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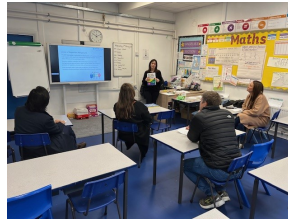
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Being a Safe, Happy & Healthy Child

Thanks to Debbie for arranging all of the speakers for this event, to the staff for opening up their classrooms, to the speakers who helped us out and to the more than 70 attendees who came.



School Meal Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JSYDPYB>

Assemblies (all at 9.15am)

Monday 26 February Y3 (note new day and date)

Friday 1 March Y6

Friday 8 March Y5 (note new date)

Friday 15 March Nursery

Tuesday 26 March Reception perform their play to parents at 10am.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 12-Friday 16 February Half Term—school is closed

Monday 19 February Y6 CLC

Friday 23 February 6pm Popcorn Night

Monday 26 Feb—Friday 1 March Book fair

Thursday 29 February Nursery Little Angel Theatre

Monday 4 March Y6 CLC

Thursday 7 March World Book Day

Friday 8 March Popcorn Night

Tuesday 12 March Y3 CLC

Thursday 21 March Y1 Coding

Monday 25 March Y6 Tower of London

Tuesday 26 March 10am Reception Performance to parents

Tuesday 26 March Jumble Sale

Wednesday 27 March 2.45 Hat parade and Y6 Stalls

Thursday 28 March 13.30 School Closes

Attendance for the week
Our target is 95%+

Missing school is missing out

Year 1	93.79
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Year 2	93.67
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Year 3	91.20
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Year 4	95.67
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Year 5	89.63
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Year 6	83.21
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School	91.27
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Well done Year 4

Parent Donations

£50

Donation



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£100

Donation



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VACANCIES ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

FITZJOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR
2 PARENTS/CARERS
TO SERVE AS PARENT GOVERNORS ON THE GOVERNING BODY
FROM APRIL 2024

The Governing Body announces that from the start of April there will be a vacancy on the School Governing Body for 2 Parent/Carer Governors as the terms of office of two existing Parent Governors (Christina Pappas Kohle and Nick Zangwill) are ending on 31st March 2024.

Nick has indicated he is willing to stand again, Christina is stepping down after completing two terms.

The GB plays a vital role in monitoring and evaluating the work of our school and helping to continuously raise standards. We meet twice a term in the evening for a couple of hours, additionally there are two committees that meet termly that Governors can volunteer to participate in. Dates are set well in advance, and expenses such as childcare are payable. Each governor also takes responsibility for one of the classes within the school, and a particular subject, and represents their interests to the GB.

Camden offer excellent Governor training and support. A full induction will be available, as well as a chance to shadow existing Governors to familiarize yourself with the role should you wish to do this.

The GB does not and is not expected to be involved in the day-to-day operational running of the school. Commitment, enthusiasm and a genuine interest in the development of the school and the children is really what motivates successful GBs and ours is no exception.

The term of office is up to 4 years, and the election is open to all parent/carers at the school.
THERE IS A VACANCY ON THE GOVERNING BODY FOR A SUPPORT STAFF (NON TEACHING) GOVERNOR

An explanatory letter and Nomination Form can be collected from the school office. If you would prefer an electronic version, email Mike Herlihy, Clerk to the Governing Body at mike.herlihy@hotmail.co.uk

Nominations should reach Mike Herlihy by email or c/o the school by **10am on Monday 26th February 2024** . If more than 2 nominations are received there will be an election.

Please do seriously consider whether you could support the school in this way. Remember that as a member of the Governing Body you can help effect real change and enhance the life chances of all our young people.

Rob Earrey
Headteacher

Wonka

POPCORN NIGHT

FRIDAY | 23 FEBRUARY | 5:45 PM

Join us to watch - **WONKA**

£2 Entry Hotdogs & Snacks.

Includes popcorn

Book Bunting Winners

You may remember that over the Winter holiday I set everyone the challenge of crating a piece of bunting for book corners and the library. We had some great entries. Here are the winners:



- Overall winner: Lily Y6
- Y1: Maiia
- Y2: Hana
- Y3: Vivi
- Y4: Emily
- Y5: Jessica
- Y6: Bear

Happy New Year to all our families who celebrate the Year of the Dragon over the weekend.

