



# Reaching Out

March 2024

In March our Skill of the Month was Creativity.

Next month, we will be focusing on Global Goal 3 and 6.



March's Right of the Month:



## Key Dates

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



Welcome to the final newsletter of the spring term!

It has been a remarkable term full of learning across the school and there are many to thank for their hard work and dedication. Above all, I would like to thank and congratulate our wonderful children; their achievements, both big and small, are a testament to their hard work and the supportive foundation you, as parents and carers, build at home.

Enormous thanks go to our staff across the school, for their teaching, organising class trips, sports trips and many other special events. Particular thanks to **Michelle**, who organised a fantastic **World Book Week** and **Claire**, who ran **Neurodiversity Week**. You can read more about these events below.

Please also read about how our children have been applying their essential skills, such as leadership, speaking and teamwork, in the **GREEN group's** visit to Parliament this month and when children were invited to make the announcements on the London Underground, as part of our Skills Builder curriculum!

It was lovely to see many of your at our **Spring Green Community Event**. Thank you to our F&SA for organising it and for adding to our growing wall garden along the wall of the Upper Street entrance.

If you are yet to complete our [Communication Survey](#), it will be open for one more week so please do give us your feedback.

As we look forward to the upcoming break, I would like to thank you, parents and carers for your commitment and partnership. Together, we are creating a nurturing and dynamic learning environment where our children can achieve their best.

I hope the break provides a valuable time for rest, rejuvenation, and quality moments with family and friends. The team and I look forward to welcoming you all back for the summer term.

With best wishes

Sophie  
Head Teacher

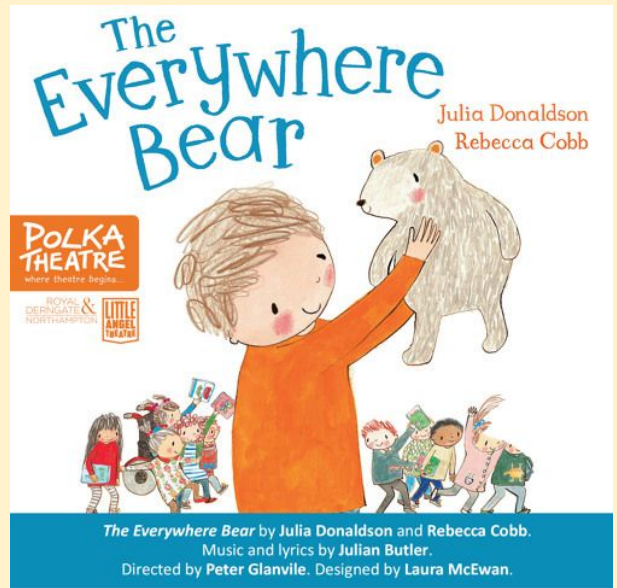
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# Year 1 Trip to the Little Angel Theatre

Year 1 went on their first trip of the year to the Little Angel Theatre to watch 'The Everywhere Bear'. This show links to the children's PSHE learning about personal safety.

The children were so fantastic during the trip, and we were so proud of them. We walked sensibly to the theatre and the children enjoyed the fantastic puppet show - there was lots of laughter throughout!

We would just also like to say a big thank you to the parent volunteers for coming and helping!



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 bought to us from you too!

# KS1 Road Safety Workshop

Years 1 and 2 were very lucky to have a special workshop on **Road Safety**. Some furry friends told us about how we can make sure to be safe when walking on the streets and when crossing the very busy London roads.

We learnt about some important tips on how to be road aware which included '**The Green Cross Code**' to remember the steps of how to cross roads safely.



# The Green Group's Trip to Parliament

Reported by Freddie, Arctic Fox

On Monday 18th March 2024 I went on a school trip to Parliament with the Green Group (the Green Group is the school council).

We went on a bus and the train to get there. I took about an hour to get to Parliament.

When we arrived in central London, the first thing we saw the Big Ben. It was HUMONGOUS and there was real gold at the top.

Once we arrived at Parliament, we went into the huge building. One of the rooms we went into was the Robes Room where there were five secret doors. One of the secret doors was Queen Victoria's toilet. We also went into the House of Lords where the seats were all red and into the House of Commons where the seats were all green. In the House of Lords, there was a throne made completely out of gold and the tour guide said it was the



largest amount of gold in the world.

When we had finished seeing the rooms, we had a workshop all about women's rights. We learnt that women were not allowed to vote until 1918. After that we had lunch and went back to school.

## **Beliefs, Festivals and Celebrations**

There are many religious festivals being celebrated during this time of year. We would like to welcome any parents and carers who would like to speak to their child's class about a festival or celebration special to your family. Please contact your child's teacher to arrange a time.

