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Halloween Disco

Thank you to everyone who helped before, during and after last week's Halloween Disco. We managed to raise a record-breaking £2,368! More importantly everyone had a great time whilst also dressed as their favourite spooky characters.



Popcorn Night!

Doors 5.45pm Movie 6.00pm

Friday 24 November 2023

[Vote for the movie here.](#)

Y6 Assembly

Thank you to Y6 for sharing their learning about World War II in this morning's assembly. What a lot of knowledge you packed in!

Next week Y4 share their learning. Please stay afterwards for the class meeting.



Happy Diwali!
A very happy Diwali to all our Hindu families who are celebrating on Sunday.

Dates for your Diary

- 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
- Wednesday 22 November Y6 Science Museum
- 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 9.15am KS2 Winter Concert
- Tuesday 12 December Y1/2 2pm Christmas Play to parents
- Thursday 14 December 9.15am 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

Attendance for the week Our target is 95%+	
Missing school is missing out	
Year 1	98.04%
Year 2	96.67%
Year 3	93.52%
Year 4	96.25%
Year 5	97.49%
Year 6	99.17%
School	96.88%
Well done Year 6!!	

Parent Donations

£50

Donation



Scan to pay

£100

Donation



Scan to pay

This week in class	
Nursery	This weeks focus has been measuring. We've used mathematical language such as, shortest/tallest/longest/smallest/biggest. We've measured worms (the plastic kind), each other and we've used multi-link to make tall towers. We've been singing our weekly rhyme 'The grand old Duke of York' whilst marching around the playground. We swapped the home corner and construction area, the change has created new play opportunities, which has been wonderful to observe. Our number of the week is 2. We've found various ways of showing two using our fingers and we've been busy drawing the number two on post- it notes. We also enjoyed a sock matching activity. Next week we'll be celebrating Diwali.
Reception	We've all been very resilient this week as we got on with our learning as poor Emma was stuck at home feeling poorly. We have celebrated Diwali, opened an Indian restaurant, drew rangoli patterns and made Diwali cards. Our new tricky words- as and put. In maths we thought about MORE or LESS.
Class 1	We have been busy bees in Year 1 as we focus on our topic of TOYS! We looked at some toys and decided if their were old or modern. On Tuesday we were treated to a visit by Dr Matt Pritchard Science Magician. You can take a look at some of his online videos here. https://www.youtube.com/shorts/IMLfKtEeaQ He uses scientific principles to create illusions.
Class 2	In Class 2 this week we have been working out the 'bounciest ball,' subtracting using tens frames and number lines and putting the finishing touches to our buildings. Class 2 devised an experiment using an iPad, metre rule and three different types of ball. Their hypothesis was that the ping pong ball would bounce the highest, which wasn't always the case! They worked well in groups to collect data and present it on a graph. In maths, they have been using their number bonds to 10 to help solve subtraction sums. They have used tens frames, number lines and dienes to do so. We also started learning some of the songs for this year's nativity, entitled 'Baubles.' Lyrics and scripts will be coming home next week and homework for the next couple of weeks will be to learn these. Thank you in advance.
Class 3	This week, Class 3 have continued addition and subtraction, moving on to the column method adding 2- and 3- digit numbers. We also began practising the 3 times table. In literacy, we learned how to take notes while watching information videos, discovering that we only need to write short key words and facts, not whole sentences, to jog our memories when we'll need to use those notes later to write a full biography. We also looked at regular and irregular forms of the simple past tense. On Friday, we had a wonderful trip to The Place in Euston, giving us a rare opportunity to watch dance classes led by amazing professionals, in preparation for our dance course in school at the start of the Summer Term.
Class 4	Year 4 have had a brilliant week! In Literacy, as part of our poetry unit, we learnt the differences between haikus and tankas. In groups, we planned and wrote tankas based around nature. We created giant posters displaying our tankas and recited them to the class. In history, we have learnt about Ancient Egyptian religious beliefs. We created fact files for our favourite gods or goddesses. In Art, we designed canopic jars. We used a variety of animal designs to create intricate heads which we carefully moulded them using clay. Next week we will paint them!
Class 5	This week, Class 5 has been researching information about Victorian England as we'll start reading A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens next week. We have learned about Victorian people, the divide between the rich and poor, workhouses and the many innovations and advancements of that era. We also conducted an investigation in Science to test which material is the best thermal insulator to keep our food hot in our lunch bags. Class 5 learned about prime numbers and went over what we already knew about multiples and factors. We also really enjoyed our visit to The Place where we got to watch dance classes.
Class 6	Children have been immersed in the world of micro-organisms this week - which is handy as it is currently 'Anti-Microbial Resistance Month'. We compared the similarities and differences between the structure of bacteria, viruses and fungi - and the children began to research a very important man: Edward Jenner. In Literacy, we have fine-tuned how to write a biography, including the use of an effective introduction and opening 'main-body' paragraph. The children also researched a famous personality, making notes on the important facts and dates that has characterised their lives. In maths, we finished off our topic by looking at the order of operations and mental calculations. As if that wasn't enough, we have also been preparing our Assembly all about WW2.



 **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**.



**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.

T-SHIRTS: BETWEEN £12 - £17
 HOODIES: £27 - £37
 DEPENDING ON SIZE
 ALL ITEMS CAN BE PERSONALISED

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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.lgfl.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.](#)

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. Please avoid medical appointments during the day as they count as absences.

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

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	
Address	
Email	
Phone number	
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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