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Summer Fair
Saturday 15th July

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The Thank a Teacher campaign recognises ALL staff working in UK schools and colleges; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as lunchtime supervisors, caretakers and cleaners. If you're feeling shy you can send a card anonymously!

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher>

EYFS and KS1 Sports Day 2023 Tuesday 20 June

Join us at **9.30am** for EYFS and KS1 Sports Day. Nursery and Reception will be on the lawn; Y1 and Y2 will be on the playground. It should last about an hour. Children may wear their house colours.

Y2 Assembly

We went back to the stone-age in Y2's assembly and also learnt how plants grow. Well done Y2 for sharing your learning with such confidence and loud, clear voices.

Y6 at The Magic Circle

Y6 had a great trip to The Magic Circle Headquarters on Monday. They learnt about the history of magic, saw some close-up tricks and even learnt some tricks of their own. If you are between 10 and 18 and are interested in magic you can join [The Young Magicians Club](https://www.magiccircle.co.uk)

Creating a better world for our children:

We are planning a project to transition the school to a carbon-neutral energy source. We need parents to help us. Please reach out if you can help with anything from communication, digital, events, or project management."

Yael (Y2/Y5) - 07498-184564
Tali (Y1) - 07726-137710
Miri (Y1/3) - 07775-763097
Nitzan (Y4) - 07516-259328
Or to Rob.

Y6 in

Groosham

Grange

7.30pm
Wednesday 19 July
2023

Assemblies 9.15 Fridays

Friday 23 June Rec
Friday 30 June Nursery
Y6 perform 7.30pm Wednesday 19 July



Dates for your Diary

Monday 19 June Reception: CLC
Tuesday 20 June: R-Y2 Sports Day (9am)
Friday 23 June Y4 London Zoo
Tuesday 27 June Reception Heath Trip
Tuesday 27 June Y1 Golders Hill
Wednesday 5 July Y2 Circus Skills
Monday 10 July Beano artist Y1-6
Tuesday 11 July Reception Pizza Express
Tuesday 18 July Y1 Camley St
Saturday 15 July SUMMER FAIR
Wednesday 19 July 7.30pm Y6 Groosham Grange
Thursday 20 July 9.30am Reception Graduation
Thursday 20 July 6pm Y6 Disco
Thursday 20 July 7.30pm Y6 Leavers Assembly (to parents)
Friday 21 July School finishes 13.30

Attendance for the week

Year 1	99.67
Year 2	98.62
Year 3	99.33
Year 4	93.33
Year 5	96.67
Year 6	98.21
School	97.63

Please log on to your www.scopay.com accounts to check if you have any outstanding debts and pay for lunches, clubs, music, Nursery, etc. Please check your account.
As a school we cannot afford to have debts remain unpaid. Please check your account regularly to ensure you are up-to-date with payments.

Well done Year 1



Glenda Jackson

Today's Focus is dedicated to the memory of actor and MP, Glenda Jackson. For many years Glenda was our local MP and visited the school on a number of occasions.

On one visit, when I was meeting her only for the second time, I asked her how she was. Her reply amused me: "Darling, all the better for seeing you!"

The tree next to the bird's nest was planted by her and continues to thrive.



Camden MHST are offering an in-person workshop in July for parents and carers of primary-age children. The focus of the workshop is on Emotion Coaching. There is a link here about Emotion Coaching if you have not come across this approach: <https://www.emotioncoachinguk.com/professionals-parents-carers>

FSA News

Summer Fair Raffle prizes - we are looking for 2-3 high-ticket items for our raffle, eg. a nice restaurant meal, a voucher for theatre tickets, electronic gadgets etc. If you have anything and are able to donate that would be great! Please get in touch with Rob, Tali, Miri or your class rep. THANKS

Kindergifts - some of our families have been using this platform on birthdays to collect money for one large gift for the birthday child (instead of several smaller gifts), with 25% going as donation to their chosen charity. Fitzjohn's is now registered and available to select, so if you are using this website - do consider choosing us!

<https://www.kindergifts.co.uk/>

EYFS/KS1 Sports Day coming up - House T-shirts available to purchase here: <https://fitzjohnsnw3.myspreadshop.co.uk/collections> .

