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**Summer Term Issue 13**

**21 July 2023**

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**School starts 8.55am Wednesday 6 September**

## The Summer Fair 2023

It rained, you came, we conquered!

Despite our minor panic in the morning as we were setting up we had a glorious day at the Summer Fair. Thank you to all the local businesses who contributed, everyone who helped before during and after with a particularly thank you to Tali and Miri for masterminding it all.

We raised a staggering £12,780 which will increase after donations and gift matching, etc is factored in. **THANK YOU!**



## Goodbye from The Linda Read

Dear Fitzjohn's Family  
It's time to turn the page and see what the next chapter holds for me. It's been an amazing 9 years, and you will always have a place in my heart. We have been through so much together, especially over the past few years. I'm going to miss you all more than you will ever know. I feel proud to have been part of an incredible team .  
I will see you all soon. Its been MAGIC, and... FYI I will not miss the pigeons!!  
Best wishes  
Linda Read

**Goodbye from David:** Thank you to all the children, parents, and staff of Fitzjohn's. I have had a wonderful time in this unique school, it's been fun getting to know everyone, but I am saddened to be leaving. A big thank you to Rob and his splendid team, but my biggest thanks goes to Linda, who I will miss the greatest. We have had a ball. Lots of love to everyone.

We also say goodbye to staff from supply agencies who have been workigin with us: Stuart, Lara, Sara and Plamadie.  
Thank you for your help!

## Save the World

*If your child's time at Fitzjohn's has come to an end and you would like to show your appreciation to the school, we would be VERY grateful if you would consider contributing towards our Solar Panels Campaign: [app.galabid.com/y6gift](http://app.galabid.com/y6gift). This is a great opportunity to leave a meaningful legacy and help us create a sustainable future!*

## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

**I am pleased to say that Meet the Parents is coming back to Fitzjohn's on September 19th from 6.30 to 7.30pm. This pioneering scheme gives you the chance to hear from families at our local Camden secondaries and ask whatever you want. If you are thinking about where to send your child for secondary, we would really recommend this event. More details in the autumn.**

## Attendance for the YEAR

Year 1	93.13
Year 2	93.13
Year 3	94.57
Year 4	92.38
Year 5	93.45
Year 6	92.70
<b>School</b>	<b>93.23</b>

**Well done Year 3**

## Have an Amazing Summer!

As my 16th year as Headteacher and 23rd as a part of Fitzjohn's comes to a close it is once again a joy to thank everyone in our community for all their hard work and support this year. It feels like only yesterday that I was greeting you on the drive for the start of the new year!

Thanks to all of the staff for their hard work and support, thanks to the governing body for being an excellent critical friend, to the parents for helping your child to learn and for being an integral part of our community. Thank you to the FSA who ensure that we can always go that extra mile. Thank you to Debbie for always trying to keep me focused on the task at hand. Finally and most importantly thank you to the children without whom this job would be pointless.

Goodbye to all those families who are leaving us for pastures new. We wish you good fortune for the future.

Today we say goodbye to David our Interim Business Manager, to Jason who has come to the end of his temporary contract in Y3 and to Catharine who has had many roles at Fitzjohn's over the years! Finally, we say a loving farewell to Linda who is retiring after 9 years at Fitzjohn's. We will miss you (and your crackers) lots! We wish them all a wonderful and productive future!

We still have lots we want to achieve so look forward to welcoming you at 8.55am on Wednesday 5 September for a new academic year.

Have a wonderful summer.

Rob

### Seeing Y6 perform Groosham Grange was a real delight!

The actors were great, characterisation through costume, voice and body language was detailed and really professional. Their voices were strong and their singing, sometimes in harmony, was wonderful and showcased different genres and styles.

The play was funny and the children's mature approach to the text made it even funnier: With political correctness police, self-reflective nuances - both of the characters and the playwright (is he Welsh by any chance?) and loads of references both to other stories, as well as current affairs.