## Saola class (Year 5) trip to the Ragged School Museum *By Abi, Lucas and Margot*

On the 5th of March, Saola class went to The Ragged School to see the lives of poor Victorian children. The majority of children dressed up as Victorian children with very torn and dirty clothes. When we got there we entered Victorian life and were guided into a Victorian schoolroom with an actor who played a Victorian teacher.



The children said that she was very different compared to their normal teacher because she was very strict and firm. She taught us maths, our alphabet in cursive and how they say different amounts of money in olden times. She even shouted at a child for getting a question wrong! After we finished our learning she stopped acting and showed us a back straightener, a dunce's hat, finger straightener and a bottom extender. In the afternoon we looked at Victorian furniture.

Children had to make hair brushes for their homework and got paid very little and they could even not get paid once they finished their work! We also learned that rich people only washed themselves once a week and they all had a bath in the same dirty water! All of the Saola class had a great time learning about the Victorian children who suffered many years in cruel care.



## Year 1/2 Gymnastics Competition

*“The competition was great, amazing and really exciting! St the end we even go to do extra partner work. We came 2nd and received silver medals.”*

*Lara Y2: I was feeling nervous but also very ambitious!*

*Ece Y2: I felt nervous too because I thought I couldn't remember it all on the day but then I knew it all and I did all the sequences by myself!*

*Lexi Y2: I felt a bit nervous at first but then when I went first it was quite fun!*

*Mia Y2: The bit that was difficult was partner work. My favourite part was vaults!*



## Swimming Gala Competition

*“It was really fun. We mostly scored second and we came first in a couple of the boys relay races. We really enjoyed the girls medley! The adrenaline during the day was so high! Once we went in the water you forget it all. We were shaking from excitement! When we got home we were exhausted!”* By Mika, Aria, Hayden and William from Year 4



# Y5/6 Netball Tournament

*“At the netball tournament we started of a bit nervous but we found out it was a great experience. On our first match we were familiar with the rotations and on our first match we won 4-1 and they didn’t communicate well with people in their team. We came very prepared and ended up getting into the finals! We are keen to go but it was cancelled due to bad weather conditions. We hope it gets rescheduled.”*

By Ola and Aisha in Year 5



## KS2 Orienteering Competition



Year 6 took part in an exciting orienteering competition - there were over 50 teams from Islington schools!



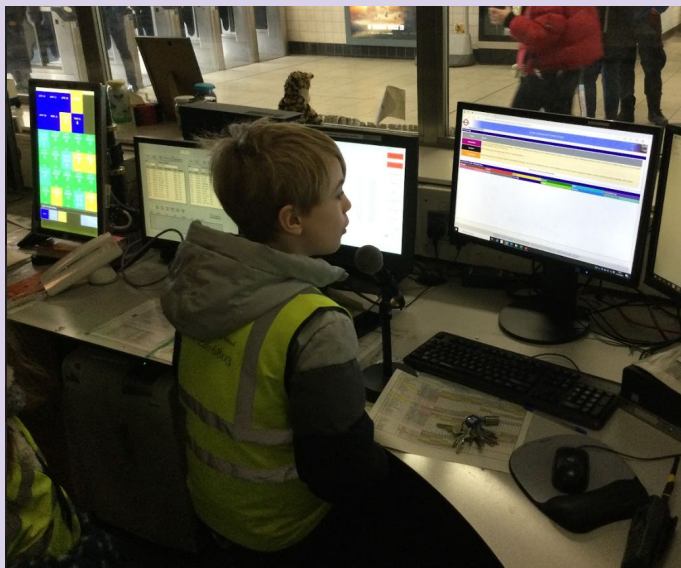
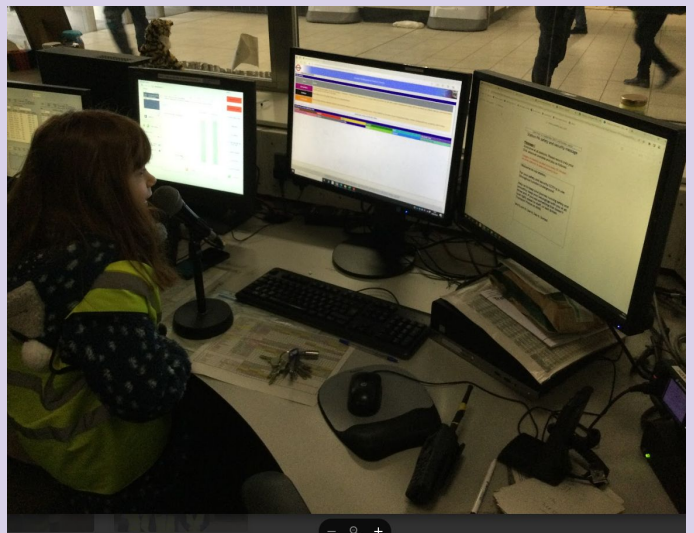




## Skills Builder Trip to TfL

A group of children went to visit Highbury and Islington Station this term in recognition of their outstanding contribution to our Skills Builder Challenge Day earlier this year. They had the opportunity to experience what working life was like in the control station and learn about the logistics of moving so many people around London!

