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Black History Month 2024

DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

The theme of this year's Black History Month is reclaiming narratives so in classes and in assemblies we will be hearing stories of significant black people who have made an impact on life in the UK and beyond. If you are a member of our community and are black we would love you to come in to share with us too. Activities could include: reading stories, sharing language, sharing national dress, creating art pieces or cooking from your country of origin. Speak to your child's teacher to book a time to share.

You can find out more about this year's Black History Season and see the full programme of events at <u>lovecamden.org/blackhistoryseason</u>.

Dates for your Diary (so far)

Friday 11 October Y3-Y6 Cross Country Running

Tuesday 15 October Y3 and Y5 visit The Place Thursday 17 October Y4 Argyle School—Harry Potter drawing talk

Friday 18 October Harvest Assembly Friday 25 October Y5 British Museum

28 October 1 November Half Term

Week beginning 4 November Science Week

Monday 4 November The Crick

Monday 4 November Y6 Junior Citizens

Tuesday 5 November Dr Matt Pritchard

Thursday 7 November Y5 The Crick trip

Friday 8 November Environmental Magic

Week of Monday 11 November Y5 Swim (2 weeks)

Monday 11 November Y6 Junior Citizens

Tuesday 12 November Y2 Nightingale Museum

Monday 18 November School closed to children Parent **Teacher Meetings**

Monday 25 November Y6 The Magic Circle

Thursday 28 November Nursery Little Angel Theatre

Tuesday 10 December 2pm Y1/2 Christmas play

Thursday 12 December Father Christmas pm

Friday 13 December Christmas Fair pm

Tuesday 17 December Cinderella

Wednesday 18 December Y3/5 The Little Prince

Thursday 19 December 1.30 Magic Show 2.30 parties

Friday 20 December School closes 13.30

Harvest Festival

We will be collecting for the Camden Food Bank as part of our harvest festival on Friday 18 October. It would be great if your child could bring ONE of these things as a donation which we will gather together in assembly:

- Tinned: meat, fish, vegetables, soup, fruit, tomatoes, baked beans
- Dried: rice, pasta, cereal
- Biscuits, jam and honey
- Long-life milk, long-life juice
- Toothbrush and toothpaste, soap shower gel, toilet rolls, laundry powder

Consent for Trips For efficiency (for you and us) and to save on paper please complete this form for each child that you have at Fitzjohn's

https://forms.gle/ MHUpjAdDdFy7NvGU8

Check that your partner has not completed it too!

Attendance for the week Our target is 95%			
Year 1	94.29		
Year 2	90.44		
Year 3	94.64		
Year 4	96.33		
Year 5	94.14		
Year 6	80.37		
School 91.83			

Well done Year 4!

