

# Reaching out

*William Tyndale*  
Primary School



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

5th November 2021

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a relaxing half term break and are raring to go for the new slightly darker half term.

Last month we had lots of exciting events: **football tournaments** across Islington (read more below); our first post-COVID **school trip** — we hope to have many more; and a very informative **Parent Workshop** — thank you **Toni** for hosting this and to all the parents who attended.

A big thank you to **Nancy, Elvira, Aysun, Jo** and **Vanessa** for the wonderful half term play scheme (please see the photos below).

This week we held our **parent conferences**, which enable parents and teachers to share vital information about the children to aid their continuing learning and flourishing at school; a big thank you to everyone who took part. **Honesty Class** will be having their parent conferences next week.

This week, Year 5 began their **swimming** sessions at Highbury Pool. We are so pleased that they are able to do this again as the children are really enjoying it.

If you are interested in finding out more about our Enterprise Education, please put **7th December at 4pm** in your diary for a parent workshop (more info below). We can also signpost you to a [Maths Anxiety Webinar](#), a [DoodleMaths webinar](#) and the **National Sleep Helpline** (see more below) if any of these are of interest.

Farewell and thank you to **Shona** for all her work at the school; she has decided to return to Scotland and so we wish her all the best for the future.

We are hopeful that we will be able to hold **Carols in the Playground** this year after school on Thursday 16th December.

November's *Skill of the Month* is **Teamwork** and the *Right* is ARTICLE 19: **PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE**. Please read below for more information.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Bea Mayer — Assistant Head Teacher

## **EVENTS**

### **November**

**Week of 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Year 5**  
Swimming

**9<sup>th</sup>** DoodleMaths Webinar @ 8pm

**10<sup>th</sup>** Skills Builder Challenge Day

**11<sup>th</sup>** Virtual Remembrance Assembly

**18<sup>th</sup>** KS1 Number Facts Bee

**23<sup>rd</sup>** Year 5 trip to London Zoo

**25<sup>th</sup>** KS2 Multiplication Bee

### **December**

**7th** virtual Skills Builder Parent Workshop @ 4pm

**10<sup>th</sup>** Maths Anxiety webinar @ 5pm

**16<sup>th</sup>** Carols in the playground @ 3:30pm

**17th** Last day of term (1.45pm finish)

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

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A big thank you to Nancy, Elvira, Aysun, Jo and Vanessa who organised and ran yet another successful play scheme over the half term. The children really enjoyed the wide range of activities that were organised. We look forward to our next play scheme in the Spring Half Term.



### Opticians

Have you noticed that your child is having difficulty seeing bus numbers or reading? Are they complaining of headaches? They may be struggling to see clearly in class. It might be worth arranging for a trip to an optician. We have seen a few children who benefited from having their vision checked. If you think that this may be the case for your child, please do book an appointment. If possible, arrange for the appointment to be out of school time to minimise disruption to their learning.

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## Football Team Success

Congratulations to our football teams, from Year 2, Years 3/4 and Years 5/6 who all performed admirably in the Islington Football Tournaments last month. They showed excellent sportsmanship and were great ambassadors for William Tyndale!



**Skills Builder**  
PARTNERSHIP

**ee** enabling  
enterprise

## Skills Builder Parent Workshop

At William Tyndale, we teach 8 essential skills through our Skills Builder Curriculum (previously known as Enabling Enterprise). The skills are taught in lessons and through enterprise projects. If you would like to learn more about this area of the curriculum you are invited to attend an online Parent Workshop on **Tuesday 7th December at 4pm**. Further details will be sent nearer the time.



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## October's Right of the Month - Respect for Children's Views



**Vote!**

**VOTES FOR SCHOOLS**

**MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD**

It's time to vote! Now is your chance to make your voice heard. Head to the VotesforSchools website and vote!

**Big Question #9:** What more would you like to see being done about climate change?

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**RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS**

**The BIG Anti-Bullying Assembly 2021**

**#AntiBullyingAssembly**

In October, the children designed a handprint representing their pledge against bullying. We watched the Big Anti Bullying Assembly and learnt about the different types of bullying and what to do if we feel unsafe. KS1 and KS2 also shared their views on climate change and voted on whether they think climate change affects children's rights/needs.

