



Challenge Partners

We are a member of a national network of excellence called Challenge Partners and as part of that we have an annual review which includes an Ofsted trained inspector and a current Headteacher or Senior Leader from a different school. We have our review on Monday-Wednesday this week. I'll share the report with you when it is published but in the meantime I'd like to thank the staff and children for making me so proud this week. One of the reviewers (who wanted to work here!) said: "This is a very special place to learn." You can see why I love my job. Thank you everyone.

Radio 1 Breakfast Show

As you may know the Radio 1 Breakfast Show came on Tuesday to do some filming in Y6 for a promotion that they are launching. As soon as I know when it will be live I'll share with you. It was a very exciting treat.

Year 6

Well done to Y6 for their assembly this morning. How would you have voted in the trial. Thank you to those parents who stayed. Next week Y5 celebrate with the Pentagon Awards. Good luck to all the nominees. There will be no tea afterwards as they will be screening the movies.

Next Week we will be celebrating World Book Day. See the next two pages for how you can help.

Happy St David's Day

It's time for all us Welsh folk to make daffodil pie with a leek crumble served with a garnish of coal, sheep and scorched by dragons as we celebrate St David's Day and all things Welsh.



Dates for your Diary

Next week is Book Week
 Monday 4 March Y6 CLC
 Thursday 7 March World Book Day
 Friday 8 March Popcorn Night
 Tuesday 12 March Y3 CLC
 Wednesday 13 March N/R Zoo Lab
 Friday 15 March Y5 Google
 Thursday 21 March Y1 Coding
 Friday 22 March Y5/6 Stand Up! workshop
 Monday 25 March Y6 Tower of London
 Monday 25 March Y5 Moonwalkers
 Monday 25 March Chamber Choir performance
 Tuesday 26 March 10am Reception Performance to parents
 Tuesday 26 March Y3 Roman Day
 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	98.62
Year 2	95.67
Year 3	94.40
Year 4	94.33
Year 5	97.24
Year 6	94.68
School	95.87

Well done Year 1

Parent Donations

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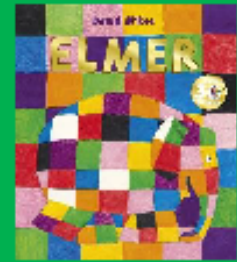
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WORLD BOOK DAY

7 MARCH 2024

At Fitzjohn's



Keep an eye-out for classroom or door displays. Each class will choose a story to base a display on.



Thursday 7th March

Children to dress-up as their favourite book character or author.



Mon 4th- Fri 8th March

Come in and read to your child's class.
Discuss with class teachers for the best time.

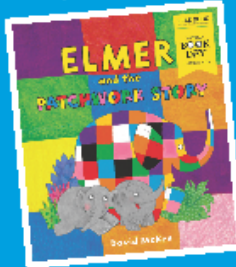
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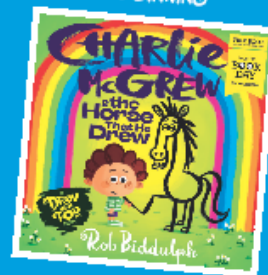
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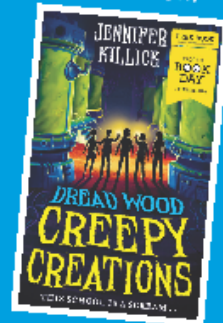
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Parent Governor : Election Update

Five candidates have put themselves forward for the 2 vacancies on the Governing Body.

In alphabetical order they are

- **Laura Scarrott**
- **Tara Shannon**
- **Freya Tewelde**
- **Nick Zangwill**
- **Daniel Zeff**

Ballot papers will be sent out on Thursday 7th March via your child with instructions on how to return the ballot envelope (please ask them and check their bag) by Monday 18th March . You will also receive further details of the process including statements from the five candidates.

Mike Herlihy
Clerk to the governors

POPCORN NIGHT



Disney
ENCANTO

POPCORN NIGHT
FRIDAY | 15 MARCH | 5:45 PM
Join us to watch - ENCANTO
£2 Entry Hotdogs & Snacks.
Includes popcorn

Reports will go out today for Y1 to Y6. Please share them with your children and talk about what they do well and how they can improve.

Please do us the courtesy of opening them and reading them at home.

Please email admin@fitzjohns.camden.sch.uk if you need extra copies.



The Fitzjohn's Spring Clean Jumble Sale is back!

Tuesday 26th March 3.15-5pm



ONLY GIVE WHAT YOU WOULD BUY



YES PLEASE:

- ✓ Books
- ✓ Toys, games, puzzles
- ✓ Backpacks, lunch bags
(clean and stain free)
- ✓ Balls, rackets, sport equipment
- ✓ Soft toys
(washed)
- ✓ Dress ups
- ✓ Bikes & scooters

NO THANK YOU:

- ⊘ Broken items / missing pieces
- ⊘ Clothes or shoes (please use the collection bin by KS2 entrance)
- ⊘ DVD
- ⊘ Party bags / magazine plastic toys
- ⊘ Used slime, play dough, putty
- ⊘ Baby toys or items

Collection starts Friday 8th March



Please clean and wash everything

ITEMS FOR AGES 3-12 YEARS ONLY



All the money raised will go towards sport, art and music at school.



