that they go to the right place.

Thank you very much.

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Virtual Early Years and KS1 Maths Parent Workshop



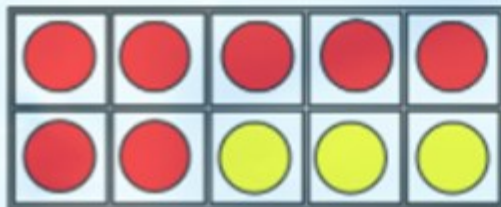
**3:45 ON THURSDAY 20TH
JANUARY 2022**

A link will be sent via email nearer the date.

WE WILL BE DISCUSSING:

- **CURRICULUM EXPECTATIONS**
- **FLUENCY IN NUMBER**
- **REPRESENTATION**
- **WHERE TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS LEARNING.**

What is $7 + 3$?



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Primary Transfer 2022

If your child is in Nursery, now is the time to think about applying for Primary schools. The Primary Transfer Presentation is available on the Islington website – go to <https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

The closing date for applications is **15th January 2022**. Islington Council recommend that you apply by **8th January** in case there are any problems.

Collection Arrangements

Thank you so much to all of you who have completed the Collection Arrangements form. If you have not yet done so, please complete it [here](#).

If there are any changes to this information, going forward, please call the school office or email parentmessages@williamtyndale.islington.sch.uk **by 3 pm**, as we will not let any child go home with anyone else, *even if we know who they are*, unless you have given your permission for this to happen. **Any child not collected by 3:30pm will be taken to Kids' Club. Kids' Club charges will apply.**

You will find more information about this and other aspects of school life in the [Parent and Carer Handbook](#) on the School Website.

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 am – 8.50am £6

Kids' Club 3.30pm – 6pm £12

(Nursery children 3pm – 6pm £16)

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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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>

Virtual School Library

Oak National Academy have created a **Virtual School Library** in which, every week, a popular children's author or illustrator will provide an e-book (sometimes with an audio version) for children to access. They also have exclusive videos with the authors / illustrators sharing their top three recommended reads. You can access this here:

<https://library.thenational.academy>

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Dates for the Academic Year 2021 - 2022

AUTUMN TERM 2021

FIRST DAY OF TERM	Tuesday 31st August 2021
INSET DAY	<i>Tuesday 31st August</i>
CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL	Wednesday 1st September 2021
<i>In lieu of Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Friday 22nd October</i>
HALF TERM	<i>Monday 25th – Friday 29th October</i>
LAST DAY OF TERM FOR CHILDREN	Friday 17th December 2021
INSET DAY	<i>Monday 20th December</i>

SPRING TERM 2022

FIRST DAY OF TERM	Tuesday 4th January 2022
HALF TERM	<i>Monday 14th – Friday 18th February</i>
LAST DAY OF TERM FOR CHILDREN	Friday 1st April 2022
INSET DAYS	<i>Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th April</i>

SUMMER TERM 2022

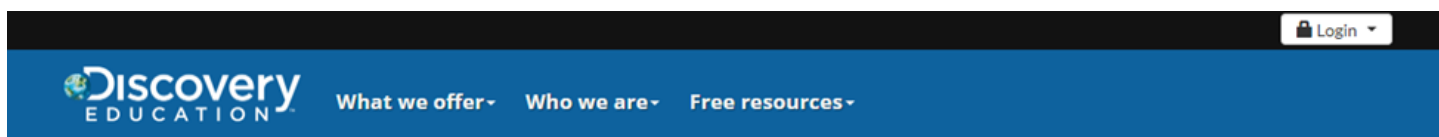
FIRST DAY OF TERM	Tuesday 19th April 2022
<i>May Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 2nd May</i>
HALF TERM	<i>Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June</i>
<i>Spring Bank Holidays</i>	<i>Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June</i>
LAST DAY OF TERM FOR CHILDREN	Friday 15th July 2022
INSET DAY	<i>Monday 18th July</i>

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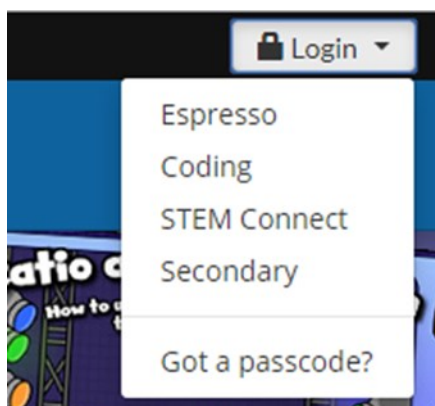
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ESPRESSO HOME ACCESS

Espresso Home Access 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 <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.



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.

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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