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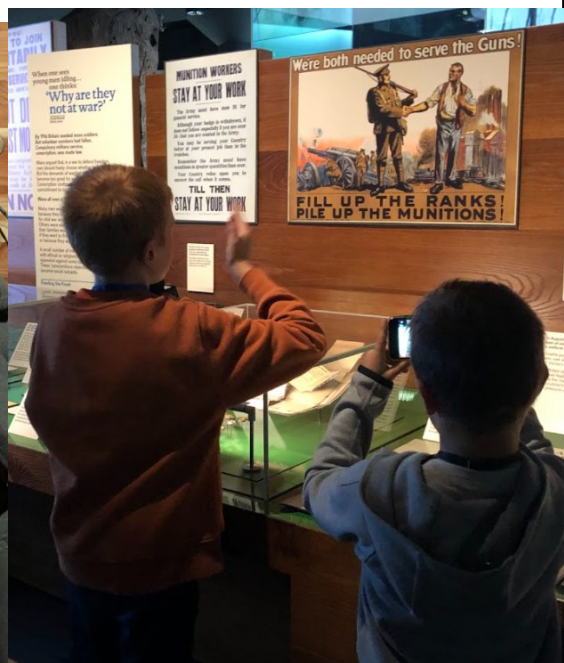
## Right Of The Month November: Article 19

The right not to be harmed and to be looked after and kept safe



## Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum

Year 6 had a very successful trip to the Imperial War Museum, where they learned a great deal about their history topic of the two World Wars.



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the national sleep helpline

# Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?  
Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

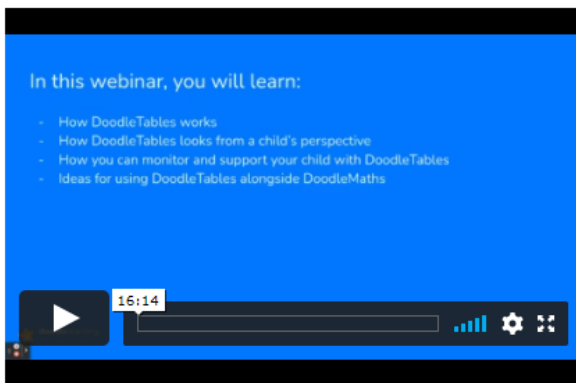
## 03303 530 541

SPEAK TO TRAINED SLEEP ADVISORS  
Available Sunday - Thursday  
7pm - 9pm

POWERED BY the sleep charity

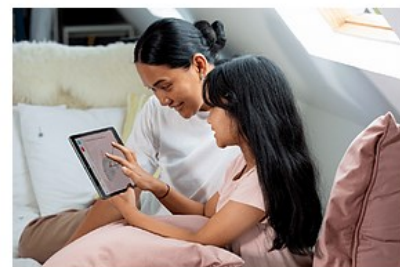
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH Furniture Village

### Parent Power Up: making the most out of DoodleTables



Included as part of a DoodleMaths subscription, DoodleTables helps every child to master their times tables by building their instant recall and step-counting skills. Join us as we demo DoodleTables and show you how to use it alongside DoodleMaths to boost your child's confidence in maths.

### Getting started: supporting your child's learning with Doodle



Tuesday, 9 November 2021, 20:00:00 GMT

Whether you've recently purchased a Doodle subscription or have been provided with one by your child's school, this webinar will give you all the information you need to get started and make the most out of your subscription.

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## INVITATION

*Join world leading experts in Maths Anxiety discussing how teachers and parents can help children overcome Maths Anxiety and foster a love of learning maths by joining our webinar*

