



Reaching Out

November 2023

November's Skill of the Month



November's Right of the Month



Key Dates

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



Welcome to our third newsletter of the year!

There have been many exciting events and achievements since the children returned from half term break, including trips, workshops, sports tournaments and a Skills Builder Challenge Day, when the whole school used their essential skills to design future transport! Please do have a read below to learn more about some of the fantastic events that have taken place in November.

As you know, the school is working to further enhance our communication with the school community. Thank you to parents and carers who met with me and shared their feedback. If you were unable to make the sessions, please feel free to get in touch.

We are currently in the research stage of looking at different communication platforms and I will keep you updated on our progress. In the meantime, having considered your feedback, we will be sending a weekly bulletin email for each year group, starting next week. This should reduce the number of emails that you receive from the school. We will aim to send the email out on Thursdays with information relating to your child/ren's class and more general information, reminders or school events. Thank you for supporting the team with this change.

As we move into the festive period, please do make sure that you have made a note of performance times and dates. Please do continue to use the [Google Calendar](#) for all upcoming events.

I would also like to thank the parents who have put themselves forward for the parent governor election. A reminder that this will take place between 8.45am on Thursday 7th December and 6pm on Friday 8th December 2023.

With best wishes

Sophie Gavalda

Head Teacher

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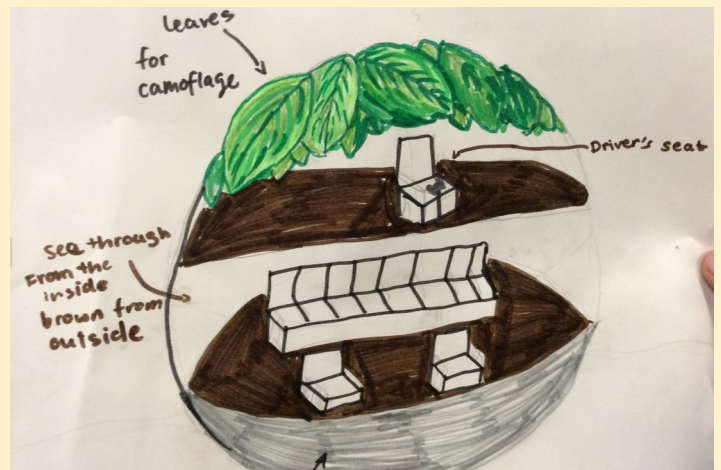


Whole School Challenge Day!

This year the focus of our Challenge Day was to design and make a prototype of a future transport. The children had to consider the effect of climate change on the environment when creating their designs. They also had to consider how they could use sustainable materials and use renewable energy to power their transport. The children used their speaking and listening skills when working together and presenting their ideas.



During our assembly, Jason and Paul from Transport for London came to speak with the children about how they use teamwork and problem solving in their jobs at Highbury and Islington tube station. They shared some interesting facts about London's transport system and were very impressed with the children's questions and ideas. They offered to display the children's work at the station so watch this space for further information about this!



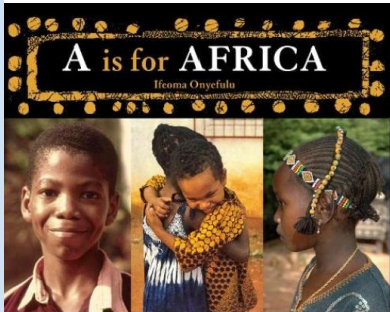
We are delighted to be working with a school in the Czech Republic on building their children's essential skills.

Our Year 6 children shared their designs on a video call with the children at this school as well as the Minister of Transport of the Czech Republic!

Author Visit - Year 1 - Ifeoma Onyefulu

On Tuesday 28th November Ifeoma came to visit Year 1 to talk about her book, *A is for Africa*.

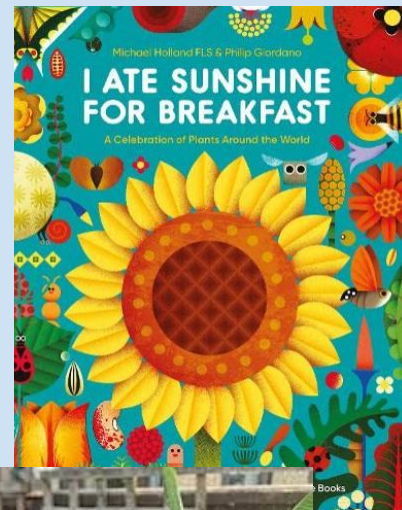
The children had a fantastic afternoon listening to Ifeoma. She shared where her inspiration comes from, how long it takes her to write a book, and read part of one of her stories to the children. The children then had a great time drawing what they thought the end of the story might be - their ideas were so creative!



