

Reaching out

William Tyndale
Primary School



An exceptional education for all

7th July 2023

In this month's newsletter we will hear about exciting events that happened in June, such as author visits, Year 6's trip to PGL and Sports competitions.

A big thank you to **Jessie** for organising a brilliant Sports Week and for organising such fun Sports Days!

A reminder that end of year reports will be emailed to parents and carers on **Friday 14th July** for Nursery to Year 5; the Year 6 reports will be emailed at the end of the day on **Friday 21st July**. If you have any comments about the reports or want to say 'thank you' to the class teacher please arrange a 5 minute meeting by emailing parentmessages@williamtyndale.islington.sch.uk and the class teacher will arrange a time with you.

On page 2, you will find next year's class list with your child's next teacher, Teaching Assistants and specialist support staff, who will be working in the year group.

As it is the end of the year, it is with much sadness that we say goodbye to staff who will be leaving us. A huge thank you to **Katya, Orla, Marianne, Jessie, Andrew** and **Amal** for their excellent teaching and the positive impact they have had on all the children they worked with.

As you will see from the next year's classes below, we are also welcoming teachers **Anneke, Victoria, Jordana, Carolina, Ricky** and **Emma** on to the staff. We look forward to having them join us in September! We also welcome back **Niamh** who returns after a year of further study. The children will meet their new teachers and support staff on **Monday 10th July**.

At the end of term, we will also wish our fantastic Year 6 children the very best as they move to their new schools. We now look forward to their spectacular show and graduation.

The time has also come to say a fond farewell to **Tanya**, whose dedication and inspiring leadership, over 21 years, has impacted so many children, staff and families. We thank her enormously for the incredible work she has done for the school community and wish her a very happy retirement!

In July, we are learning about the Global Goals and our Right of the Month is **ARTICLE 31: the right to rest and play**.

As we will break for Summer in a fortnight, please check that you have all your child/ren's belongings, as lost property will be given to charity at the end of term.

If you would like to attend our Summer Holiday Play Scheme, please complete the booking form on the News page of the website and email it to kidsclub@williamtyndale.islington.sch.uk. Please also find a link to free or low-cost activities for children and young people during the school holidays: <https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/things-to-do/summer-fun-activities>

Finally, we are proud to share that we have been re-awarded **Investor's in People Gold!**

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful summer break.

Bea Mayer - Assistant Head Teacher



THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development



EVENTS

July

- 10th Children meet their new teacher
- 11th Marula Class to Intergenerational Music Making Workshop
- 11th Year 6 Athletics Trip
- 12th Samba concert for Year 5 parents @ 11:30am
- 12th African Drumming Performance for Year 4 parents @ 2:30pm
- 13th Guitar concert @2:30pm
- 14th Year 6 Graduation @5:30pm
- 18th Year 1 Art Gallery
- 18th Year 6 Show - Sequoia Class @6:30pm
- 19th Year 6 Show - Kowhai Class @6:30pm
- 21st Last Day of Summer Term: school will end @1.45pm

Holiday Play Scheme

24th - 28th July

and

31st - 4th August

September 2023

Monday 4th Children return to school

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Class Names 2023 - 24

Year group	Class name 23-24	Class staff	Endangered Species
Nursery	New children	Tanya with Steph and Billie	Koala Class
Reception	Nursery and new children	Alana with Stela, Lydia, Jo, Fatuma and Sel	Beluga Class
Reception	Nursery and new children	Anneke with Stela, Lydia, Jo, Fatuma and Sel	Sea Otter Class
Year 1	Juniper Class	Victoria with Tracie, Eilidh, Kerry	Quokka Class
Year 1	Chestnut Class	Jordana with Prabhuta and Adeljina	Penguin Class
Year 2	Willow Class	Carolina with Nancy	Hedgehog Class
Year 2	Mimosa Class	Kinga with Martina and Sunita	Javan Rhino Class
Year 3	Tea Tree Class	Kati with Vanessa, Terrie and Shadia	Tiger Class
Year 3	Spindle Class	Emily with Vanessa	Red Panda Class
Year 4	Magnolia Class	Emma with Debbie, Ida and Jorbay	Arctic Fox Class
Year 4	Sycamore Class	Holly with Debbie and Ida	Pangolin Class
Year 5	Acacia Class	Lily with Elvira and Jaykey	Saola Class
Year 5	Marula Class	Ricky with Elvira and Hayleigh	Okapi Class
Year 6	Theobroma Class	Niamh with Robyn, Elise and Anne	Vaquita Class
Year 6	Cashapona Class	Toni with Robyn and Lisa	Kiwi Class

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Sports Trips

Year 6 Girls' Cricket

On Wednesday 24th May Neave, Tessa, Gaia, Belle, Wendy, Ariya, Safiya, Mireya and Simona went to the girls cricket tournament at Wray Crescent Cricket Pitch. One we did really well on was our second match against Canonbury (as well as other schools). In the end, we got a little bit confused at the coach because he got the school wrong and claimed the other school won when they didn't. After a bit of an 'argument', we went to get ice creams at Tesco's which made us all happy and refreshed. On our way back to school, we got on the bus but it was crowded and squashed which was annoying for most of us but we spent most of the time talking and when we finally got back to school we did music and carried on. Overall, it was really fun and we all enjoyed it very much.

