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Hat Parade

It was wonderful to see all your excellent hat creations at the hat parade on Wednesday. Well done to Y6 and all the class stalls for raising an amazing £884 which goes towards the Y6 school journey. Pictures over page.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 29 March—Friday 12 April School closed
 Monday 15 April INSET School closed to pupils
 Wednesday 17 April Y6 RAF Museum
 Monday 29 April 3pm-6pm Y1-Y6 Parent/teacher meetings
 Tuesday 30 April Nursery Camley Street
 Thursday 2 May Governors Morning in School
 Monday 6 May BANK HOLIDAY
 Tuesday 7 May Y1 Golders hill Park
 13-17 May Y6 SATS
 Friday 17 May International Food Evening
 Monday 20 May Y3 Camley St
 27-31 May Half term
 3-7 June Y6 School Journey
 Friday 21 June Y5 Pedestrian skills
 Friday 21 June Y4 London Zoo
 Tuesday 18 June Y1 Camley St
 1-5 July Y6 Swimming
 8-12 July Y6 Swimming
 Tuesday 9 July Reception Pizza Express
 Saturday 13 July Summer fair
 Wednesday 17 July 7.30pm Y6 play
 Tuesday 23 July 9.30am Reception graduation
 Tuesday 23 July 6pm Y6 Leavers Disco
 Tuesday 23 July 7.30pm Y6 Leavers assembly
 Wednesday 24 July 13.30 school closes

Summer Term Assemblies all at 9.15

Friday 3 May Y4
 Friday 10 May Y3
 Friday 17 May Y2
 Friday 24 May Y1
 Friday 14 June Y5
 Friday 21 June Reception
 Friday 28 June Nursery
Y6 perform The Switch

7.30pm Wednesday 17 July

Attendance
for the TERM
Our target is 95%+

*Missing school
is missing out*

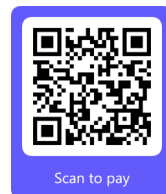
Year 1	91.09%
Year 2	92.23%
Year 3	95.31%
Year 4	95.11%
Year 5	94.55%
Year 6	93.25%
School	93.54%

Well done Y3.

Parent Donations

£50

Donation



Scan to pay

Payments for outstanding debts for Nursery payments, Autumn and Spring clubs and music to be clear ASAP.... please

Reception presents The Gruffalo

What a wonderful time we had listening to Reception's retelling of The Gruffalo. Thank you to all of the staff involved and especially to the children for their enthusiasm.



Hat Parade and Y6 Stalls



Y3 Roman Day



Well done Lana, parents and the Y3 team for helping to create our wonderful Roman day in Y3.

Jumble Sale



A huge thank you to everyone who donated and/or helped out at this event.

Chair's Report

The Governing Body (GB) met twice last term: once in February and, more recently, on 20th March.

GB in February reflected on the key messages arising from the Fitzjohn's conversation evening in January particularly parental reference to the importance of play that assists communication and social interaction. GB also discussed the reference to the importance of critical thinking and reasoning and whether the school used this to its full extent. Governors believed that this is developed through the school's values and also exemplified at Fitzjohn's by children being encouraged to ask questions of their teacher. GB agreed how the summary report from Rob will inform the school's priorities going forward.

GB noted a very positive safeguarding review report produced by the Local Authority and that key data is reported via the Headteacher's half termly report to Governors .

In February we had a follow up session on Partnership and Federation Working referring back to the presentation at December GB by Steven Hall (Camden Learning) and the range of partnerships along a continuum ranging from a soft partnership to a hard federation. This initiative is being driven at both central and local government level . Our focus in February was on "soft federation working" and we noted the current range of partnership working . In terms of next steps Governors discussed potential benefits like economies of scale and risks of further partnership working ; the key points from the discussion and outcomes from the Fitzjohn's Conversation will inform an options paper to July GB following discussion with the staff in order that their views are included and this will also have regard to key outcomes from subject focus days. Rob identified the biggest risk for Fitzjohn's (of being part of a federation) would be losing what makes it different and special.

We also received the half-termly report from Rob with key updates highlighted at both our February and March meetings . In February we focused on updated data for each class and in March there was a discussion on pupil attendance which remains a concern for the school community. Rob has written to individuals and the whole school regarding this.

The GB in March considered a very positive report from the Challenge Partners who focused on what went well, as well as "even better if". It was a great experience which helps the school to know what it does well as well as what tweaks can be made to make it better.

The key focus of the March GB meeting was the six-month review of the Governing Body's 8 key priorities for the current year which I reported on in the FOCUS at the end of the Autumn Term. Rob provided assurance that we are broadly on track to meet the targets. Priority 6 relates to the Early Years Foundation stage (EYFS) and the GB last week received a very enlightening presentation from Class Teachers Laura Taylor (Nursery) and Emma Combes (Reception) on how assessment of the children's' progress is carried out in early years' including the use of Tapestry (the online learning journal) with examples of teacher and parental input. We received reports from Link Governor Danielle Litterick on her recent Subject Focus Visit on Geography (Priority 4) and on Music provision at the school by Link Governor Nick Zangwill.