The kids and the staff created an alternate world where acts of socialism are punishable, where people still read newspapers (the actual thing!) at breakfast, and where a pirate and talking trees co-exist.

Ultimately, it was beautiful to see how, at the end, David was empowered to stand for himself and use his newly found powers for good, just like the Y6 children!

Well done to all the children and adults who created this beautiful show - from music to stage and costumes, to working with children and (re)writing in the middle of the night! You should all give yourself a huge pat on the back! Well done and congratulations on a beautiful achievement!

Ruth Schocken Katz Chair of Governors

### The Fair

These are the final numbers from Saturday.

- Online auction - £1,842
- Raffle tix - £1,353
- Teacher auction - £2,385
- Stalls - £5,031
- Beans prints - £220
- Corporate matching - £3,670
- Total - £14,501 (2021: £15,043)
- Expenses - £1,721
- **Net profit - £12,780**

Which means we've now officially hit our £100k target for the year!

Thank you to all our families for your generosity and support. Do come in September (date TBC) to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to hear more about our budget and how this money is spent to improve our kids' education

### Congratulations – what a show!

I found myself transported to a school of horror and mystery – who knew it was just a little way up the northern line 🤔

A huge well done to everyone for a wonderful performance - to the writers, composers, set designers, producers, stunt co-ordinators, but mostly to the young singers and actors who managed to navigate their way through a script of terrible jokes and cringe-worthy puns with aplomb.

Thank you Year 6!

Sheena Masson (Primary Music Co-ordinator Camden Learning)

<b>This week in class</b>	
<b>Nursery</b>	We've had a wonderful last week together. We began the week with a visit from two engineers from the HS2 project. The children thoroughly enjoyed creating a city with trains and tunnels. On Tuesday we watched the Year 6 play, they were fantastic! Well done class 6. We also joined Reception for their graduation and we had a wonderful end of term picnic at the park. Have a lovely summer break!
<b>Reception</b>	Reception have spent the week getting ready for their cafe on Thursday, and what a success it was! We spent the week writing recipes, shopping lists, heading to Tesco for the ingredients, cooking, practising being waiters and waitresses, and writing menus. On Thursday our graduation was such fun, and the children sang 'When I Grow Up' so confidently and beautifully. It was the perfect end and celebration to such a fantastic year! All such super stars! Have a great summer, we will miss you!
<b>Class 1</b>	This week in class Year 1 have worked incredibly hard during our topic lessons. We filmed the last few scenes for our 'Going Green' movie and the children really pulled it out of the bag. Their acting, singing and dancing skills were absolutely brilliant! On Tuesday we went to Camley Street to do a plants and minibeast workshop. The children behaved perfectly and we had a great time. We hope you enjoyed our movie premiere and party yesterday. Year 1, as I stated yesterday you have made my job incredibly easy this year. You have bounced into class everyday full of enthusiasm and have made me so proud to be your teacher. I hope you have a wonderful Summer and I wish you all the best in Year 2.
<b>Class 2</b>	It has been a busy but happy week in Class 2. We have reflected on how far we have come this year, not just in learning, but also in attitude, behaviour and height! We have had the chance to think about what we are looking forward to learning next year also. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach Class 2 this year and I thank them for their resilience, kindness and curiosity. Thank you also for your support. I wish you a very happy and relaxing summer.
<b>Class 3</b>	Our final week of Year 3 has come and there has been tears, laughter and excitement for the next year. We have been spending the week revising all of our learning from this year. In Computing we got to use BusyThings and also revise some topics, such as Geography and some grammar. We also were treated this week to an exemplary performance from our Year 6 leavers, the performance made us laugh and their acting was superb. In art we completed our painted and collage landscapes. Also, this week is my final time at Fitzjohn's and I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported me and to the whole class for their amazing learning, our laughs and memories I will cherish forever.
<b>Class 4</b>	Year 4 have had a busy last week as Year 4s. We have finished our unit on position and direction and are able to place co-ordinates as well as move 2D shapes on a grid. We have spent time reflecting on our Year 4 journey, discussing our highlights and our achievements. On Wednesday, we enjoyed the fantastic Year 6 show "Groosham Grange." On Thursday, we had a brilliant party where we ate and danced the afternoon away. It has been an emotional end to a fantastic year. Year 4, I will miss you. Have a wonderful break.
<b>Class 5</b>	A very fun last week for Year 5! We've been playing different games, looking at our learning and our progress since the beginning of the school year and saying our good-byes. On Thursday, we had our class party where we sang, danced and ate many delicious snacks, while on Friday, we had our assembly where certificates were given out.
<b>Class 6</b>	This week in class - the last week in class for year 6. The last week ever at Fitzjohn's. What a fitting denouement it was, watching the children tread the boards with such resounding success in their multiple performances of 'Groosham Grange'. The children sang with hearty voices and brought their characters to life with bravado. Congratulations to you all, not just for the performance, or for working so hard towards your SATs, but mostly for being a vibrant, characterful, effervescent group of children who genuinely brought a smile to my face each and every day. Now - go out into the world and make us proud! Pete.