	This week in class
Nursery	Nursery have been very busy this week! We read books such as 'The colour of us, Marvellous me, We are all different and All are welcome'. We've continued to celebrate diversity and our uniqueness. The children have painted self- portraits, looking closely at their skin colour, as well as eye and hair colour. The portraits will be on display above the children's pegs. We also read 'Freddie and the fairy' which gave us a better understanding of what it means to be deaf. The fairy couldn't hear well and we discovered ways to communicate more effectively with someone who is deaf. The children were introduced to Maresia Liburd-Spencer, the founder of Black Deaf UK. She uses British sign language and we learnt how to sign thank you and rain (seeing as though we've had so much!). This week we also discovered a range of feelings after reading 'The colour monster'. The children created their own feelings monster and during a circle time, shared what makes them happy.
Recep- tion	This week in Reception, the children have learnt the sounds 'i, n, m and d'. We particularly loved the letter 'm' as we got to play with the musical instruments and made some masks. For all of them they have worked really hard on the correct letter formation, having a go writing with chalk outside, using whiteboards or writing on paper. We also started blending the letters we know together to read simple words. Reception had their first drawing club this week- all based around the book 'Superworm'. We loved drawing our own Superworm, and creating a vehicle to help rescue the lizard. Some great creative ideas! In Maths we have been looking at matching and sorting. We sorted all the small wooden blocks outside to what shapes they had, and whether they had 'straight' or 'curved' sides. Finally we managed to have a little ballet lesson with our ballerina expert 'Olivia', we learnt all the five positions and then danced to Swan Lake.
Class 1	This week in literacy the children took part in some drama and acted out the story of Beegu. They also sequenced the story in their books and wrote some lovely sentences. In maths we have been comparing numbers up to 10 and have learnt how to write the greater than and less than symbols. In phonics we have finished recapping phase 4 phonemes and will move onto phase 5 next week. In science we went on an Autumnal walk and spotted some signs of Autumn. In RE we have focused on the word "Belonging" and discussed some groups that we belong to. The children then designed a belonging badge and presented them to the class. In art the lovely Ella joined us and helped us to create some gorgeous cushion covers, which we have displayed in our classroom. Well done for a great week Year 1.
Class 2	In Class 2 this week, we have been writing diaries about the Great Fire of London. The children put a lot of time and thought into constructing sentences and planning what they would write. We are excited to copy them up and put them on display next week. In maths, we are counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Please practice this at home if you can! In geography, we learnt the difference between human and physical geographical features and used this knowledge to identify different physical features on a map of Hampstead. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend Magical Maths Morning on Tuesday. We hope you can make it again next Tuesday.
Class 3	Class 3 has had another busy week. We began our new writing topic of diary entries. Drawing inspiration from Scott the Antarctic and Tom Crean's Rabbit. Students have been fascinated with these stories and experiences, asking many thought provoking questions. In Maths, we have wrapped up our Place Value unit and are ready to move onto Addition and Subtraction. As always we will continue to practice our timetables weekly. Three weeks to go, where has the term gone!
Class 4	In maths, we have reached the end of our place value topic. We finished by learning to round to the nearest 100 then to the nearest 1000 and also applied our learned skills to round to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 interchangeably within a variety of different problems. We also completed an assessment on all the concepts learned throughout the topic. Within literacy, we wrote our own stories based on the well known tale of Robin Hood including an introduction, build up, problem for the main character to face, a resolution to how this was solved and an appropriate ending to our story. Our introduction focused on using figurative language and expanded noun phrases. Whilst writing our build up, our focus was to use fronted adverbials. We focused on including speech within our problem. We aimed to include other things like vibrant verbs, adverbs, short sentences and questions throughout and whilst writing our resolution and ending. For history, we began to explore the process of mummification and ordered the steps of this process. In computing, we learned about computer networks and, in particular, the role of a 'switch' and 'router' in the sharing, sending and receiving of information within networks and between networks. It became apparent how the internet is a network of networks spanning across the country as well as across different countries in the world.
Class 5	This week, Class 5 has learned in Maths how to add and subtract numbers with more than 4 digits; how to round in order to estimate numbers and check answers; how to use our knowledge of inverse operations to check answers. In Literacy, we learned about the features of Persuasive Letters and Letters of Complaint, planning and writing our own letters. In History, we looked into the differences between Athens and Sparta in Ancient Greece and learned about the Battle of Marathon. In Science, we focused on Jane Goodall and her work with chimpanzees, while in PSHE we discussed the importance of hydration and in RE we read the story of Bilal ibn Rabal.
Class 6	Factors, multiples, primes as well as squared and cubed numbers have all been reviewed in Maths this week - along with a whistle-stop tour of Roman numerals too! We also taught the children how to play 'Fizz-Buzz' - it's a fun mental-maths game so get playing with your child! In History, we learned all about 'Rationing' during WW2 and how it included obvious items like food (sugar, bacon, butter etc.) but also things like clothes. Did you know that rationing ended in 1954 - long after the war had ended? In Literacy, children planned and wrote their first draft of the wartime narrative 'Beyond the Lines' and once again, we reviewed how to edit and improve work when writing longer pieces of prose. In Science, we learned all about the intricacies of inheriting a certain eye-colour from your parents. Finally, in R.E., we researched how different religions celebrate their faith through song, dance or other art forms.

The Fitzjohn's School Association (The FSA)

Registered Charity No 102 9947

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

8.45am-9.15am Tuesday 1 October

Thank you to everyone who stayed for this meeting.

Rob thanked outgoing Chairs: Miri, Tali (and a behind the scenes Megan) and outgoing Treasurer Nitzan for all their hard work, enthusiasm and dedication. Thank you.

Elia and Vanessa were elected as the new co-Chairs.

Vanessa: vanessfitness82@gmail.com

Elia: elia.g.passa@gmail.com

Lee was elected as Treasurer Lee: leefels79@gmail.com

We thank them for standing and know that everyone will help them in their roles.

We are grateful that the funding requests listed below were agreed. Thank you.

Funding Requests 2024-2025 Coaching and Support

Art: £6,000

Games/Gym Coach: £15,000

Music: £21,000

Playgrounds

General Resources: £4,000

Computing

Camden City Learning membership, iPads, computing resources £20,000

Resources

Musical instruments for class lessons: £10,000

RE resources: £5,000

On-going:

Transport for trips (circa) £6,000

Support and sponsorship for children on Free School Meals to attend one club per

term: £6,000 Events: £4,000

Ongoing: messaging, etc: £3,000

Total: £100,000

Solar Panel Project Separate from the above, we are looking to fundraise and invest £40,000 for solar panels for environmental and cost saving benefits. Let us know if you can help. Thank you to Yael (Ben's mum Y4) who is spearheading this.