This term I also reported back from the meeting of the Camden Primary School Chairs of Governors.

We placed on record our appreciation of the services of Christina Pappas Kohle who is standing down as a Governor at the end of March. Christina will, however, be remaining as an Associate Governor for a year in the first instance to sit on our Finance Committee as this is currently a skills gap on the Governing Body. We welcomed newly elected parent Governor, Tara Shannon who observed her first GB meeting .Thank you to all 5 candidates for putting themselves forward in the recent election.

Governor Training is an important part of our role and in March we received a report back on training attended by Governors Simon Lickert and Anya Smirnova on safeguarding and succession planning respectively.

Our clerk, Mike Herlihy, always keeps us well informed about national developments in school governance as well as feedback from Camden from termly governance network meetings and he keeps under review any action points.

GB also received its update on the school budget and plans to tackle the projected deficit and the detail will be considered shortly by the Finance Committee as they draw up the 24-25 budget. Again we face a growing deficit budget so, now more than ever, remain grateful to the FSA.

Ending another term the GB wishes all of you a very happy Easter, and a restful and joyful break.

Ruth Schocken Katz
Chair of GB

School Governors

You can find full details of the Governing Body on the website, along with other key governance information, including the minutes of our half-termly Board meetings and school policies.

CLUBS – Summer 2024

This term's clubs will start week beginning **Monday 22nd of April** and will finish week ending **Friday 12th of July** (excluding the half term holiday – Monday 27 – Friday 31 May)

Reminder if your child has attended Spring term clubs this does not mean they are automatically are rolled over to Summer term clubs. You will need to re-apply again.

Please log into your Scopay account to select which clubs you would like and pay for them. The clubs selection will be closed on the 10th April.

Please pay all outstanding fees before you register. You will not be able to register for clubs until you have paid all outstanding balances. You must pay for outstanding balances.

Please note that if your child is entitled to Free School Meals the FSA sponsors one club per child per term. Please speak to the office as soon as possible before spaces go.

MONDAY

CLUB	Age range	Time	Number of sessions	Cost for the term	Instructor	Places Available
Football (Infants)	Year 1-2	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Camden	14
Fencing	Year 3-6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	David	10
Creative Club	Year 1-6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Kez (& ANO)	20

TUESDAY

CLUB	Age range	Time	Number of sessions	Cost for the term	Instructor	Places Available
Football (Juniors)	Year 3-6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Camden	10
Sewing and Jewellery	Year 1-6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Selma and Nazia	20
Board games/ Lego club	Year 1-6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Gill (& ANO)	20

WEDNESDAY

CLUB	Age range	Time	Number of sessions	Cost for the term	Instructor	Places Available
Capoeira (Infants)	Year 1-2	3.30-4.15pm	11	£110	Hiram	15
Capoeira (Juniors)	Year 3-6	4.15-5.00pm	11	£110	Hiram	15
Art	Y4-6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Dawn	10
Homework Club	Year 1-6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Zoe	10

THURSDAY

CLUB	Age range	Time	Number of sessions	Cost for the term	Instructor	Places Available
Streetdance (Infants)	Year 1-2	3.30-4.15pm	11	£110	Holly	20
Street Dance (Juniors)	Year 3-6	4.15-5.00pm	11	£110	Holly	30
Cooking	Year 3-6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Rosh	10
Chess	Year 1-6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£132	Wallace Chess	14
Paper craft	Y1 - 6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Rana	10

FRIDAY

CLUB	Age range	Time	Number of sessions	Cost for the term	Instructor	Places Available
Cooking	Year 1-3	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Lana	10
Sports for Girls	Year 3-6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Holly	16
Coding	Y3 –6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Hajar	10
Home-work	Y1- 6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Anaya	10

As is usual you must rebook for all clubs even if your child has done it before. You must pay for outstanding balances.

<p>House Winners Congratulations AIR who have won this term’s House competition!</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Air</td> <td>1st</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Earth</td> <td>2nd</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fire</td> <td>3rd</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water</td> <td>4th</td> </tr> </table>	Air	1st	Earth	2nd	Fire	3rd	Water	4th	<p>Thank you A huge thank you to all the FSA officers and parents/carers who help out before, during and after. Your contribution of time is vital to ensuring we have all of these events.</p> <p>Thank you to all of the class based staff in the school for all their hard work this term. There’s been some amazing learning and I’m always proud to show people around. Displays and books really celebrate the children’s learning. Thanks too to Debbie, Emma, Nashima, and Manuel for helping me sail the ship.</p>
Air	1st								
Earth	2nd								
Fire	3rd								
Water	4th								
Spring term—100% attendance									
Congratulations to the following children who attained 100% attendance this term:									
Nursery:	Reception: Ari, Aveer, Naomi, Celeste, Hailey								
Class 1: Cristian	Class 2: Fyodor, Jack, Nathaniel, Oscar, Sebastian, Sophita, Juno, Daniela, Jules, Solomon								
Class 3: Romy, Millie, Alexander, Alex, Eva	Class 4: Michael, Omer, Karm, Kyoka								
Class 5: Maor	Class 6: George, Lily								