## Chair's Report

The Governing Body (GB) has met twice in the Summer Term: once in late May and, more recently, on 5<sup>th</sup> July.

At the May meeting, Rob submitted his usual comprehensive report covering all areas of school life, including the latest school Assessment and Pupil Progress data, staffing and school finances.

The GB reflected on a highly productive Governor Day in School on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and key learning points from the session. We also received feedback from the latest round of Subject Focus Days, which Rob considers to continue to be very productive and enjoyable and important for both the school and the Governors. The GB formally reviewed the SEND information report for 2023, led by the Lead Governor Andrea and Deputy Headteacher Debbie.

In May, we agreed the school budget for 23-24 and the aim is to have a balanced budget for the start of 24/25. FSA support has been invaluable as previously reported. We also noted that Year 6 had a very enjoyable trip to the Isle of Wight but, for 2024, the trip will move to Whitby and Rob explained the reasons therefor - mainly due to the lack of suitable accommodation on the island.

Our May Development session focused on the CPOMS (Child Protection Online Management System) and Rob presented an overview of the use of CPOMS.

At our July meeting, we had not as yet received details of the preliminary Key Stage 1 & 2 SAT results, but these will be published to parents when available.

A key role of the Governing Body is to agree strategic priorities for our school and the GB undertook a Strengths Weakness Opportunities and Threat (SWOT) exercise led by Governors Anya Andrea and Christina to inform our strategic priorities for 2023-24 and beyond. This work will be completed over the summer break by Rob and the Teaching Team and reported to the GB at our first meeting of the Autumn Term.

A key focus of our July meeting was to reflect on the Local Authority's (LA) 'Building Back Stronger' initiative on partnerships between schools. The key message from an LA organised conference in May was the need for all governing bodies to be planning ahead, to understand its own appetite for partnership working and the opportunities this might present. The GB agreed that this will be included in the SWOT analysis, noting that *there are many examples of partnerships and we need to ensure that we create one that suits the needs of Fitzjohn's. We will be revisiting this in 2023-24.*

At our July meeting, Rob and Pete Winiewicz, our Year 6 teacher, informed the Governing Body of the process for helping the Year 6 children to transfer successfully to Year 7 and secondary school life. Governors noted the secondary transfer process, which starts in October through to the offer day in March, and then the support, once an offer has been finalized, for the children to their secondary destination. The GB remains assured by the support in place from the school to help our children and their families navigate this important stage of the children's educational journey and any potential anxiety. (cont...)

(cont.) Mike Herlihy, Clerk to the Governors, continues to manage the GB's paperwork and decision-making structures. He keeps us informed about national developments in school governance which, as a Board, we need to keep abreast of as well as advice from Camden. At our first meeting in the autumn, we will review our training priorities for 23-24.