This week in class	
Nursery	This week we've been learning about 'Doctors'. The children have been learning about the role of a doctor, as well as a nurse and paramedic. We're looking forward to Keiko, a nurse (Himari's mum) and Evelyn, a doctor (Vaia's mum) talking to us about their jobs next week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the doctor role play in class, we've had a lot of broken arms and legs! It's been a very hot week, so we decided there was only one thing we could do..... have a pool day! We had great fun in the pool and we also made lemonade. The children used their gross and fine motor strength to squeeze the lemons and it was delicious, so refreshing on a hot day. We've also started learning new songs for our assembly, we can't wait for you to see our final assembly. Next week our focus will be on 'Postal workers'. We also have sports day to look forward to.
Reception	Reception's cress had grown quickly over the weekend, so we decided to have it in sandwiches. We headed to Tesco to buy ingredients, made the sandwiches and enjoyed a picnic outside. We also had grapes which the children evenly shared between themselves (our maths theme for this week). We also got a special delivery of some caterpillars this week. They were small but already are growing. It has been nice to compare them with the different caterpillars Livya and Cris brought in. In phonics we have been reading and writing CCCVC, CCVC, and CCV words. Finally on Thursday we had a great time splashing in the paddling pool, it brought some much needed coolness.
Class 1	This week in Class 1 in Maths we were finding halves and quarters of different shapes. Computing with Gillian from the CLC on Thursday we were coding how to create their own characters in our games. We also all did our phonics screening check and were super brilliant and resilient!
Class 2	This week in Class 2, we have finished writing our magical stories about 'The Black Hat.' The children have used interesting verbs and expanded noun phrases to describe how the boy in the story was feeling. We introduced a new game of 'maths bingo' and the children have the opportunity to have their names added to the winners' board every day. We have been playing using our 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 time tables, so make sure you keep practising these! We have spent time practising our assembly this week and will be starting a new module on statistics in maths on Monday. I have managed to book a Circus skills workshop at Primrose Hill Community Centre on Wednesday 5th July from 12.45-2. We will be walking there from school (leaving at 10.15 and eating an early lunch on Primrose Hill beforehand) The children have been asking whether they could do this session, as they missed out on it in Reception due to Covid restrictions.
Class 3	This week in Class 3, we have spending our second week looking at shape and we learned the difference between horizontal, diagonal and vertical lines and types of angles, we tackled lots of word problems with all of the knowledge that we have acquired over the last few weeks. In Literacy, we have been going into more depth with our poetry unit exploring many of the spells from the book of 'the Lost Words', in fact we searched through the book for some great examples of acrostic poems and created our own versions using powerful adjectives, verbs and created a number of sentences using similes. In Geography, we started our last unit of the year using map skills, recognising map symbols and compass directions.
Class 4	Year 4 have been busy authors this week. After extensive planning, we have started our non-fiction information text projects on the Amazon Rainforest. We have carefully designed our front covers and written our contents pages and introductions. We are ensuring that we are including all of the necessary features, including: a title, subheadings, technical language, present tense and third person. In Maths, we are learning to add and subtract different amounts of money, using a number line, the column method or mental strategies. In Art, we have drawn a wide range of animals and plants from the rainforest using oil pastels and chalk. In Geography, we have located the different tropical rainforests around the world. We realised that they were all in the Tropics, between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.
Class 5	This week, Class 5 finished with the topic of Negative Numbers in Maths, learning to count through zero in multiples, compare and order negative numbers as well as find the difference between positive and negative numbers. In English, we finished reading The Highwayman, where we continued analysing the last few stanzas of the narrative poem. We also wrote our own ending to the poem and wrote an internal monologue from a character's point of view. In PSHE, we spoke about changes as we've grown from babies to children, making a timeline of our most important events in life. In Science, Class 5 learned to make bar and line graphs to present data on the growth of babies in height. In RE, we discussed the difference between routine and ritual, making instruction booklets on the use of the rosary in Christianity. Class 5 also had an amazing time visiting London Central Mosque and then having lunch at Regent's Park!
Class 6	Another week in the pool: children in class 6 are doing brilliantly and really progressing with their stroke skills and technique in the water. In the class 6 'Our Business' topic, we created our 'companies' and the children are in the process of communicating their company vision by choosing their business name, logo, slogan and designing all elements of their identity. Rehearsals for the play have again been purposeful and scenes are beginning to take shape. Please note: I am away on jury service - possibly for two weeks - as of Monday 19th. Lessons and life in school will continue as normal for year 6 however with Dawn and Rob covering in class.

