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JOIN OUR ZOMBIE DANCE AT THE
HALLOWEEN DISCO

TONIGHT
DJ + BAR + GLOW STICKS
HOT DOGS + GLITTER TATTOOS + CANDY FLOSS
5.30-6PM EARLY YEARS ARTS & CRAFTS

Dates for your Diary

Friday 3 November Halloween Disco
Monday 6 November INSET Parent/teacher Meeting (School closed)
 Tuesday 7 November Dr Matt Pritchard—The Science Magician
 Monday 13 November Y5 Swimming (10-11am) all week
 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 14.45 Christmas Fair
 Monday 18 December Y6 War Rooms
 Wednesday 20 December Magic Shows & parties
 Thursday 21 December School Closes 13.30

After School Collection

If your child is being collected by anyone different please ensure that you email the class teacher directly before 12 (noon).

If your plans change and you need someone else to collect your child at the last minute please call the office and let them know who will be collecting your child.

I know it was Halloween on Tuesday and plans were different by we had too many children being collected by people that we had not been told about.

Class Assemblies

These happen on Fridays at 9.15am and last about 15 minutes. Join Rob afterwards (in The Lab or hall) 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.**

Parent Donations

£50

Donation



Scan to pay

£100

Donation



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Attendance for the week
Our target is 95%+

Missing school is missing out

Year 1	95%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	92%
School	94%

Well done Year 2



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 **ODD SOCKS DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**

Anti-Bullying Week 2023 is happening from Monday 13th – Friday 17th November and has the theme ‘Make A Noise About Bullying’. We will start our Anti-Bullying week learning by holding an **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday 13th November**.

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY? Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on **Monday 13th November**. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT? The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.

Please make sure your child wears odd socks to school on **Monday 13th November**.



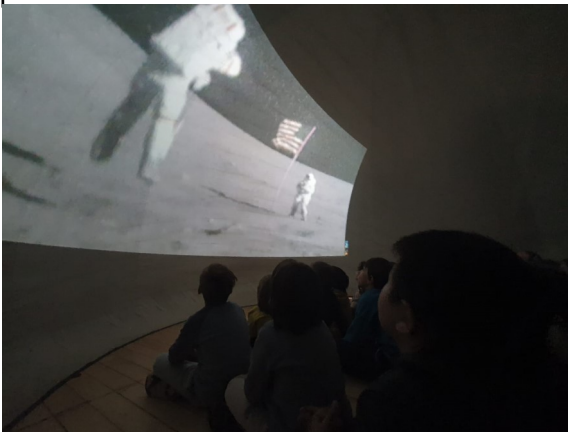
Science Week Visitors



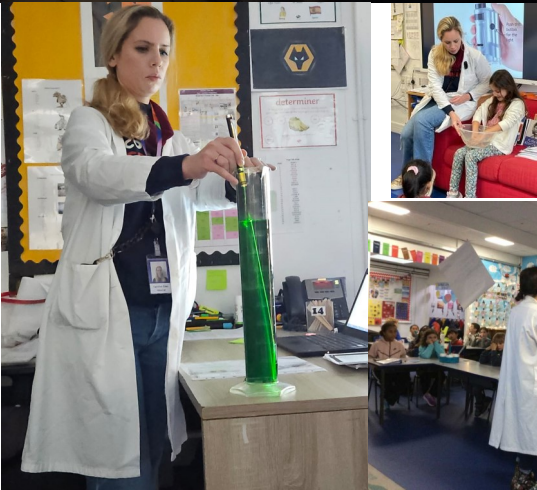
The acclaimed scientist Dr Andrew Szydlo entertained Y3-Y6 with his explosive chemistry show As if By Magic!

See his work here:

<https://andrewszydlo.com/videos.html>



On Wednesday every class visited the enormous inflatable planetarium in our hall and we were treated to a trip through



Scientists from The Crick came in on Wednesday and worked with Y1 to Y6 doing a range of practical experiments. Y5 visited The Crick on Thursday.

