

Reaching out



An exceptional education for all

1st October 2021

It has been another busy month at school, with the children making great strides in catching up as well as new and exciting learning! Thank you for all your support with this.

Thank you also to the many parents and children who turned up on their Sunday morning to raise money for the school during the *RunKidsRun* event on Highbury Fields; you raised £5.2k, which will go towards refurbishing our playground. Thank you!

Thank you to parents from last term who responded to the questionnaire; we really appreciate the time that you took to do this. Please read the results below and how the school plans to address some of the areas identified for improvement.

Parents will already know about Toni's **Virtual Online Safety Workshop** on **Tuesday 5th October at 4pm**. A link will be sent out to all parents nearer the date. Please do attend if you are interested in learning more about parental controls and how we support your child to stay safe online while at school.

Please have a look at the wonderful photos from the Summer Play Scheme and don't forget to sign up for the [Autumn Half Term Play Scheme](#).

The Year 5/6 boys football team had a great time playing in a tournament on Monday; read all about their match below. You will also find information about activities to support language development and the new School Well Being Service. We have just ended Bike To School week; congratulations to you all who took part.

In line with Islington Public Health recommendations, we will be holding **virtual parent conferences** after half term, week commencing 1st November. A letter with more details will be sent soon.

October's *Skill of the Month* is **Speaking** and the *Right* is **ARTICLE 12: RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS**. Please read below for more information.

Finally, just to remind you, school will be closed on **Friday 22nd October**.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Bea Mayer — Assistant Head Teacher

EVENTS

October

5th Virtual Parent Online Safety workshop @ 4pm

11th Flu immunisations Rec-Y6

22nd Extra half term day

22nd - 29th HALF TERM

Our Holiday Play Scheme will run for all Tyndale children from Monday 25th to 29th October.

Future holiday playschemes:

14th to 18th February 2022

4th to 8th April 2022

18th to 29th July 2022

November

Week of 1st Virtual Parent Conferences

Week of 1st & 8th Year 5 Swimming

11th Virtual Remembrance

Assembly

18th KS1 Number Facts Bee

25th KS2 Multiplication Bee

December

17th Last day of term (1.45pm finish)

The next newsletter will be published on **5th November**.

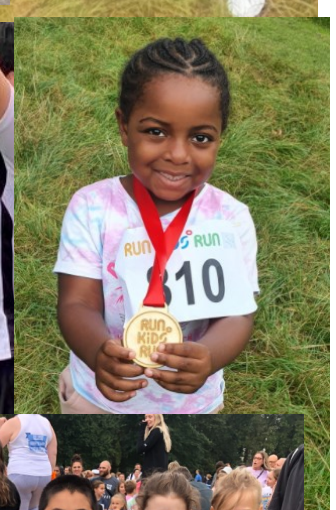
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Run Kids Run

Well done to all of you who participated in this fantastic event on Sunday morning at Highbury Fields; you raised an amazing £5.2K for the school playground.

A big thank you to the F&SA for organising this so successfully.



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Parent / Carer Questionnaire Responses

Thank you to all of you who responded to the parent / carer questionnaire. The Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body consider your feedback when drafting the School Development Plan for the new academic year.

Whilst we are pleased to see that the overwhelming majority of responses were positive, there are still areas for improvement. We have separated some of the questions due to response options, as well as making some comments on particular questions. Please see the next page for the remaining responses.

	Agree/ Strongly agree	Disagree/ Strongly disagree	Don't know
1. My child is happy at this school.	277	5	2
2. My child feels safe at this school.	277	4	3
3. The school makes sure that the children are well behaved.	258	14	12
5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	223	51	10
6. The quality of provision for remote learning is high.	210	54	20
7. My child does well at this school.	267	9	8
8. The school has high expectations for my child.	221	32	31
11. The school lets me know how my child is doing.	243	39	2
12. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	252	16	16
13. My child can take part in clubs and activities, including Breakfast Club and Kids' Club, at this school.	241	25	18
14. The school supports my child's wider personal development.	239	25	20
15. The school's communication systems are effective.	230	49	5
19. The school supports diversity and addresses inequality.	218	18	48

We have identified that communication is a particular area to improve. In light of this, we are:

- focusing this year on updating and streamlining the website to make it easier to use and a more useful tool for finding information about the school;
- developing Google Classroom as an effective tool to communicate learning to parents and children; and
- investigating improvements that can be made with the new Parents Evening Software.