This week in class	
Nursery	This week Nursery have celebrated Easter by making cards, reading stories, as well as making Easter chocolate nests. We had a visit to the quiet garden to see the frog spawn and tadpoles in preparation for our minibeast topic next term. We had so much fun showing our Easter hats to our friends and to the whole school during the parade. We watched the Reception class spring show 'The Gruffalo', well done all, it was fantastic! Nursery thoroughly enjoyed watching. Have a wonderful break!
Reception	Reception were fantastic in their Gruffalo show. Great singing, dancing and acting! They had worked so hard learning it all! We had a fantastic post-show party with impressive Gruffalo food- cupcakes, cakes, knobbly knees, poisonous warts, purple prickly pancakes to name a few.. We also made our own Gruffalo crumble. The Easter hat parade was fun, and gave us an excuse to learn a bit about France. We saw the Eiffel Tower and learnt how croissants were made. A great end to a super term. Have lovely well deserved breaks!
Class 1	This week in literacy and maths we have been doing various quizzes and activities to round up the term. The children have also been doing various pieces of writing in their free writing books and shared them with the class. They also wrote an information text about the explorer Neil Armstrong. In topic we have compared the explorers Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus and have discussed their similarities and differences. In art the children have painted some fantastic pictures of a NASA spacecraft and made compasses out of cardboard. In D&T we have also sewn and decorated treasure bags ready for our treasure hunt on the first week back. Well done for another brilliant term Year 1 and we hope you have a great break!
Class 2	It's been a lovely week in Class 2. On Tuesday, we were invited to go to Wagamama in Hampstead to try out their first schools' visit. We were treated to a look around the kitchen, told about the ingredients that go into their food, before weighing the ingredients which would go into our bowls of noodles. The children came away with a goodie bag and (mostly) a full tummy. I'm proud of them for trying the food, even if they weren't 100% sure! It was a great way to round off our topic about Japan. In maths, we have been finishing off our mini unit about length and in literacy, we have learnt a little about Haiki. Have a wonderful break.
Class 3	This week in class 3, we enjoyed Roman day filled with different activities, from making roman necklaces using coloured pasta, to vibrant mosaics. We were delighted to have visits from some of the parents to discuss important religious events such as Ramadan, Purim and Holi. Fitzjohn's hat parade and Easter stalls finished off the week with great enjoyment, as the children had fun guessing the amount of lego pieces in the jar.
Class 4	Year 4 have had a busy week this week. On Monday, a large group of us who are members of choir, went to the Camden Music Festival. On Tuesday we had a fun day of Computing at the CLC, where we made iMovies, demonstrating our learning from our topic of "Around the World." We loved using the green screen! We have also been publishers this week, publishing our first newspaper article all about Marco Polo's discoveries. We will make this into a giant newspaper to go in the Year 4 Book Corner. In Maths, we have been learning to understand and identify equivalent fractions. We were able to solve reasoning problems using our knowledge. Wishing all of Year 4 a wonderful, restful break. Lots of reading and times tables please!
Class 5	This week, Class 5 has learned in Maths how to read two-way tables and timetables, while in Science we learned about the movements of the Moon and its different phases. In History, Class 5 learned about the food that Maya people used to eat, which was mainly maize and cacao. In RE, we discussed the difference between a selfless sacrifice and a selfish 'sacrifice' using role-play. Class 5 has had a lovely term and is very excited for Spring break!
Class 6	Our week started with a visit, tour and guided experiences around the Tower of London to conclude our topic on Crime and Punishment. The children also played an educational Maths game based on the principles of world stock markets - buy low, sell high - which saw the children rake on the profits for their respective businesses. In Science, we used our knowledge of electricity and circuits to construct an electronic quiz game. Congratulations to all the children for their wonderful stalls: the weather played its part and I have a feeling that lots of money was raised for our June trip to Whitby - stay tuned! Wishing you all a restful break.

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; margin: 0;">Please do not book holidays during term time.</p> <p style="color: red; 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>	

The Easter Chess Camp runs over the break. Hurry up and book now while there are still spaces available! □

The camps are both fun and educational, children can enjoy chess amongst other activities such as football and puzzles. After a full 4 day week of chess, your child will have improved their chess skills significantly.

Dates:

Week 2: April 2-5 (Tues-Fri)

Week 3: April 8-11 (Mon-Thurs)

(Full week booking only - 4 days)

Half day: 9am-1pm

Full day: 9am-4pm

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Have a great Spring break.

We reopen to children on Tuesday 16 April.

Choir

Our choir performed brilliantly on Monday night as part of the massed choir for Camden in the Camden Choirs Festival.

As well as being part of the larger choir they sang a beautiful individual piece.

Thanks to Ezra for working with the choir and Emma, Emma, Debbie, and Louise for escorting the children.





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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/>

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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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. Don't on rates may change. Term time to time, rates above were correct as of 18/03/2023.

Raise a donation every time you shop with your supermarket

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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/>



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.

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Please Pay	
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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
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