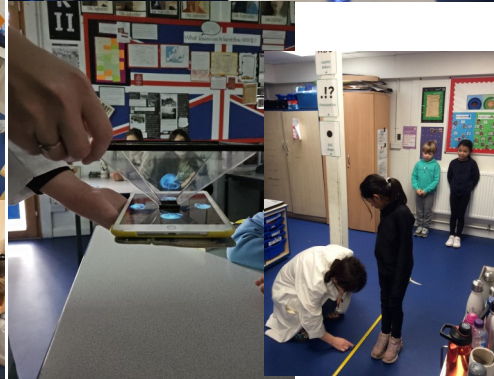
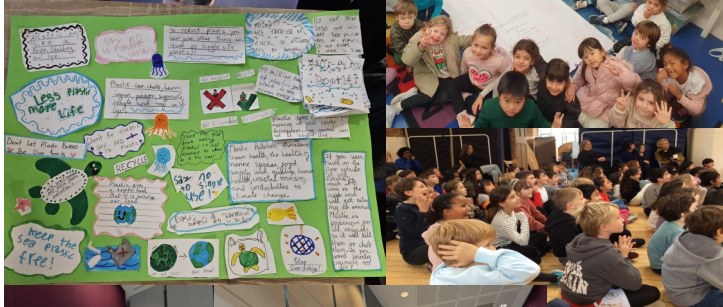


R-Y6 made Slime with Mother Nature Science!

Science Week in EYFS

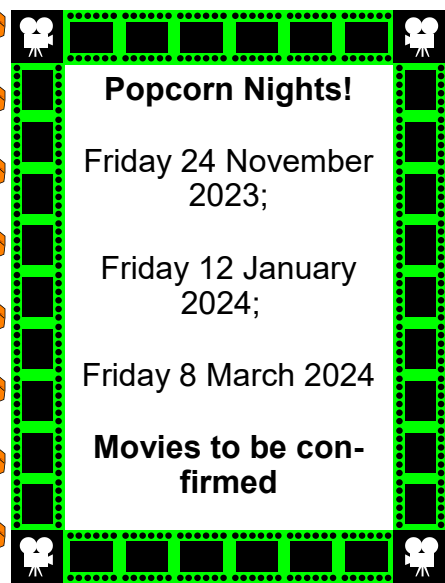
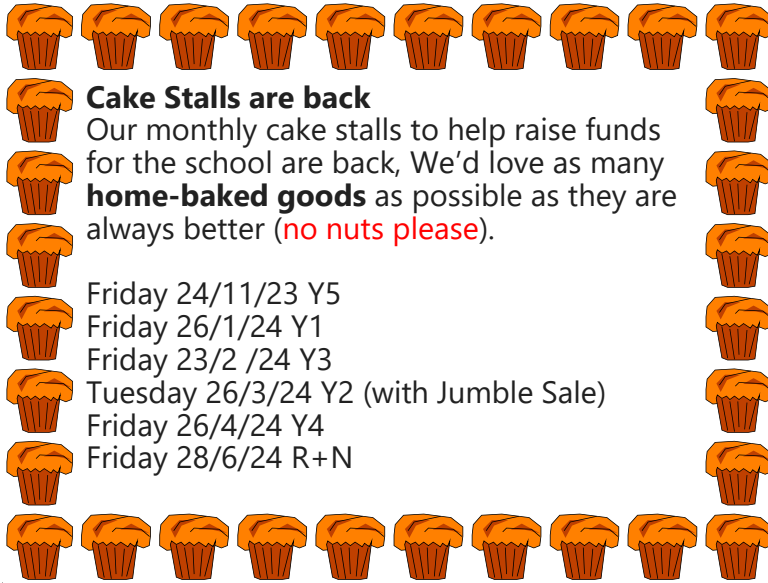