The GB hope that the **Fitzjohn's Conversation** event, which has not been held since pre-Covid times, can take place in the Autumn Term. Watch this space!

The GB also received an update on the FSA's Solar Panel initiative. We all look forward to saving a bit of money and making the school a little greener!

As always, if you'd like to share any thoughts, comments or suggestions with the Governing Body, the virtual suggestion box is here:

<https://forms.gle/8WgCv98Y3usHSZWE8>

As another school year comes to an end, I would like to say on behalf of the Governing Body how much we appreciate the support given by parents, both through the FSA, and through the ongoing commitment to the children's education and the school's community. This is what truly makes Fitzjohn's such wonderful school for our children. I wish you all a wonderful, restful summer.

Ruth Schocken Katz  
*Chair of GB*

### Summer term—100% attendance

#### Congratulations to the following children who attained 100% attendance this term:

Nursery: Nicole, Aveer, Naomi, Himari, Celeste	Reception: Liz, Chai, Jack, Sofia, Lucas, Shinkai, Benjamin, Goni
Class 1: Jack, Ely, Noam, James, Suki	Class 2: Jonathan, Elliot, Liam, Santiago, Alexander, Alex
Class 3: Michael, Karm, Alexander, Joseph, Ari, Anastasia, Miriam, Kyoka, Kate, Naama	Class 4: Lucas, James, Maor, Tom
Class 5: Lula, Dan, David, Abigail, Erika	Class 6: Romy, Ivan

#### A huge congratulations to the following pupils who achieved 100% attendance for the year:

Karm, Miriam, Naama,

Michael Romy Vlad Vigo Aditi	The UCL Academy	Hannah Clemency	Parliament Hill	<b>Year 6</b> Today we say goodbye to our wonderful Y6 children. It has been an honour and privilege to watch you grow and flourish during your time in the school. You have made me proud with your learning, empathy and resilience. Whatever you do in life I know that you can make a success of it. Please come back and visit and tell us all how proud you have made us. I will miss you all. Rob
Ellai Qarib	Harris Academy	Dan Leo	Northbridge House	
Lia	Immanuel	Ruben	Alexandra Park	
Dana	JCOSS	Max Highgate	Highgate	
Emmy	Abingdon House	Joe	Hampstead	
Tate	Lloyd Williamson	Geva	Southbank International	
Hana	La Sainte Union	Radin	Regent High	
Ruslana	Camden School for Girls	Lani	Fortismere	
Matheus Vanya	TBC	Rushaan	Maida Vale	
Max	Haverstock			

**House Winners**  
 Congratulations to Water and Earth for winning the House Trophy for the Spring and Summer Term. We celebrated with an extra play-time.

**Cricket:** The staff gave a rather lacklustre performance only scoring 29 runs. Vigo as the Y6 bowler was excellent. However, it looked like Y6 would be decimated during their initial batting innings until Max S took the bat. His score of 16 (and some awful fielding by staff) enabled Y6 to only lose by 8 points —21 (Y6) points to 29 (Staff). A great effort Y6. Well done Hannah, Emmy and Dan for adding to the Y6 score.

Please log on to your [www.scopay.com](http://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.

**End of Term**  
If you are leaving, please let the office know now (or during the summer if your plans change). This enables us to offer to children who are on our waiting lists.  
  
Please also pay all of your debts for lunches, clubs, etc.

**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



**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**
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  - · Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
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  - · 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>

# SWIM SCHOOL



## HOLIDAY SHORT COURSES



**KENTISH TOWN SPORTS CENTRE**

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

**MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY – FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUG - FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUG**

**MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AUG- FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AUG**

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### **FOUNDATION**

**09:00 – 09:30**

**09:30 – 10:00**

**10:00 – 10:30**

**DEVELOPMENT**  
**10:30 - 11:00**

### **DEVELOPMENT:**

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## 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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