Tessa and Neave - Year 6



Year 5/6 Tennis

On Monday 26th June, we went to the tennis centre for a tennis tournament. The kids who came were Sarya, Julieta, Inu and Frankie for group A and Calla, Marina, Rasmus and Asher for group B. We got 2ND place. One of the skills we had to use was staying positive when we only got second place. It was still really cool.

Sarya - Year 5

Year 3/4 Quad Kids Athletics

We went to Finsbury Park Athletics Track on Wednesday 7th June. First we did a 400m run. Brogan came first and Margot came second. In the other girls' race Gabrielle came 4th and Ambra came 5th. In the boys' race, Jacob came 4th and Nico came 5th. Kirubel and Ari also came and they did really well too! Next, we did the long jump, the 50m run, and then the howler throw. We went back to school on the bus. It was really fun, but the 400m run made our muscles hurt!!

Brogan, Gabrielle, Jacob, Nico—Year 4

Year 5/6 Gymnastics

On Wednesday 14th June, we went to the Sobell Centre to compete in a gymnastics competition. The children who competed were, Mireya, Bethel, Jasmine, Valentina, Mila and Alex. To get to the tournament we took a bus. We needed to use our listening skills so we didn't get lost. When we got there we went into a small room to practise. First, we did vault first, then floor exercise and to finish off with body management. After all of this we had the medal ceremony. Out of the six schools that came we came FIRST! And out of all the girls that went Valentina came second! We had an amazing time. On our way back we had our lunch. Without the skills of teamwork, leadership, listening, staying positive and aiming high we couldn't have achieved this fantastic day.

Bethel and Valentina—Year 5

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National Sports Week

To celebrate National School Sports Week 2023, each year group got to experience a workshop in a new sport outside our PE curriculum. The children all embraced the experiences and had a fantastic time. The workshops were:

Nursery - Yoga, Reception - Folk Dance, Year 1 - Cricket, Year 2 - Fencing, Year 3 - Street Dance, Year 4 - Skateboarding, Year 5 - Thai Boxing

Here is what the children had to say about their experiences:

- *"I enjoyed it a lot. It was very fun, it was super cool!! We were taught by a professional Thai boxer." - Lexi, Cashapona Class*
- *"We did yoga with Danielle, it was very fun. We had blue mats, and we did a cow pose and cat pose and child's pose and a happy baby pose. Happy baby pose was very funny. Our favourites were happy baby pose and cobra pose." - Ozzie and Emilia, Cherry Blossom Class*
- *"We got put in separate groups for skateboarding based on experience. It was fun. There was a ramp, and we went down all the sides on it. Then, we went on this ledge, and we did a few tricks on it and jumped off it." - Thora, Marula Class*
- *"We liked batting more than bowling, we batted really hard. I batted it on my first try, but it didn't go that far. We used a tennis ball, it was a bit like PE. A special Cricket teacher taught us." - Paul and Akira, Mimosa*
- *"We were in pairs, and we would be in a line with them, and the people at the back would go and dance their way to the front. It was fun and we enjoyed it." - Sachie and Archie, Sycamore Class*
- *"We were taught by a special dancing teacher, it was fun. We even learned some new dance moves, and we did it all together!!" - Evelyn, Juniper Class*
- *"It was really fun, we practised and learned fencing, we had to wear blue suits and masks. It was fun to hit people. You could only use one hand and had to put the other one behind your back. I really liked it." - Klara-Mae and Sebastian, Year 2*



Well done to everyone at William Tyndale for their amazing participation in the **Race to Health** this year.

Congratulations to **Magnolia Class** who had the most physical activity in the school, with Marula Class and Theobroma Class coming a close 2nd and 3rd place. Thank you to all teachers and parents and carers for supporting the children to log their activity over the last three weeks. Our hard work has paid off and **William Tyndale were the most active school in the whole of Camden and Islington** with 350846, equivalent to over 243 days of activity!!

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Year 6 at PGL, Isle of Wight

From 19th - 23rd June, Year 6 went to PGL Little Canada on the Isle of Wight. At 12:00 we left school to go on a 2 and a half hour coach ride to Portsmouth. After that, the coach rode on a ferry which led us to the Isle of Wight!