Science Week in Y1 to Y6



This week in class

Nursery	It's been a Spooktacular week in Nursery. This week we combined Halloween and science activities. On Monday we made a bouncy egg for our first ever eggsperiment! It was eggcellent! The children have thoroughly enjoyed playing in the 'haunted house' and we've read many 'Winnie the witch' stories this week. We've also made witch potions, carved pumpkins and explored ice melting through spooky frozen Halloween hands! Our best experiment was of course, chocolate crispy cakes! We talked about the changed of solid to liquid form and used language such as melting. The Planetarium was a highlight of the week. We travelled into space and saw Planet Earth and the moon, as well as learning about gravity. Don't forget to
Reception	Reception have enjoyed Science Week as it linked well with us celebrating Halloween. We learnt about the bones and the skeleton reading Funnybones, we made a bubbling witches potion, and we learnt how to cook Halloween shaped pasta. The children were great at using scientific language to ask questions and explain what is happening. We used words like 'boil', 'mixing', 'changing', and 'magnetic'. We also enjoyed seeing space in the planetarium and making slime in the lab. In phonics we have been learning the phonemes 'h', 'b', 'f' and 'l', and our new tricky word is 'the'. In maths we have been learning to subitise. This means knowing a number without counting. The children love shouting out the right number. Finally we excit-
Class 1	This week in phonics we have continued learning new phase 5 graphemes and have started learning phase 5 tricky words. The children have been working so hard during their phonics lessons and have really challenged themselves with their sentence writing. In maths we have looked at addition fact families. We've done practical activities using the bar model and part-whole model and have also started learning a number bonds to 10 song. As this week was science week we have carried out a variety of activities based around our 5 senses and everyday materials and their properties. We had a materials hunt around the school, sorted the objects according to their materials and described the properties of each material. We've played plenty of games and also took part in lots of fun workshops with visitors throughout the week. Well done for a great first week back class 1!
Class 2	Science week has passed by in a flash! We were lucky enough to have a visit from Caroline, a scientist from the Francis Crick Institute, who taught us about the 'Journey of a Germ.' She also brought in some natty little microscopes so that we could examine what our skin looks like close-up and other objects in our classroom. Later the same day, we ventured inside a planetarium to watch a movie about a dog going into space. Today, we have been making slime (sorry) and learning about chemical processes. We also squeezed in a design and technology session, which was led by Rob. He is helping us to design a new building for London. In literacy, we discovered more about a nurse named Mary Seacole, who has only recently been recognised for the important part she played in the Crimean War. In maths, we have been investigating how adding to 10 first helps to make addition easier.
Class 3	What a fantastic Science Week we've had here in Class 3! We began the week by investigating how much 'hidden' sugar there is in our foods. Did you know that a small bottle of fizzy pop contains nearly 13 teaspoons of sugar? We predicted, measured out and recorded the results in a bar chart. We had a fascinating visit from a Crick Institute scientist and conducted a fair test to see if femur length affects how far someone can jump. We found that, surprisingly, it makes no difference, as other factors like practise, muscle strength and diet come into play. On Wednesday, we ventured on a journey to the Moon with Max the Dog in the mobile planetarium, and on Friday, we got messy and made slime. In our literacy lessons, we researched, made notes and created a fact file all about the scientist-inventor Lewis H. Latimer, who worked with Thomas Edison on the first light bulbs. In preparation for writing a biography at the end of this literacy unit, we read and compared two different biographies of the astronaut Mae Jemison, picking out the features of biographies such as subheadings and chronological order of events. Our maths continued as usual, extending our strategies for subtracting and crossing the 10 in
Class 4	Its been a busy Science Week for Year 4. We have seen planets and stars in Planetariums. We have witnessed explosions and chemicals changing colours performed by scientist Dr Szydlo. We have set up investigations to test our hearing with the help of a scientist from the CRICK. We have even made slime in the Lab. In addition to this, in class, after learning the meanings of evaporation, condensation and precipitation, we discovered the scientist who discovered the wonders of the Water Cycle - Bernard Palissy. After creating our own Water Cycle wheel, we wrote a story based upon Drippy the Raindrop and his journey through from sea, to cloud, to rain, to river, back to sea again. We have also set up Water Cycles in a bag to test this phenomenon for ourselves.
Class 5	Class 5 has had a lovely week celebrating Science Week! We conducted lovely fun experiments in school and at The Francis Crick Science Institute: testing the properties of different materials - such as plastic, rubber, cotton - making circuits with light bulbs and fans as well as conducting different tests - such as PH test, solubility test, magnetism - to tell apart different white powders (salt, sugar, corn flour, baking powder) we were given. In English, we also learned about expanded noun phrases and the features of suspense writing and we wrote our own suspense stories about a haunted house.
Class 6	We started the week by travelling to The Salvation Army in Chalk Farm, where a dazzling array of talented people (from the Met Police to the drugs charity 'Hope'), regaled class 6 children with useful tips all about how to navigate London safely. We learned about fire safety, how to cope using London's varied transport systems and even what to do if a stranger asks you to deliver something - even only a few yards away. It has been Science week, so the children learned about Carl Linnaeus and how to classify living things into their genus and species - interesting stuff. We also studied all about plastic pollution and how our habits (as human beings) are endangering other creature on our planet. We started a new Literacy topic all about writing biographies and even had time to play a few, fun maths games too.



Cake Stalls are back

Our monthly cake stalls to help raise funds for the school are back, We'd love as many **home-baked goods** as possible as they are always better (**no nuts please**).

- Friday 24/11/23 Y5
- Friday 26/1/24 Y1
- Friday 23/2 /24 Y3
- Tuesday 26/3/24 Y2 (with Jumble Sale)
- Friday 26/4/24 Y4
- Friday 28/6/24 R+N

Popcorn Nights!