Author Visit - Year 5 - Michael Holland

Michael Holland came to our school in mid November for a presentation about the rainforest and its wonders. And when he came, he did a assembly about the books he wrote. He read us a story that he wrote about a rainforest in your house.

He went through his slides and we also made plants, put them in the plant pots and decorated them. He showed us some pictures about when he visited the rainforest in Costa Rica. The author told us some facts about the rainforest and much more. One of them was that there was wood in toothpaste. He asked us many questions and many photos to prove why. It was great to learn about the plants in the rainforest from somebody who had actually been to lots of different rainforest regions! *By Seijiro, Alyssa, Makeda, Year 5*



Library opening times

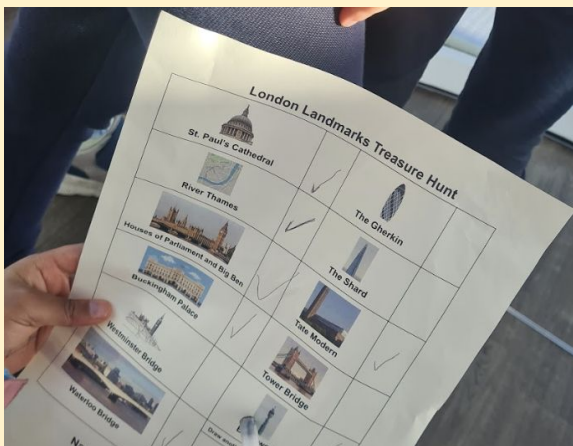
It has been fantastic to have so many parents and children visit the library in this last month. The atmosphere is very special!

You can visit the library **Thursdays from 3.30-3.50 pm and Fridays from 8.30 - 9 am**. All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times and have their library card / existing loan with them. We look forward to your visit!



Year 2 Visit to The London Eye

Year 2 had a fantastic time on a trip to the London Eye to help us learn more about our topic in Geography, 'Exploring the UK'. We travelled to the Southbank on the 341 bus and spotted lots of London landmarks along the way. We were very excited to get into the pods in groups and see the amazing views over London. While we were in the London Eye we enjoyed completing a London landmark treasure hunt!



Year 5/6 Tag Rugby

On the 15th of November, Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in tag rugby matches. William Tyndale won 2:1, 2:0 and 2:0 in the first round! This meant that we came 3rd in the final overall position - well done to all the players!

Year 6 visit to Centre of the Cell

Year 6 had an exciting trip to Centre of the Cell to enhance their learning about the circulatory system. Vaquita class were lucky to explore the STEM pod which had many fun activities and games. Unfortunately, the pod broke before Kiwi class had a chance to see it! Both classes took part in a heartbeat show which involved re-enacting the circulatory system using cute, giant microbe stuffed toys! We all had a laugh when some children also became animals by wearing different hat accessories!

“The best part was when I got to be a red blood cell!” - Lydia

“My favourite activity was playing cells top trumps!” - Calla



Year 6: Human Rights Court Debate

Year 6 were very lucky to have one of our parents, Hannah Kever, come in to teach them about human rights. They then took part in an exciting court trial about a fictional celebrity called Suzy Trip and the Tyndale Times, who had published information about her private life. The children were assigned to be either a lawyer for Suzy Trip, a lawyer for the Tyndale Times or a judge.



Maths



November is a busy time for maths!

On 16th November during assembly, representatives from the Years 1 & 2 classes took part in the Number Facts Bee. A huge congratulations to **Henry** and **Ezekiel** from Quokka class; **Logan** and **Dori** from Penguin class; **Hugo W** and **Yugo** from Hedgehog class: and **Lara** and **Ezra** from Javan Rhino class for standing in front of the whole of KS1 assembly and demonstrating such a good knowledge of your number facts. Dori was the eventual winner for Year 1, with Henry a close runner up and Yugo the Year 2 winner with Ezra securing second place.