They were soon put to work 'checking in' visiting engineers, directing passengers, handing out 'baby on board' badges and rather excitingly making the announcements for the underground. The announcements were recorded and used for 24 hours across the station. You may have heard them on your journey home. Well done **Archer, Ava Mae, Freddie Sachie, Neri, Ariayou** demonstrated outstanding speaking, teamwork, leadership and aiming high skills on the trip.



# Neurodiversity Week 2024



This year our fantastic Neurodiversity Team from Year 6 introduced the week by leading a whole school assembly on understanding and supporting friends who are neurodivergent.



The team displayed posters around the school and gave our leaflets to families at the end of each day from the school foyer.



Well done to **Rasmus, Daisy, Caleb, Adhil, Lena, Lydia, Kasey, Bathel, Calla, Marina, Thomasina, Iman** and **Lexi**! We even found a catchy song which you might like: [Neurodiversity . Song by July Alate](#)

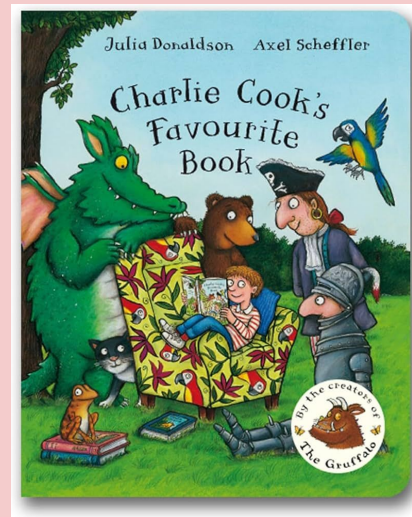


## Little Angel Young Authors Competition:

**Calling all young authors:** Each month the *Little Angel Theatre* we will be running a creative writing competition asking writers to send short stories inspired by Charlie Cook's Favourite Book. A new story is posted on the website each month, along with a short video to 'hook' the writer and help focus creativity skills. Entries can be emailed to the theatre and winners will be announced each month. As well as winning a book token, the stories will be published at the end of the year!

Follow the link below for details of this

<https://charliecookonstage.co.uk/young-author-competition/>



## World Book Day

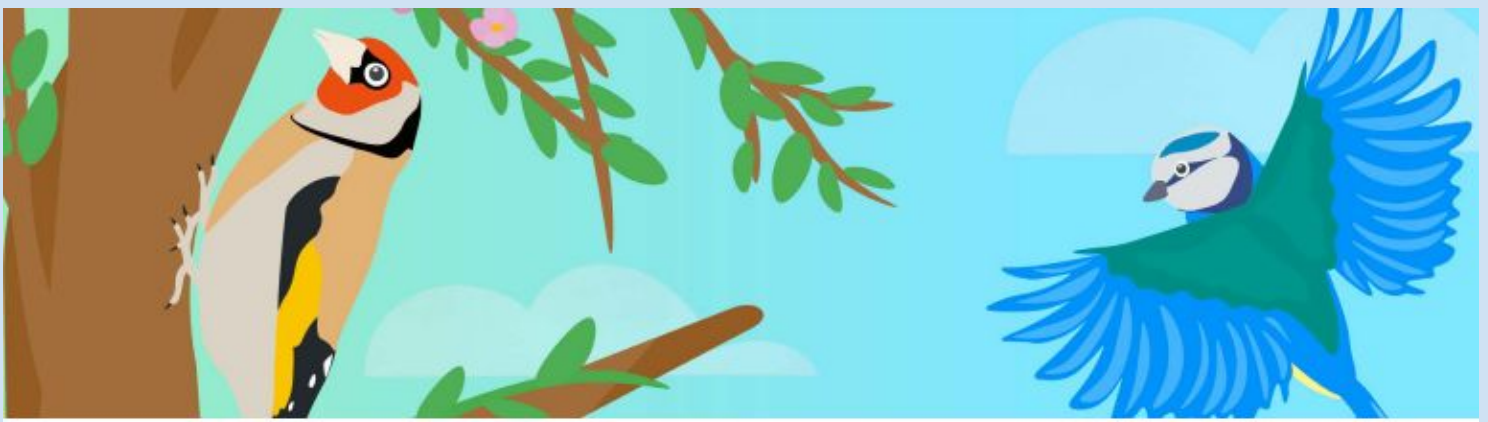
We had an amazing week of celebrations for World Book Day, which this year had the theme of Reading for Pleasure.