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	My child has not been bullied	Agree/strongly agree	Disagree/strongly disagree	Don't know
4. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	170	59	24	31
	My child is not on the SEND register.	Agree/strongly agree	Disagree/strongly disagree	Don't know
9. My child's SEND needs are well supported.	193	54	12	25
	I have not raised concerns	Agree/strongly	Disagree/strongly	
10. When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly.	106	150	28	

We know that bullying is a rarity at William Tyndale and are pleased that the vast majority of children who have experienced bullying have had a swift resolution. However, we are not complacent and will continue to work to ensure that any incidents are resolved effectively.

In order to help us with this, please do look at the Anti-Bullying Policy (an appendix of the [Behaviour Policy](#)). We were concerned about the response figures in this question as they did not match our records; this may be either due to a misunderstanding of the definition of bullying or because we were not contacted about some incidents. In line with the Department for Education, our bullying definition states:

'Bullying is when you deliberately keep making someone unhappy. You know you are bullying when you are choosing to hurt or upset someone with unkind words or actions again and again.'

Whilst instances of children being unkind to one another are never tolerated and always addressed, bullying constitutes a repeated pattern of this.

Please remember that, if you do have any concerns, contact the class teacher in the first instance via parentmessages@williamtyndale.islington.sch.uk. If you are not satisfied, make an appointment to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team - Tanya, Claire, Sophie, Olivia or Bea.

	Yes	No	
16. I am aware of who to contact if I have a question or a query.	265	19	
17. I am aware of the school's recently updated website.	150	134	
18. I would find it useful to have workshops or coffee mornings on a variety of subjects such as our curriculum, google classroom, mental health support, online safety, etc.	214	70	
	Face to Face	Remote	Mixture of both
20. Would you prefer to keep parents' evenings and other relevant meetings remote or return to face to face?	84	58	142

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Holiday Play Scheme

Have a look at the fantastic activities that took place on the summer Holiday Play Scheme. Please see below for October's booking form for this half term holiday play scheme, [or on our website under Extended School](#).



Play Scheme Dates 2021- 22

Nancy and her team will be running the Play Scheme during the holidays on the below dates:

14th to 18th February 2022

4th to 8th April 2022

18th to 29th July 2022

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Autumn Play Scheme Booking Form

Monday 25th – 29th October 2021, 8am – 4pm

Please complete and return this form to kidsclub@williamtyndale.islington.sch.uk.

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis and we will be in touch by Monday 4th October to confirm your child/ren's place.

The full balance must be paid in full by **Monday 11th October** through SchoolMoney. Please be aware that all Kids' Club and Breakfast Club accounts must be cleared.

Child's full name:	Date of birth:	Age:
Sibling full name: (if applicable)	Date of birth:	Age:
Parent or Carer name:		
First Emergency Contact and Tel No:		
Second Emergency Contact and Tel No:		

	Autumn Play Scheme Monday 25th – Friday 29th October 8am – 4pm £190 per child
First Child	
Sibling (If applicable)	

Thank you for completing the booking form.

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Year 5/6 Boys' Football Team



This week the William Tyndale boys' football team went to attend a tournament on Monday. We left school at 09:15 and returned by 12:45. The football team walked to Market Road where the matches were played and we played against other schools such as St John the Evangelist, Newington Green and Saint Joan of Arc. We managed to win all three games in the group stage and now we are headed to the knockout stages at Whittington park. Overall I think the team had a lot of fun seeing that in all three games we scored seven goals and only conceded two. I think the team will continue to have fun on Friday as well.

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Language Development — National Literacy Trust Activities

An increasing body of evidence is highlighting the importance of children's language development. Language development is valued and supported at William Tyndale through our language rich early years curriculum to the use of talk partners in all classes and from our commitment to debating to our Rights Respecting curriculum.

If you would like to learn more about how to support your child's language development outside school, the National Literacy Trust has some practical and creative ideas [Activities | Words for Life](#).



