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Autumn Term Issue 4

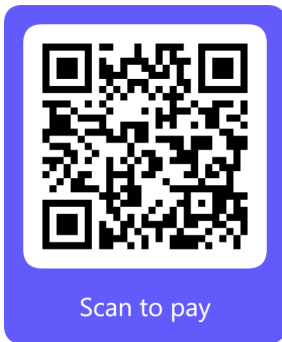
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FSA Parent Donations

The FSA can now accept monthly contributions via Apply Pay, Google Pay, and Any card. This is an alternative for the forms and the direct debit, so parents have more choice.

£50 Donation



£100 Donation



Chag Sameach to all our Jewish community members who will be observing Sukkot over the next week.

Find out more about this festival here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/assemblies-ks1-ks2-sukkot/z2827yc>

Cross Country Running

Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped out at this event. Well done to all the KS2 children who took part. More information to follow when we have the final results.

Popcorn Nights!

- Friday 24 November 2023;
- Friday 12 January 2024;
- Friday 8 March 2024

Movies to be confirmed

Attendance

What YOU must do:

Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

Attendance for the week Our target is 95%+

Year 1	92.73%
Year 2	94.05%
Year 3	92.22%
Year 4	93.70%
Year 5	89.00%
Year 6	85.33%
School	90.99%

Well done Year 2

This week in class	
Nursery	We're settling in well, as well as learning to share and show kindness to our new friends. This week we read 'Skin like mine' and 'The colour of us'. We looked at our skin tones and talked about how our skin is unique to us and that's what makes us all beautiful. The children have started painting self- portraits, carefully looking at their skin tone, eye colour and hair colour. They'll be on display next week! We've also been making faces with play-dough. We've been singing new rhymes, this week our rhyme is '5 little ducks'. We've also enjoyed singing 5 green bottles, 5 little peas
Reception	Reception started phonics this week. We learnt the sounds 's', 'a', 't', and 'p'. We have been learning to recognise the graphemes (how they are written), listen out for things that start with those sounds and even have a go at writing the letters. You might have seen our writing all over the playground! For P.E. to help us remember 's' we brought in our scooters for P.E. We worked on control our scooters around cones and not bumping into the signs! To help remember 'a', we d a fun African Animal yoga story. The children showed great strength and flexibility. For 't' we painted tigers and read 'The Tiger who came to Tea, and 'p' was lots of painting, playdough, pencils and pink and purple paper! In Maths we have been meeting Numberblocks 6-10. Getting up to 10 meant we could sing lots of songs- 10 naughty monkeys, 10 green bottles and 10 in the bed.
Class 1	This week in phonics Year 1 have re-capped segmenting and blending phase 4 words and tricky words. In literacy we have continued our work on Beegu and have started planning and designing a lost poster about her. In maths we have started comparing numbers and using the vocabulary of "greater than, "less than" and "equal to". In science we went on a lovely autumnal walk around the school and spotted lots of signs of autumn. In PSHE we have written out goals that we would like to achieve in Year 1.
Class 2	This week in Class 2, we took advantage of the late summer weather and walked to Parliament Hill to sketch the London skyline. The children followed a route that we had planned in advance as part of our Geography topic and drew some wonderful pictures, which we will use as a base for further artwork next week. In Science, we have been testing out ways to waterproof materials. The children devised an experiment using wax crayons, which we tested vigorously! In literacy, we have begun to write an information text all about the Great Fire of London. We are looking forward to our trip to the Tower of London on Thursday to explore this topic further. Don't forget, Magical Maths Mornings will continue On Tuesday at 9am.
Class 3	In Class 3 this week, we composed our own letters based on our text, 'The Day the Crayons Quit,' focusing on expressing emotion effectively through writing. Our grammar this week involved recognising prepositions of time, place and cause. We also looked at expressing emotions and responding to them, as a great start to our mental health PSHE topic. Our maths Place Value unit moved on to reading number lines to 1000, which included counting intervals (jumps) on the lines so that we could label them correctly and solve missing number problems. In art, we used pan watercolours to mix brand new colours and gave them imaginative, descriptive names. In our geography lesson, a super challenge this week: we used atlases to help us locate up to 47 European countries on a blank map of Europe. Congratulations to all who took part in the Cross Country event, expertly organised by Pete. Those who stayed at school created some beautiful artwork inspired by author and Black Rights Advocate, Maya Angelou.
Class 4	Year 4 have had another busy week. In Literacy, we are writing our own versions of Robin Hood. We have broken the story up into 5 parts: introduction, build up, problem, solution and ending. We are using writing frames to ensure we correctly punctuate our work and include our newly learnt literary techniques: simile openers and fronted adverbials. In Maths, we are able to compare and order 4 digit numbers. We are able to show 4 digit numbers, using a wide range of representations: words, place value charts, dienes, place value counters and partitioning. In Science, we learnt about the effects of cooling and heating. We learnt the different temperatures that this happens for different materials. On Friday morning, a large group of us were brave enough to take on cross country on the Heath. Well done Year 4!
Class 5	This week, Class 5 has learned in Maths Roman Numerals and how to round to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000 and 100,000. In English, we looked at the features of letters and wrote a persuasive letter to convince Evangelia to give us a longer break-time. In Science, Class 5 learned how mammals reproduce and in PSHE we discussed the energy different types and portions of food provide. In History, we looked at the difference between Athens and Sparta - the two most important city states in Ancient Greece - while also learning about The Battle of Marathon.
Class 6	A busy week for creative writing in year 6: we refined our WW2 Blitz poetry (which is now on display in class) and also we completed the final versions of our Evacuee letters. In maths, we review negative numbers and moved onto reviewing addition and subtraction methods as well as factors. On Wednesday, the children visited the CLC and using Logic Pro music software, created their own 'jazz-funk' compositions: a link was sent on Dojo earlier in the week. We talked about the concept of a healthy lifestyle in PSHE and 'excavated our fossils' on Thursday in a rather fun lesson outside. On Friday, some participated in the annual Camden cross country run and others had a fun day of artistic