**WHEN:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**TIME:** 5pm

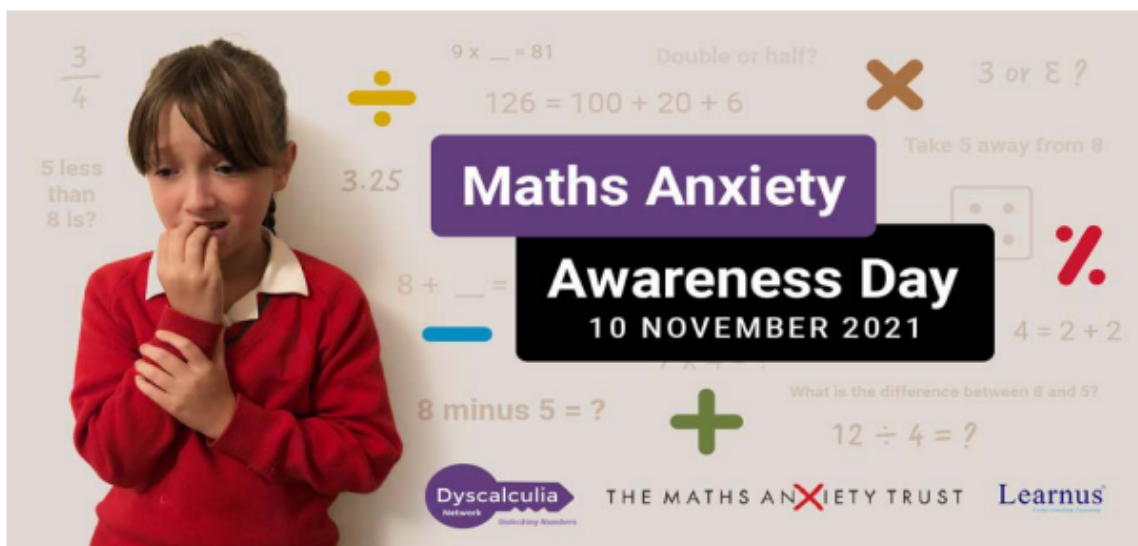
**WHERE:** <https://bit.ly/3G2iucu>

**ABOUT:** Maths Anxiety is a real problem facing many children. Disorganisation, helplessness, apprehension, tension and in some cases, sheer panic when faced with maths problems.

And yet, Maths Anxiety often goes unnoticed, or accepted, "I'm just not good at maths."

That's why on 10th November 2021, The Dyscalculia Network, The Maths Anxiety Trust and Learnus are launching the first **Maths Anxiety Awareness Day**, designed to help teachers and parents to identify the signs of maths anxiety and tackle them, helping to restore confidence and a love of learning maths.

The day will include advice on how to spot, measure and manage maths anxiety. There will be personal stories from sufferers culminating in a live webinar in which leading experts share their views and answer questions from teachers and parents.



To find out more about Maths Anxiety and Maths Anxiety Awareness Day, or to sign up for events, visit : [dyscalculianetwork.com/mathsanxietytrust.com](https://dyscalculianetwork.com/mathsanxietytrust.com) and [learnus.co.uk](https://learnus.co.uk)

For more information about this webinar, please look at the [full invitation on our website](#).

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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 **8<sup>th</sup> 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 anything changes from this information, please call the school office or email [parentmessages@williamtyndale.islington.sch](mailto:parentmessages@williamtyndale.islington.sch) by 3 pm, as we cannot let any child go home with someone 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 Kid's Club. Kid's 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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## **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	<b>Wednesday 1st September 2021</b>
<i>In lieu of Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</i>
HALF TERM	<i>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October</i>
LAST DAY OF TERM FOR CHILDREN	<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>
INSET DAY	<i>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December</i>

### **SPRING TERM 2022**

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

### **SUMMER TERM 2022**

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

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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>

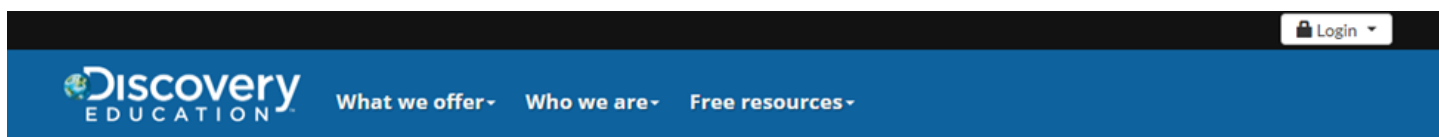
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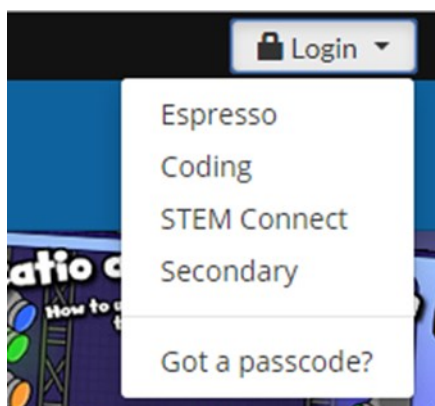


## ESPRESSO HOME ACCESS

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](http://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](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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