Every day we woke up at 7:30 and we ate breakfast at 8:00. During breakfast you could choose from sausages, baked beans, cereal, toast, bacon and the best part was the hash browns!

We ate breakfast then we did two really fun activities like giant swing and Jacob's ladder, archery, canoeing, orienteering and much more!

After that, we had lunch (the cafeteria had loads of delicious food). For dessert everyone's favourite were the jam doughnuts and the choc chip muffin. Before the next activity we had about an hour and a half of free time. Most of us played table tennis and piggy in the middle but we also just relaxed in the shade. When we finished our free time, our group leaders gathered us to go to our next activity.

After both those activities finished, we had another hour and a half of free time before dinner. Probably our favourite activity was the giant swing. Soon after dinner we went to the gift shop where we stuffed ourselves with LOTS of sweets. We also bought souvenirs like pens, mugs and teddy bears.

All of us really enjoyed this trip and some of us even conquered their fear of heights. We learned to work as a team really well.

Minnie, Gabor, Henry, Ariya



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Year 4 and 6 Orienteering

On Friday 16th June, 9 Year 6s and 6 Year 4s took part in an Orienteering competition in Caledonian Park. Everyone did extremely well especially the team which came second- Hector, Gabor and Arthur, Year 6. Even if they didn't win a medal, it was a fun and exciting day for everyone involved.

William Tyndale did so well and almost every team finished in time but those who didn't came extremely close. We are very proud of our school who used their perseverance skills until the very end.

Klara and Arthur - Year 6



Sports Days

On Thursday 29th of June EYFS and KS1 took part in their annual sports day on the school pitch. Despite the morning rain, it was a great day and the children taking part embraced every activity, worked as team and tried their very best. A big thank you to all the Playground Leaders who ran the events, and to parents and carers who came to show their support!!

On Friday 30th June, KS2 Sports Day took place at Highbury Fields. It was great weather, and the children all had a fantastic time. A massive thanks to all the parent volunteers who come to help set up and run the events - your support makes the children's experience so much better!



Year 1 and 3 Author Visit:

Michael Holland

On Wednesday 7th June, author Michael Holland visited the school to talk to children in Years 1 and 3 about plants. Michael, author of *I Ate Sunshine for Breakfast*, is not only an author but an expert ecologist and educator too. He spoke to children about how important plants are for our daily existence, wowed them with amazing facts and planted edible plants with the children. The children were mesmerised by his workshops as he was such an inspirational speaker. Atticus in Year 1 said of the visit, "I loved it. He told us such interesting facts. I want to see him again next year."

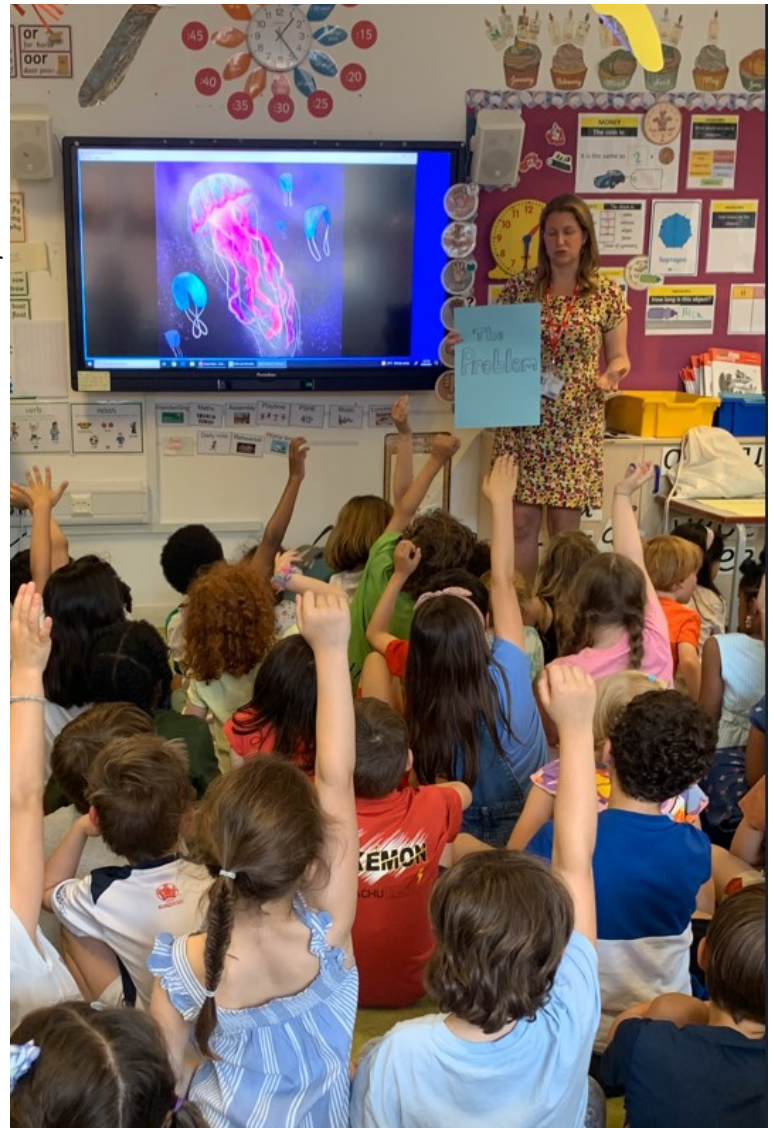


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Year 2 Author Visit: Julia Seal