This week in class	
Nursery	A red one? A blue one? No, a purple one! Can you guess the Julia Donaldson story? This week we read 'The Smeds and the Smoos'. We've zoomed into space in our Nursery rocket, as well as learning the song '5 little men in a flying saucer'. We were wondering why the baby SmooSmed was purple so we decided to explore colouring mixing with paint. Guess what?! We found that red and blue make purple! We also drew our favourite character from the story and turned it into a talking picture! First we drew a picture, next we took a photo of our drawing and then we added a voice recording. They were so funny! Please check Tapestry. On Thursday we went to the theatre to watch 'The Everywhere Bear' (another Julia Donaldson story). Nursery were super stars!
Reception	Reception had a thief this week- they had taken all of our construction! We looked at all the evidence, decided who it might be and then drew Wanted posters. By Wednesday we had discovered it was the Gruffalo, so we wrote letters back asking for it back. We did get it back after following his map to show us where he had left it. In phonics this week we have been learning words with double letters, and reading longer words like 'fantastic'. Our two new tricky words were 'pure' and 'sure'. In maths we have been looking at numbers that add together make 10. To help remember we learnt some rhymes and decorated biscuits with icing on representing 10. We also read the book '10 black dots', and then had a go being creative in art with our 10 black dots. This week we also went over the blue zone, in our zones of regulation. We discussed what can make us feel better when we feel a bit tired, sad, or unwell.
Class 1	This week in maths we have started looking at addition and subtraction to 20. We have used objects and numberlines to count on from a certain number to find the total and have played some fun games in class. In phonics we have learnt the phonemes 'tch', 'ture', 'al' and 'a'. The children have written some fantastic sentences this week with these sounds and are developing the ability to self correct their work. In science we have look at the changing seasons and weather. We then made a rain gauge and placed it in the garden to measure how much rain will fall over the next few weeks (probably a lot)! In topic we have discussed what we would like to find out about the explorers Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. We then looked at a variety of objects and books based around these individuals.
Class 2	In Class 2 this week, we have delved deeper in to our topic about Japan, learning about both the physical and human geography of the country. The children have written reports about aspects of school, work and transport in Japan. In maths, we have started a new unit on shape. We have also started to do a little bit of daily arithmetic practice to keep our brains nimble. Next week, we'll be welcoming something rather exciting to Class 2....
Class 3	This week started marvellously, with our Class Assembly, where we shared our learning with parents and the rest of the school. Thank you to all the parents who could make it, we appreciate your support. On Tuesday, we had a really famous visitor pop in, someone known the world over. Yes, The Emperor Claudius came into our class to teach us all about the Roman Invasion of Britain. Did you know that it took three attempts and nearly one hundred years before the Romans succeeded? We have another visitor over the next three weeks too: Julia, our student teacher, is teaching maths and literacy, with some help from Pam. In maths, we solved problems involving cm, mm and m. In literacy, we began our new text, 'Escape From Pompeii,' focusing on setting a scene in writing. On Friday, we finished off the week by studying pre-Roman and Roman-era Celtic artefacts. That Celtic knot work is a tricky drawing challenge!
Class 4	Year 4 have had another brilliant week. In Maths, we have been learning to convert between units of measure. We have used this knowledge to calculate the perimeter of 2D shapes. In Literacy, after identifying the features of explanation texts, we researched renewable energy and wind turbines to plan our own. Our explanation texts, entitled "How do Wind Turbines Work?" explain what renewable energy is and then the steps involved to go from wind to electricity. In PSHE, we have learnt about water safety and what to do when someone breaks a bone. We have thought of lots of new examples of kindness for our Y4 Kindness Wall.
Class 5	This week, Class 5 has learned in Maths how to round decimals to the nearest tenth and how to convert fractions and decimals into percentages and vice versa. In Literacy, we planned and wrote a 1st person recount pretending we were aliens! In Science, we learned about the 8 planets of the solar system, while in PSHE we spoke about how to keep safe when cycling. In History, Class 5 learned about the Maya gods.
Class 6	Using substitution in algebraic expressions and creating formula to express the rules of a relationship have been our objectives in Maths this week. We have also participated in a role play in Literacy - casting ourselves as the characters of a particular event in order to create a newspaper article - more in the coming weeks. A large part of the week has been spend, writing and rehearsing our school assembly - 'mock trial' and Crime & Punishment work - which the children performed so well in Friday's assembly.

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>

Great For Sports Day

Click here to be taken to the site.

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



Fitzjohn's Primary School

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

Turn your weekly shopping into BIG donations for our school

No matter who you shop with, or how you shop, you can now raise FREE MONEY for Fitzjohn's!

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
ASDA	£2.50	£1.00	✗	✗
Sainsbury's	£1.23	90p	£1.23	✗
Iceland	1.50%	0.50%	✗	✗
Ocado	1.50%	0.50p	✗	✗

Minimum spend requirements apply. Full retailer TSC's apply. Donation 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!



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/>

Assemblies (all at 9.15am)

Friday 8 March Y5 (note new date)

Friday 15 March Nursery

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



We have limited stock of these high quality branded umbrellas for sale. I have the same brand through The Magic Circle (of which I am a Member—have I said?) and they are very good.

On sale for £25 (cash preferred please)

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

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>	

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To The Manager	
Bank Name	
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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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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