School Wellbeing Service at William Tyndale



The School Wellbeing Service is a new service working with William Tyndale Primary school to help support children's wellbeing. We offer one to one and group sessions to parents, helping them learn skills to manage their child's anxiety or behaviour. Your School Wellbeing Practitioner is Nusaybah. She will work alongside your children's teachers to think about how the service can best support the school and all the children.

Look out for future parent workshops, pupil sessions about emotion regulation and other events in our school. If you have any ideas about what you would like us to think about arranging please let us know.

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Our Class Charters

Every class made a class charter last month! A class charter is a democratically agreed contract created by the class and their teacher. Each class decided on which rights and responsibilities they thought were the most important to ensure the class is a safe and respectful learning space. Some rights chosen included: *Article 28: Right to an education, Article 2: No Discrimination, Article 31: Right to play and rest .. and many more!*

Please see the pictures below of some of the wonderful class charters and an overview of the rights!!



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Bike To School Week 27th September—1st October 2021

This week has been Bike to School Week. This is a week-long event across the UK, run by Sustrans and the Bikeability Trust, to encourage families to cycle and scoot to school. It's a great way to celebrate the huge benefits an active school run brings. At William Tyndale, we are proud of our children for staying active both during and outside the school day.

Sustrans Bike To School would love to know how many families cycle or scoot to school during Bike to School Week 2021.

All families that fill in their short online form to tell us their children will take part will automatically be entered into a free prize draw to win a Frog bike.

If you are interested, you can fill the form in here: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/campaigns/bike-to-school-week-pledge/>



Well done to all of you who cycle and scooter regularly, and in particular to those who cycled or scooted today in the rain!

Corinne handed out some prizes—We hope that you enjoy your seat covers and reflectors!

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Right Of The Month

October: Article 12

The Right to be Listened to



This month we will be learning about the Right to Be Listened to. Every class will be watching The Big Anti Bullying Assembly, which links to every child's right to be heard and be safe. Each class will also be taking part in a lesson on climate change where they will get the chance to vote on whether they think climate change affects children's needs and rights.

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 benefitted 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. Half Term is coming up....

Secondary Transfer 2022

If your child is in Year 6, now is the time to think about applying for Secondary schools. The Secondary Transfer brochure is available on the Islington website – go to www.islington.gov.uk/admissions

The closing date for applications is **31st October 2021**. Islington Council recommend that you apply by **18th October** in case there are any problems.

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Why do we have an extra day of the Half Term on Friday 22nd October?

The Government has announced an extra Bank Holiday on 3rd June 2022, in recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The day falls in many schools' summer half term break, including ours. In these cases the Government has reduced the number of school days to 189, allowing an extra day of holiday during the academic year. At William Tyndale, we are going to add a day onto the Autumn Half Term; the result of this will be that school will **finish at 3.30pm on Thursday 21st October**, with the half term beginning on **Friday 22nd**. The **return to school** will be as normal on **Monday 1st November**.

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

SPRING TERM 2022

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

SUMMER TERM 2022

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

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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:

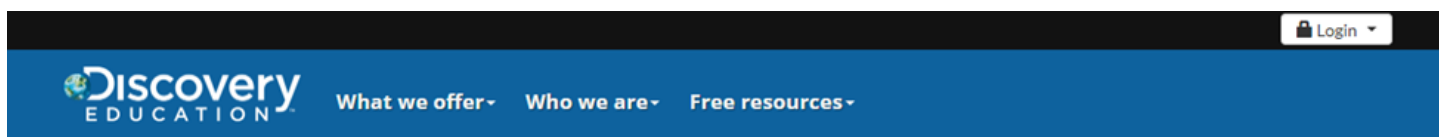
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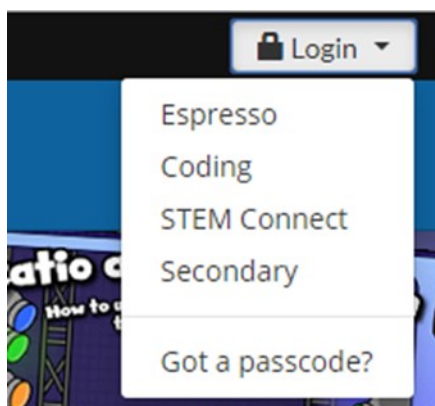
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ESPRESSO HOME ACCESS

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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