25 children from Years 5 & 6 took part in the Primary Maths Challenge on Friday 17th November, which encourages high level of focus and fluency to solve increasingly complex reasoning problems. All children who took part showed great problem solving skills and aimed extremely high. In December, we will find out the grade boundaries to see if children will go through to the Bonus Round in February. Children from Year 3 & 4 will be able to participate in the First Maths Challenge in June.

22nd November was the date of the Year 3 & 4 Multiplication Bee, where there was fierce competition from the in-class quiz to see who would represent each class. The finalists were **Marion** and **Gabriel** from Red Panda; **Gabriel** and **Mohammed** from Tiger; **Jane** and **Liam** from Pangolin; and **Teo** and **Hendrik** from Arctic Fox. All participants performed extremely well and coped with increasingly challenging questions about their times tables. Liam was the last standing in the knockout round with Teo, showing speedy and accurate solving of 19×5 . An impressive calculation to complete in his head. Well done to all the competitors, we are so impressed by your hard work and enthusiasm for maths!

Bea - Maths Lead

Year 2 Multi-Skills Festival

On Friday Year 2 took part in Multi-Skills Festival at the Arsenal HUB. They took part in various activities, such as worms, battleship, crab/tiger football, bowling, jailbreak, catch the balloon, pancake game.



Islington Primary Football League Matches

This month, the Y5/6 boys and girls attended **three** football matches against other Islington schools as part of Islington Primary Football League (IPFL). Well done to all players - they did so well!



Monday 13th November



Odd Socks Day marks the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week each year. It is a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique! Thanks to all the children who excitedly celebrated the day and wore an amazing array of odd socks.



Can you see your odd socks?





December Dance Challenge - an advent calendar with a twist!

Your child has been given an advent calendar with a twist! This festive calendar is a physical activity calendar, designed to get children more physically active over the festive period. Physical activity can help your child to get fitter and stronger, feel better about themselves, feel happier and more positive, sleep better, maintain a healthy body weight, maintain friendships, and support the building of new ones.

We need your support to help encourage your child to do the activities in the calendar for the month of December and beyond. Most of the activities will take place at school and there are also suggested activities for the weekend and in the holidays. You will be given a resource booklet, which outlines all the suggested activities. Parents and carers can take part in the weekend activities too; it will be fun for the whole family!

Here are further ideas for family friendly physical activities that you can all do together

- Start with 5–10 minutes of easy physical activity a day (if your child is not usually active), then increase the time as they get fitter. You should aim for 60 minutes a day, which can be spread out over the course of the day.
- When doing the school run or taking short trips, try walking, biking, or scooting with your child.
- Encourage your child to play outside in the fresh air as often as possible, particularly during school break times, in the park after school and including during school holidays.
- Encourage your child to take part in community activities, such as using the facilities at local leisure centres, a local sports club, scouts, or dance group.
- Try to do something fun and active as a family each week, such as going to the park, marsh walks, playing ball games outside, playing tag or hide and seek, basketball or tennis, going to the local swimming pool or flying a kite at the park.

Where to go to do physical activity in Islington

- Breakfast, lunchtime and after school activity clubs
- River Walks - [Walking in Islington | Islington Directory](#)
- Use active travel to get to school or to the shops – walk, scooter, cycle
- Local parks - [Your local parks | Islington Council](#) and [Adventure playgrounds | Islington Council](#)
- Access to Sport offer free sports and physical activities in the borough - [Online Bookings – Access to Sports Project](#)
- Activities for disabled people in Islington - [Activities | Islington Directory](#)

How can I keep my child safe online?

What are parental controls?

Parental controls are the names for a group of settings that put you in control of what content your child can see. Combined with privacy settings, these can help you protect your children from inappropriate content, online grooming, cyberbullying and other **online safety issues**.

Remember that parental control settings are only one part of online safety. Make sure to keep having **regular conversations about their online lives** to stay on top of any issues that come up.