This week in class	
Nursery	Nursery have been looking at the paintings of Mondrian this week. Our number focus has been 9 and we have revised lots of difference letter sounds—ask us which ones we know. Have you read Everywhere Bear by Julia Donaldson? We have and we loved it. Have a great half term break.
Reception	Reception have been celebrating the Lunar New Year this week! We have been reading the Chinese folktale 'The Magic Paintbrush' in drawing club, and also the 'Two of Everything' story in maths. This introduced us to doubling (two of something). We have enjoyed learning about some of the customs that take place for the new year- we have made cards, made a dragon, a wishing tree, and cooked tasty treats in our Chinese restaurant. On Wednesday it was so lovely to have some of the parents in to help us with the celebrations. We also did some real cooking and learnt how to make Spring Rolls. We wrote the recipe and then made them. Most children thought they were really tasty! Our construction challenge on Friday was to make 'The Great Wall of China'. There was some great creativity and teamwork to make the most realistic and longest wall.
Class 1	This week in literacy the children have been busy writing and illustrating their 'Mysterious Egg' stories. They also filled in a marking ladder so they know what to improve on next time in their writing. In maths we have been focusing on using number lines to 20 and understanding teen numbers. In science we focused on animal diets and discussed which animals are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. In PSHE we have created a Zones of regulation toolkit and written a list of resources we want to order to help us if we're ever feeling in the red, blue or yellow zone in school. In art we have created dinosaur fossils. Well done for a great half term Year 1 and have a lovely break.
Class 2	Class 2 have had a busy week practising 'sharing' in maths (division) and their 2 x table. Please skip count in 2s over the holidays if you can. We have finished our 'whales' topic and our winding toys are on display in the KS1 corridor. In literacy, the children created fantastical creatures, similar to that which hatched out of the 'mermaid's purse' in The Waterhorse by Dick King-Smith. They wrote descriptive pieces about the creatures they created, including commas in a list and expanded noun phrases. We thoroughly enjoyed having parents in on Wednesday for our PSHE morning. Thank you to those who could make it. Have a lovely half term.
Class 3	This week, we've been extremely busy in Class 3. As well as completing our maths unit on multiplication and division, we tackled some tough problems investigating and finding strategies to logically record combinations. How many dessert combinations could we make with four ice cream flavours and three different toppings? What if we added 5 main course choices too? In literacy, we got together to start writing our class assembly. We also sequenced the narrative of the Boudicca revolt against The Romans, and continued our class reader, 'I am Boudicca.' We had a fabulous art trip to The National Gallery, where we studied impressionist classics such as Monet's 'Waterlilies,' and a whole wall of Van Gogh pieces, as well as many more paintings! In science, we learned how fossils were formed and looked at some real fossils. Thank you to all the parents who visited our class to join in with our mindfulness and calming activities on Wednesday morning: breathe in, breathe out...
Class 4	Year 4 have had a brilliant week. In between practicing for our class assembly, watching Guys and Dolls at North Bridge House and demonstrating that we are Happy, Healthy, Safe children, in maths, we have been learning the formal written method for multiplication. In Literacy, we have finished our unit on The Iron Man. We wrote our own book reviews on Ted Hughes' text and rated it out of 5 stars. We then enjoyed planning our own Iron Man inspired story using the story mountain. We have written these, ensuring we use paragraphs, the past tense, exciting vocabulary and fronted adverbials. We have also finished our DT unit on sewing, all creating secure, practical archaeologist wallets.
Class 5	This week, Class 5 learned in Maths about decimals with up to 2 decimal places and recognizing equivalent fractions and decimals. In English, we looked at the features of film reviews as well as planned and wrote our own film reviews. In Science, Class 5 learned about different types of mechanisms, such as gears, levers and pulleys. Lastly, we really enjoyed watching the French play at Edith Neville on Wednesday as well as filming our short silent movies!
Class 6	Using a short story as their context, class 6 children worked in groups, pairs and finally individually to construct and rewrite their own narrative using story pegs together with sentence features like semi-colons to link and sequence and embedded clauses to add extra information. In Maths, we concluded our topic by looking at problems involving both ratio and proportion - including recipes. In R.E. we discussed justice by looking at stories from both Islam and the Christian faiths and on Friday, children narrated their 'Just So' big writes to children in year 2. Thank-you to all the wonderful cast and staff of North Bridge House, who put on an absolute corker of a musical on Wednesday when the class went to see their dress rehearsal of 'Guys and Dolls': it was truly magical! A big thank-you to all parents who came to our PSHE morning on Wednesday, where we were learning all about anxiety and how to cope using a variety of 'meditative' methods.