The Year at Fitzjohn's 2023-2024

As well as assemblies, class trips and visitors into school we have a packed diary of events to which parents are encouraged to attend. Here are some highlights so you can plan for them now!

Autumn Term

Friday 3 November: 6pm Halloween Disco

Monday 6 November: Parent/Teacher Meetings (all day)

Friday 24 November: 5.45pm Popcorn Night

Thursday 7 December 9.15am Key Stage 2 (Y3-Y6) Winter Concert

Tuesday 12 December 2pm Y1 & Y2 Nativity

Thursday 14 December 9.15am Key Stage 2 (Y1-Y2) Winter Concert

Friday 15 December 2.45pm Christmas Fair

Wednesday 20 December 2.30pm Class Parties

Spring Term

Wednesday 17 January 6.30pm – 8.30pm The Fitzjohn's Conversation 2024. A chance for staff, children, governors and parents to gather together to discuss issues around a theme.

Friday 12 January 2024: 5.45pm Popcorn Night

Wednesday 7 February 9am-11am Being a Safe, Happy and Healthy Child (PSHE and Information for Parents)

Monday 26 February – Friday 1 March Book Fair

Thursday 7 March World Book Day (Dress up as your favourite book character)

Friday 8 March 2024: 5.45pm Popcorn Night

Wednesday 27 March 2.45pm Hat Parade and Stalls

Summer Term

Friday 17 May 6pm International Food Evening

Saturday 13 July Summer Fair

Wednesday 17 July 7.30pm Y6 Performance

Tuesday 23 July 9.30am Reception Graduation

Tuesday 23 July 6pm Y6 Leavers Disco

Tuesday 23 July 7.30pm Y6 Leavers Assembly

Dates for your Diary

October: Black History Month
Thursday 5 October Y2 Tower of London
Tuesday 10 October Y6 Zoo
Friday 13 October Harvest Assembly
Monday 16 October Y5 British Museum
23-27 October: Half Term
30 October-3 November Science Week
Monday 30 October: The Crick in school
Monday 30 October Y6 Junior Citizens
Tuesday 31 October Dr Andrew Szydlo
Wednesday 1 November Planetarium
Thursday 2 November: Y5 The Crick
Friday 3 November Mother Nature Science
Friday 3 November Halloween Disco
Monday 6 November INSET Parent/teacher Meeting (School closed)
Monday 13 November Y5 Swimming (10-11am) all week
Tuesday 7 November Dr Matt Pritchard—The Science Magician
Monday 20 November Y5 Swimming (10-11am) all week
Tuesday 21 November N-Y3 Drama in hall
Tuesday 21 November Y6 RAF Museum
Tuesday 21 November Y4 CLC
Friday 24 November 5.45pm Popcorn Night
Monday 27 November Y6 The Magic Circle
Tuesday 28 November Y3 CLC
Tuesday 5 December Y5 CLC
Thursday 7 December KS2 Winter Concert
Tuesday 12 December Y1/2 2pm Christmas Play to parents
Thursday 14 December KS1 Winter Concert
Thursday 14 December Nur/Rec Little Angel
Friday 15 December (provisional) 13.30 Christmas Fair
Monday 18 December Y6 War Rooms
Wednesday 20 December Magic Shows & parties
Thursday 21 December School Closes 13.30

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DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

October is Black History Month

We would love it if our parents of a black or dual heritage background would come into school to share with us.