Teachers for Next Year

As the resignation date has now passed, I am in the position to tell you who will be taking each class. Obviously this is subject to change but we are not envisaging any alterations.

The resignation date for Teaching Assistants is much later so we will let you know about them as soon as we can.

Jason Kennedy will be leaving us as his fixed term contract has come to an end. We will say our proper goodbyes at the end of term.

Verity Kent will be returning but in a part time (2 day a week) role.

Nursery	Laura Taylor
Reception	Emma Combes
Y1	Ruth Thomas
Y2	Janie Rich
Y3	Pam Palmer
Y4	Emma Teboul
Y5	Evangelia Karinou
Y6	Pete Winiewicz



School T-Shirts etc:

Take a look at this site <https://shop.spreadshirt.co.uk/FitzjohnsNW3> where you can order and create t-shirts, etc in a variety of colours and sizes (children's and adults).

The logo is based on the iconic street signs around Hampstead. Please note that you can "personalise" each item and choose any item from the site.

We receive approximately 20% (plus £3 for the logo) for each sale.

A tip: To try to cut down a bit on postage charges why not club together as a class.



- **Applying for Free School Meals**
- **Please check if you are entitled to Free School Meals (Nursery to Y6). Please send me the confirmation email if you are entitled:**
- You or your child must receive one of the following to apply for free school meals:
 - · Income Support
 - · Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
 - · Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 - · Universal Credit – your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including benefits)
 - · Child Tax Credit with a taxable income of no more than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit
 - · the Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
 - · support from the National Asylum Support Service (NASS)
- If you receive Working Tax Credit you will not be entitled to free school meals unless you have:
 - · stopped work in the last 4 weeks; or
 - · reduced your hours to less than 16 hours in the last 4 weeks
- Applications must be made in the name of the person who is receiving the benefit. <https://www.camden.gov.uk/free-school-meals?inheritRedirect=true>

FITZJOHN'S SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES: 2023/2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023

INSET Days - pupils not in school **Monday 4 & Tuesday 5 September**

TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS

Half term holiday Monday 23 – Friday 27 October 2023

SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS **Monday 30 October 2023**

INSET Day – pupils not in school **Monday 6 November 2023**
(Parent/Teacher Meetings)

Term Ends **Thursday 21 December 13.30**

SPRING TERM 2024

INSET Day - pupils not in school **Monday 8 January 2024**

TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS

Half term holiday Monday 12– Friday 16 February 2024

SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS **MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2024**

Term Ends **Thursday 28 March 13.30**

SPRING HOLIDAYS **Friday 29 March – Friday 12 April**

SUMMER TERM 2024

INSET Day - pupils not in school **Monday 15 April**

TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS **Tuesday 16 April 2024**

Half term holiday Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May

SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS **Monday 3 June 2024**

Term ends **13.30 Wednesday 24 July 2024**

2023-2024 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Christmas Day	Monday 25 December
Boxing Day	Tuesday 26 December
New Year's Day	Monday 1 January
Good Friday	Friday 29 March
Easter Monday	Monday 1 April
May Day	Monday 6 May
Spring Bank holiday	Monday 27 May
Summer Bank holiday	Monday 26 August

8 March 2023

**These are our term dates for 2023-2024.
Please do not book holidays during term time.**



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<p>For every pound you give to us we get an extra 28p from the INLAND REVENUE so please sign below if you are a UK taxpayer*</p> <p>I am a UK taxpayer and under the GIFT AID scheme, I would like the Fitzjohn's School Association to claim back the tax on all donations until further notice</p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p><i>*To qualify for Gift Aid what you pay in UK income tax or capital gains tax must be at least equal to the amount we will claim in the tax year from the Inland Revenue. NB. Please notify us if you change your address. NB. You can cancel your standing order form at anytime.</i></p>	

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