TO ALL NEW PARENTS

Welcome to Fitzjohn's!

We hope your child is settling into the school and you are already beginning to feel the warmth of our community spirit.

We wanted to take the opportunity to reintroduce our parent body the FSA (Fitzjohn's School Association). The FSA is all of us and aside from creating a brilliant community spirit we raise money for the school This money we raise means we can have a teaching assistant in every classroom, it pays for music and gym teachers, it updates our technology and our playground, it pays for new books and transport for school trips and much, much more.

The money we raise, helps Rob to deliver the best school possible for our kids.

Last year we raised an incredible £106k and this year we need to do the same, to provide the same level of support to the school.

70% of the money we raise is through monthly parental contributions and associated Gift Aid.

As the newest members of the school, you have a huge role to play. and you can easily contribute via this link; https://www.fitzjohnsprimary.com/

This is of course according to means and there are many other ways you can support the school and FSA.

Please do not hesitate to contact Lee Fels (Dad of Oscar in Y3 & Rae in Reception) if you have any questions.

leefels79@gmail.com

Monthly contributions + gift aid = 68% of FSA revenue



£50 Monthly



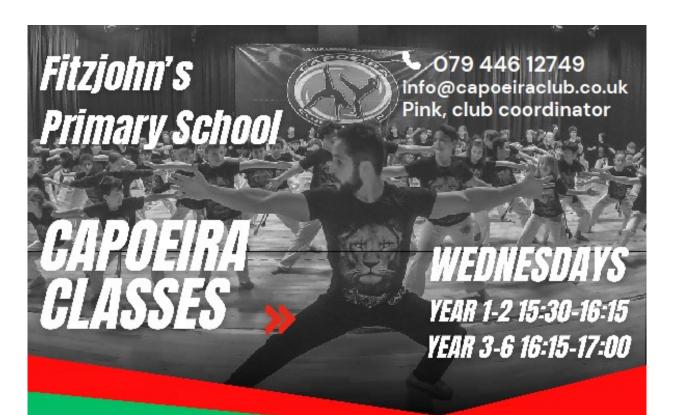


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£100 Monthly

£200 Monthly

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Director Hiram Ribeiro 07908433195



PLEASE HELP CAMDEN FOODBANK



Camden Foodbank is a local charity supporting adults and children in food crisis. In the past 12 months the Trussell Trust group of foodbanks gave over 3.1 emergency food parcels to people in food crisis with over 1.1 million of these parcels being given out to children. The winter months are the worst for people with no access to food as they also need to keep warm to survive.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Please donate targeted food to help Camden Foodbank make up emergency parcels or please donate money.



HOW TO DONATE FOOD BY HAND?

DAY	TIME OPEN	ADDRESS
Everyday	8am – 10pm	Camden Town Methodist Church, Wesley Hotel, Camden Town, 89 Plender Street, NW1 OJN.
Everyday	8am – 10pm	The Wesley Hotel, 81-103 Euston Street, NW1 2EZ.
Tuesday	11.30am - 3pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, NW1 OAD.
Friday	11.30am - 3pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, NW1 OAD.
Sunday	10am - 12pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, NW1 OAD.

HOW TO DONATE FOOD OVER THE NET?

DAY	TIME	ADDRESS
Tuesday or Friday	11.30am –2pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, NW1 OAD.

HOW TO DONATE MONEY?

THROUGH JUST GIVING

https://checkout.justgiving.com/c/3445418 100% of your donation will go directly to Camden Foodbank.

Selecting GIFT AID which will increase your donation.

FOR CHEQUES/DIRECT DEBITS AND OTHER WAYS OF

GIVING https://camden.foodbank.org.uk/givehelp/donate-money

Camden Foodbank 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 OAD.

Phone for food deliveries only Tuesdays and Fridays = 020 7387 4551

info@camden.foodbank.org.uk https://Camden.foodbank.org.u

Camden Foodbank registered charity in England and Wales 1084806

URGENTLY NEEDED TARGETED FOOD

- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Soup
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Rice
- Biscuits
- Jam and Honey
- Baked Beans
- Cereal
- Longlife Milk
- Longlife Juice
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Soap/Shower Gel
- Toilet Rolls
- Laundry Powder



Just Giving for Camden Foodbank



Poppy Appeal 2024

We are collecting for the British Legion Poppy Appeal 2024

Various poppy related merchandise is on sale in the office for a suggested donation of 50p to £1.