On Wednesday 14th June, the author, Julia Seal, visited the school to talk to children in Year 2. They co-constructed a story character of their very own using her book, *Bloom*, as a springboard for new ideas. Julia also spoke with the children about the importance of caring for the planet and wildlife, which is the theme of the book they are studying. Julia was impressed with both the questions and the characters that the children generated. Well done Year 2 and a big thank you to Julia for her visit!



Year 1 Trip to the Estorick Collection

On Monday the 19th and Tuesday the 20th of June, Year 1 went to the Estorick Collection in Islington. The trip was to support their Skills Builder Project, when they will open their very own art gallery for parents. They learnt all about the jobs and skills needed to run a gallery and had a talk by the museum's director!

Next, they got to be a curator and compile their very own exhibition, exploring different themes from the pictures within the gallery. Not only was it a fantastic space to learn real life workplace skills, they had fun and were inspired to create their own masterpieces upon their return.

Ryuzgar said of the trip "It was very fun.

For me the paintings were very beautiful and I learnt all about art."



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Right Of The Month

July: Article 31

The Right to Rest and Play



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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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 **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** will no longer gather in the school foyer; they will line up outside the Reception play area at 3.30pm, in front of the handwashing trough, by the office as you come down the lane from Upper Street. (This will be subject to review.)
- **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** (see below for changes to Kids' Club charges).

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 absence 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.

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). A reminder about these is outlined below:

- If your child is sick please inform the school office on the first day of absence.
- 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.
- Please 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.
- 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.**

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Dates for the Academic Year 2023 - 2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023

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

SPRING TERM 2024

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

SUMMER TERM 2024

FIRST DAY OF TERM	Monday 15th April 2024
May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May
HALF TERM	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 27 th May
LAST DAY OF TERM FOR CHILDREN	Friday 19th July 2024

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Hello WT families!

EXCLUSIVE OFFER to William Tyndale families and staff

Referral Incentive – Giving back to the school

In an effort to support fundraising for the school, we will give the school a percentage of our fees for properties referred to us by you the parents, guardians or William Tyndale Primary staff across deals completed in Sales and Lettings. **Terms and conditions apply, contact us for full details.*

Property Management LIMITED TIME OFFER – only £49 per month

For a limited time we are offering Property Management at a reduced fee of only **£49 per month**. **Terms and conditions apply, contact us for full details.*

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

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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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Do you have any working computer mice sitting around at home that you are no longer using?

If you do, we are happy to take them off your hands! Any donations would be welcomed to be used with our years 4 - 6 to support their knowledge and IT skills in computing!

Thank you!



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:

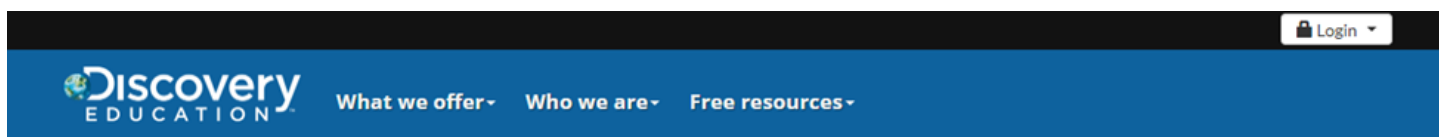
<https://www.islington.gov.uk/libraries-arts-and-heritage/libraries/online-resources-journals-and-magazines/ebooks-and-eaudio>

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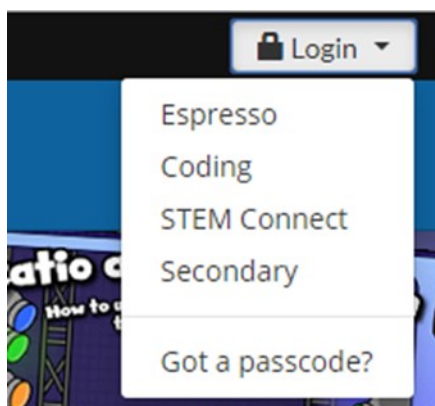
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ESPRESSO HOME ACCESS

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.

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