Link to:

Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides | Internet Matters

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preparing children to thrive online

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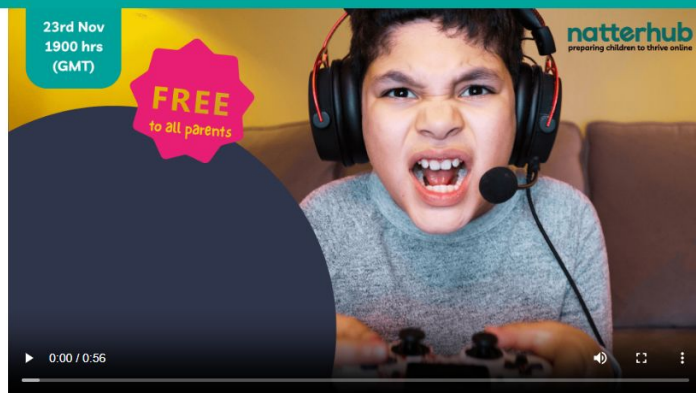
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Online Safety Webinar for Parents of 5-11 Year Olds

Parent Webinar: Creating a Safe Digital Playground for Your Child.

The online playground can be a tough environment for primary-aged children. Inspired by [World Mental Health Day](#) and [Anti-Bullying Week](#), this term's webinar will unite educators and parents to prepare children for the digital world.

We invite schools and parents to register for free access to our live webinar on Thursday, 23rd of October at 7pm (GMT). See link below.



Children are at risk online

76% of children aged 10-11 have shared an image online ¹

30% of 5-7 year olds already have a social media account ²

374% increase on pre-pandemic levels of self-generated material ³

Please register using this link:

[Online Safety Webinar for Parents of Children Aged Five to Eleven Years](#)

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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.

Parent Survey

We would like to correct a point made in our feedback on the parent survey in the last newsletter about question 7.

Although we are a state school, as an Academy we do not have to follow the national curriculum. However our carefully designed and sequenced curriculum does incorporate the objectives of the national curriculum. Aspects of our curriculum are bespoke, such as the our Skills Builder, debating and Rights Respecting Curriculum.

Our curriculum maps and knowledge and skills progressions are all available on the school website.

Haven't bought your Christmas tree yet?



William Tyndale Primary School has kindly been donated a **Christmas tree** by Pines and Needles and they would love to offer parents a discount on Christmas trees in their pop up stores! Our local pop up store is located in **Highbury Alwyne** at: **The Alwyne Castle Pub**.

DISCOUNT CODE: TYNDALE10

Keep an eye out on Pines and Needles social channels @pinesandneedles for fun activities at our local stores.

Please visit www.pinesandneedles.com for more details and other locations as they are all around London!



David Astburys

Tel: 020 3151 0777

<https://www.davidastburys.com/>

Selling or renting your property?

Use David Astbury's referral incentive to raise money for the school!

Referral Incentive

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 staff across deals completed in Sales and Lettings. *Terms and conditions apply, contact us for full details.

FREE Property Management LIMITED TIME OFFER - 3 months

For a limited time, we are offering FREE Property Management services for 3 months. *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 a member of our friendly team at the Islington office for more information!



Letter to parents and carers from Jon Abbey, Islington's Director of Children's Services about support available for our community



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www.islington.gov.uk

To all parents and carers,

I wanted to write to you about the work Islington Council is doing to support our wonderful, diverse community in the borough at a time when many are concerned about the conflict in the Middle East.

Islington is a diverse place, with different communities from all around the world that have made it their home. It is the Council's priority to ensure our borough remains the cohesive, welcoming place we all know and love. We know there are many Islington residents who will have family and friends in the region, and our thoughts and sympathies are with all impacted families at this very difficult time.

The conflict can be upsetting for adults, children and young people and we know that events in the region may have a knock-on effect on community cohesion and this has led to an increase in hate crime incidents. You may also be aware of images and videos being circulated on social media, as well as the increase in hate crime in the UK, that will be deeply troubling to students and their families across all our schools.

It is important that children of all religions, faiths and backgrounds feel safe and we have advised schools to continue to ensure that discrimination and hate activity are managed in accordance with their behaviour, anti-bullying, and safeguarding policies. It is also helpful to support children on how they should talk to each other and listen in a way that promotes understanding and co-existence. We have previously shared with all Islington schools the Department for Education's [Educate Against Hate](#) website which provides resources to support parents as well as schools. [Thrive LDN](#) is also offering mental health support services to those affected by the conflict.

There are many Islington residents who will have family and friends in the region, and our thoughts and sympathies are with all impacted families at this very difficult time.

As a community, we stand together and reject hatred, division, and violence in all their forms. If you see or experience any hate speech or harassment, please call the police on 101 or use the [Stop Hate UK online reporting tool](#).

Should you have any concerns, or need additional support that the council might be able to offer, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Jon Abbey
Director of Children's Services
Islington Council

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