You can cook, read stories, share music, sing songs, tell us about your family's country of origin.

Speak to your child's teacher about what you would like to share.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Class Assemblies

These happen on Fridays at 9.15am and last about 15 minutes. Join Rob afterwards (in The Lab) for the class tea!

10 November: Y6

17 November: Y4

24 November: Y3

1 December: Y5

8 December: Reception

Nursery do their first assembly in the Spring Term and **Y1/2 will be performing a version of the Christmas story at 2pm on Tuesday 12 December.**

Harvest Assembly Friday 13 October

This year we will be collecting for the Camden Foodbank. Bring the items in on **Friday 13 October** and the foodbank will collect them. Please do not give before this date as we cannot store.

Targeted food needed by Camden Foodbank:

Tinned Meat; Tea; Long Life Juice; Tinned Fish; Coffee; Long-life Milk; Tinned Fruit; Sugar; Soap; Tinned Soup; Biscuits; Shampoo; Baked Beans; Chocolate; Shower Gel; Pasta/Rice; Washing Powder; Toothbrush; Pasta Sauce; Washing Up Liquid; Toothpaste; Cereal; Cooking Oil; Deodorant

Easy Fundraising

Getting started is easy – just click below to support us for FREE.

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Writer of the Week, The Gallery, Great Writing

Make sure that you take a look at our rotating displays celebrating good learning on the driveway and KS2 building.

The Fitzjohn's School Association (The FSA)
Registered Charity No 102 9947
Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the FSA AGM yesterday.
Thank you for agreeing the funds below. This frees up money to ensure that we can continue employing TAs, etc.

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped fundraise last year.

Congratulations to Miri and Tali who were re-elected Co-Chairs and to Nitzan who was re-elected Treasurer.

Funding Requests 2023-2024

Coaching and Support

Art: £6,000

Games/Gym Coach: £15,000

Music: £21,000

Playgrounds

General Resources: £4,000

Computing

Camden City Learning membership, iPads, computing resources £15,000

Resources

Musical instruments for class lessons: £10,000

Science Resources: £5,000

Geography resources: £5,000

On-going:

Transport for trips (circa) £6,000

Support and sponsorship for children on Free School Meals to attend one club per term: £6,000

Events: £4,000

Ongoing: messaging, etc: £3,000

Total: £100,000

Solar Panel Project Separate from the above, we agreed to fundraise and invest **£40,000** for solar panels for environmental and cost saving benefits.



Phase Leads

This year we have introduced Phase Leads whose role it is to support Debbie and Rob in the running of the school.

Laura Taylor (Nursery) continues to lead EYFS (Nursery and Reception)

Emma Combes (Reception Teacher) will lead Phase 1 (Reception to Year 2)

Emma Teboul (Year 4) will lead Phase 2 (Year 3 to Year 6).

Please speak to them in the absence of Rob or Debbie or if the matter involves things to do with those year groups (for example learning or behaviour).

Camden Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Working with young people, families and the school community to promote and support mental health



Emotion Coaching Workshop

Information for parents and carers

What?

A two-part, in-person workshop for parents and carers of primary-age children (4-11 years)

When?

Monday 13th and Monday 20th November
11:45-14:15

Where?

The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust, 120 Belsize Lane, London, NW3 5BA

Emotion Coaching is an evidence-based approach that involves responding to and talking with children in a way that develops self-regulation.

Emotion Coaching supports children to name and understand their emotions and teaches them ways to process and manage emotions in a helpful way.

How will Emotion Coaching support you and your child?

- ✓ To better understand and validate your child's emotions
- ✓ Helpful ways to respond during moments of heightened emotion
- ✓ To implement appropriate boundary setting
- ✓ To reduce behaviours that you find challenging
- ✓ To further improve the parent/child relationship



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