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

Movies to be confirmed

Free Money!

You may all already know that everyone from Reception to Year 6 is now entitled for Free School Meals as these are being funded by the government and the Mayor of London.

What you may not know is that the school gets extra money into our account for all those children who fulfil certain criteria.

Please could everyone check on this link to see if you are entitled - if you are then we get extra money!

<https://pps.lqfl.org.uk/>

Mental Health Support

Considering the events in Israel and Gaza if any of our parents feel they need support for their mental health or well-being then please email d.moss@fitzjohns.camden.sch.uk or head@fitzjohns.camden.sch.uk and we can try to signpost you to relevant help.

These resources may also be of help to children but please check them first:

[Support to explain the difficult concepts associated with current events – news delivery designed for children and young people and provided by Newsround.](#)

[Advice for children and young people if they are upset by the news – provided by Newsround.](#)

[Place2Be - Talking to children and young people about war and conflict.](#)

[Guardian article from February 2022 which was related to the Ukraine war.](#)

Nursery/Reception 2024

A reminder that if you are looking for a Nursery or Reception place for September 2024 you need to apply before 15 January 2024.

Nursery—download and complete the form here: http://www.fitzjohns.camden.sch.uk/documents/%5B526994%5DNursery_Application_2021.pdf

Reception—visit this website: <https://www.camden.gov.uk/primary-admissions>

You need to apply even if your child is a sibling.

Absences

If your child is absent for any reason please call the office and leave a message or email admin@fitzjohns.camden.sch.uk and give your child's name, class and reason for absence. You may also cc in your child's teacher.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL
T-SHIRT & HOODIE SALE!**

FITZJOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL HAS CREATED A NEW SITE TO BUY SCHOOL LOGO T-SHIRTS, HOODIES AND MORE FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS. THE FITZJOHNSNW3 LOGO REPRESENTS OUR COMMUNITY AND AREA, AND IS IN AN EXACT REPLICA OF THE STREET SIGN DIRECTLY BESIDE THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE. THE HISTORY OF THIS LOGO IS UNIQUE TO OUR LOCATION AND HISTORY. OTHER LOGOS AVAILABLE ARE THE HOUSE SIGNS OF AIR, WATER, EARTH AND FIRE AND THE SCHOOL BUILDING LOGO.

<https://shop.spreadshirt.co.uk/FitzjohnsNW3>

Click here to be taken to the site.

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HOODIES: £27 - £37
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ALL ITEMS CAN BE PERSONALISED




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Boys' Football

The first match we won 3-0. Eyal scored a hattrick. First half ti was 1-0 and then we scored two goals in the second half. St Paul's were our opposition. Our captain and goalkeeper Leo L saved a penalty after Jesse stepped in the box. The second match we lost 3.2. Jonathan scored and Jesse scored a penalty. First half was 3-1 and we scored again in the second half in this match against Kingsgate. In the third game against Holy Trinity we lost 2-0. First half ended 1-0 then they scored again in the second half. The also scored two more goals but they were disallowed. Squad: Leo L; Leo C, David, Bear, Dan, Teo, Jesse, Eyal, Dylan and Jonathan.



Girls' Football

Our first match was against St Paul's. We drew 1-1. Vivian W scored the goal. St Paul's scored a penalty. The second match was against Kingsgate. WE lost 1-0. They scored a penalty. Our final match was against Holt Trinity NW1. We won 2-1. Viv. W scored both goals, Players: Viv. W.; Viv F; Sofia.; Hana; Ayla and Maya.

Halloween Disco

Thanks to all of the parents who helped this morning to decorate the hall ready for our disco. It looks amazing. Help will be greatly appreciated tonight to help tidy up!

**REMINDER:
SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON MONDAY FOR
PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS.
SEE YOU TUESDAY.**

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To The Manager	
Bank Name	
Bank Address (optional)	
Bank Sort Code	
Bank Account Number	
Please Pay	
Payee Bank Name	Lloyds TSB
Payee Account Name	Fitzjohn's School Association
Payee Sort Code	30-93-80
Payee Account Number	00008235
Payment Amount (circle)	£30 £50 £100 £250 £500 Other: £
Frequency	STANDING ORDERS from my account as detailed in this instruction on the ___ day of every month
Date of First Payment	
Reference	Fitzjohn's Parents Appeal
Customer Details	
Print Name	
Signature	
Date	
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GIFT AID IT—UK TAXPAYERS!	
<p>For every pound you give to us we get an extra 25p 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 any donations I make until further notice OR have made in the past 4 years.</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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