Throughout the week we had a range of activities. Each class was given the task of decorating their door to show either their favourite story book or a story of their own making. During playtimes, children were able to be authors themselves and make their own story books; we clearly have some budding authors in the making at William Tyndale.

A special thank you to the parents who all helped support our 'Caught Reading' photo gallery and who came to join us for the Big Read In on the Friday; the atmosphere was very special.

We also had the Book Fair visit us as part of the celebrations. Thank you to everyone who purchased a book; we raised £460 to spend on new books for the school library.





# The Doodle Spring Challenge

1st – 30th of April

## Earn a pin badge and certificate!

Between the **1st-30th of April**, Doodle are running two exciting bird-themed Spring Challenges — the DoodleMaths Challenge and DoodleEnglish Challenge!



For more information click [here](#). The badges and certificates will be sent to school after the competition is closed. We will hand them out during an assembly.

Both Challenges are designed to encourage a few minutes of daily Doodling, promoting healthy learning habits and boosting your child's skills.

Plus, they can earn **exclusive rewards** by taking part!

## How to take part

### 1 Create and/or link your account

If you haven't already, create and/or link a parent account to your child's school account. To find out how, see the reverse of this flyer or visit [help.doodlelearning.com](http://help.doodlelearning.com) and search 'how to link account'.

### 2 Register for the Challenge

From the **1st of April**, visit [parents.doodlelearning.com](http://parents.doodlelearning.com) and press **Register for the Challenge** next to your child's name for one of both Challenges.\* The last day to register for and begin the Challenge is the **24th of April**.

### 3 Doodle 'little and often'

Once you've registered, encourage your child to **achieve a 7-day streak and earn 450 stars (or 350 if they were born on or after 01/09/16)** in DoodleMaths and/or DoodleEnglish **before the 30th of April**.

### 4 Claim your pin badge and certificate!

Once they've reached their target, claim their rewards by visiting [parents.doodlelearning.com](http://parents.doodlelearning.com) and press **Claim reward**. **The last chance to do this is midnight on the 30th of April**.

Your child's rewards will be sent to their school once the Challenge has come to an end.





Tag us and use the hashtag **#DoodleSpringChallenge**

For more information, please visit [doodlelearning.com/challenge](http://doodlelearning.com/challenge).

Any questions? Please visit [help.doodlelearning.com](http://help.doodlelearning.com) and press on the green circle icon to chat to our team.

# Summer Term Events for Parents and Carers

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Computing</b> <b>Friday 19th April at Halifax Store 118-132 Oxford Street</b></p> <p><a href="#">Get Safe Online</a> will be hosting a parent workshop on Online Safety. It will be an hour-long session starting at <b>4.30 pm</b>. This session will cover how to support your child at home with navigating the online world, update you on some recent updates to online safety and give you a chance to ask an expert all your questions.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RSE Y2</b> <b>Monday 22nd April in Javan Rhino class 3:45pm</b></p> <p>Year 2 parents are invited to attend this session to find out about the Relationships and Sex Education programme for this term. Please check your emails for more information.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RSE Y4</b> <b>Tues 23rd April in Pangolin class April 3:45pm</b></p> <p>Year 4 parents are invited to attend this session to find out about the Relationships and Sex Education programme for this term. Please check your emails for more information.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Y6 SATS Information Meeting</b> <b>Monday 29th April in Kiwi class 3.45pm</b></p> <p>Year 6 parents are invited to attend this session to find out more about the statutory assessment tests. You will hear about the structure of the week and how to support your child's wellbeing.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Phonics Screening Check in Year 1</b> <b>Friday 3rd May in the Meeting Room 9am</b></p> <p>Year 1 Parents and Carers are invited to attend this session to find out about the Phonics Screening check. In the session, you will receive resources and strategies to support your child.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Supporting Early Talk and Communication</b> <b>Friday 10th May in the Meeting Room 9am</b></p> <p>Join our Speech and Language Therapist for a session on developing your child's communication and talk skills at home. The session will also include ways to support your child if you speak another language at home. The session is particularly suitable for children from Nursery to Year 1</p>	



# EASTER HOLIDAY OFFER

## **Swimming – Available across all centres with pools**

Free swimming lessons (ages 4-16)

Swim For All \*Including fun swim at Archway with pool features

Inflatable aqua splash sessions at Cally Pool

## **Sobell Leisure Centre**

Gymnastics Camps (9th-12th April)

Squash taster sessions

Junior gym \*available across the borough

## **Finsbury Leisure Centre**

Holiday Club (Multi Sports) \*9am-5pm Monday-Friday

\*To book, please visit the holiday activities tab on the Better Gym centre web pages.



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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 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](#)



### **Islington**

#### **Benefits and Financial Support**

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

### **Islington Parenting Programmes**

[Parenting Programmes in Islington](#)

### **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](http://www.eric.org.uk)



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