BEANO

GET YOUR FUNNY BONES WORKING!



**LAST YEAR WE ENTERED THIS AND OUR
CURRENT Y6 CLASS CAME IN THE TOP 10!**

**PUNS OR JOKES INVOLVING BEANO CHAR-
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**NO NEED TO WRITE ANYTHING WE'LL DO
THIS AFTER HALF TERM.**

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RSVP kcchildrenslibrary@gmail.com

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On sale for £25 (cash please)

If you would like to buy one please ask Nashima in the office.



Camden Maths Challenge

Congratulations and thank you to some of our great Y6 mathematicians who took part in the 2024 Camden Maths Challenge.

Against strong contenders they did well.

Thank you to Emma for taking them.

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>

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Day

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FITZJOHN'S NW3



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/>

Corporate Funding - can you help?

Are you working in one of the banks or one of the big tech companies (Google, Microsoft, Facebook)? We are looking to speak to parents who work there about some corporate funding opportunities for the school.

Please get in touch with:

Lee (Oscar's (Y2) and Rae's (N) dad): leefels79@gmail.com

or Nitzan (Roni's (Y5)

dad): nitzanyudan@hotmail.com

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Supermarket	Home delivery		Click & Collect	
	First order	Existing customer order	First order	Existing customer order
TESCO	£3.50	£1.75	£2.50	£1.75
MORRISONS	£3.50	£1.50	£3.00	£1.50
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Iceland	1.50%	0.50%	×	×
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Minimum spend requirements apply. Full retailer TSC's apply. Don't on rates may change. From time to time, rates above were correct as of 18/03/2023.

Raise a donation every time you shop with your supermarket

Last year we raised close to £1,000 just from parents using easyfundraising for their online shopping. It takes a couple of minutes to set-up, and that's it!

These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started: [easyfundraising for Fitzjohn's](https://www.easyfundraising.com/)

Thank you!



Nursery 2024

To apply for Nursery complete this form and return to our office:

[http://www.fitzjohns.camden.sch.uk/documents/%5B526994%5DNursery Application 2021.pdf](http://www.fitzjohns.camden.sch.uk/documents/%5B526994%5DNursery%20Application%202021.pdf)

Thank a Teacher

If you want to thank anyone working in our school this is a great way of doing it.

From experience I know that they are greatly appreciated and can act as a springboard to the National Teaching Awards.

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/>

Y4 Assembly

Thank you Y4 for sharing your lovely learning in assembly this morning. What a lot of learning you have packed in. It was great to hear your version of Eye of The Iron Man with a live band too!

Our next assembly in 9.15am on **Monday** 26 February with Y3.

FITZJOHN'S SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES: 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024	
INSET Days - pupils not in school	Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Wednesday 4 September
Half term holiday	Monday 28 – Friday 1 November 2024
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	Monday 4 November 2024
INSET Day – pupils not in school (Parent/Teacher Meetings)	Monday 18 November 2024
Term Ends	Friday 20 December 13.30
SPRING TERM 2025	
INSET Day - pupils not in school	Monday 6 January 2025
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Tuesday 7 January
Half term holiday	Monday 17– Tuesday 21 February 2025
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2024
Term Ends	Friday 4 April 2025
SPRING HOLIDAYS	Monday 7 April – Monday 21 April 2025
SUMMER TERM 2025	
INSET Day - pupils not in school	Tuesday 22 April 2025
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Wednesday 23 April 2025
Half term holiday	Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May 2025
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	Monday 2 June 2025
Term ends	13.30 Tuesday 22 July 2025
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	
Christmas Day	Wednesday 25 December
Boxing Day	Thursday 26 December
New Year's Day	Wednesday 1 January
Good Friday	Friday 18 April
Easter Monday	Monday 21 April
May Day	Monday 5 May
Spring Bank holiday	Monday 26 May
<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Please do not book holidays during term time.</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">We do not set learning for children who are taken away on holiday. They should read, keep a diary, practise their number bonds or timetables.</p>	

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07767006365



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Bank Address (optional)	
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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	
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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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