We have snap bracelets, stickers, "key fobs" stick on poppies and the more traditional poppies.

100% of the profits from the sale of poppies go towards funding the Legion's ongoing work in supporting the Armed Forces community, serving and ex-serving personnel and their families.

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!

	Hame delivery		Click & Collect	
Supermarket	First order	Existing customer order	First order	Existing customer order
TESCO	£3.50	C1.75	£3.50	£1.75
Morrisans	£3.50	£1.50	£3.00	£1.50
ASDA	£2.50	£1.00	×	×
MV 18551	£1.23	90p	£1.23	×
Sainsbury's	£4.00	60p	€4.50	60p
iceland	1.50%	0.50%	×	×
@ocado	1.60%	0.50p	×	ж

Minimum spend requirements apply. Full retailer TBC's apply. Danation rates may change from time to time, rates above were correct as of 18/08/2023.

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 Thank you!





School T-Shirts etc:

Take a look at this site https://shop.spreadshirt.co.uk/

<u>FitzjohnsNW3</u> where you can order and create t-shirts, etc in a variety of colours and sizes (children's and adults).

The logo is based on the iconic street signs around Hampstead.

Please note that you can "personalise" each item and choose any item from the site.

We receive approximately 20% (plus £3 for the logo) for each sale.

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	
SPRIN	G 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	
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SUMME	R 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	
PUBL	IC 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		
- monday to may		

Cross Country Running

This has been rescheduled to Friday 11 October. Your previous consent letters still stand. We will need parents to help walk down with us at 9.30am. The first race is at 10.45am. Parents/carers are welcome to join us down there.

Help!

We will need your help at 3.40pm on Friday 25 October to clear Reception class so they can fit the line in October half term.

Moving on to secondary school in Camden

Parents and carers who are applying for Year 7 places can visit Camden secondary schools at their open events this term. These open events are a great way for parents and carers to find out more about the borough's 10 state secondary schools for themselves before applying. Local group Meet the Parents also holds its own independent forums at local primary schools, where families can 'meet the parents' and students who attend their local secondary schools. Children will be due to start secondary school in September 2025 if they were born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014. Year 7 applications for 2025 entry open on 1 September 2024 and you need to apply before 31 October 2024. Visit camden.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions to find out more, including dates of open events and our secondary admissions guide.

Class Assemblies

These happen on Fridays at 9.15am and last about 15 minutes

Join Rob afterwards for the class meeting!

25 October Y6

15 November Y4

22 November Y3

29 November Y5

6 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 10 December.

Please leave school promptly at the end of the day or after collecting your child as staff are still working.

Please help your child to remember that they must not play football before or after school.

If you are waiting for a sibling in a club please wait in the library or in the monkey bar area.

PINS project

Share your views!

We are one of the select schools that will be involved in the new PINS - **P**artnership for **I**nclusion of **N**eurodiversity in **S**chools programme.

CAMDEN: Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)

Parent/Carer Survey

The project aims to increase inclusivity in mainstream primary schools for students who are Neurodivergent- a term which covers a range of brain types including Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, DCD, FASD and many more.

We would love to hear your views as parents by asking you to complete this Parent & Carer survey regarding your child's school provisions.

The project is looking to improve the experiences of children with additional educational needs in mainstream schools. The insights you provide in the survey will be used to help us identify the current strengths and areas for improvement at your child's school.

Please use this link to complete the survey: https://tinyurl.com/CamdenPINS





020 8863 8832

In this spooky 5-day Holiday Science Activity Camp, your children enjoy lots of premium fun, hands-on, chemistry, biology and physics STEAM activities and special demonstrations with take home experiments (see below).

Week A: Mon 21 Oct-Fri 25 Oct 2024 (5 days) Week B: Mon 28 Oct-Fri 01 Nov 2024 (5 days)

*Check online for which weeks are running at your Location

9am - 3:30pm (6.5hrs)

Extended Hours: 8:30am; latest collection 4pm

- simply add when booking online
- aged 5-12 years
- ons: across Greater London (look right>)

lalloween Science! - New 2024 Activities

Day 1> Atomic Monste Getting To Know You!

Viral Viruses! Pumpkin Life Cycle! Haunted House! **Eerie Eruptions!** Spooky Slime! Witch's Cauldron! Blood Making! Skelly, the 3D Skeleton! Witchcraft Illusions!

Day 4: Witchcraft Science!

Flying Bats! Spooky Spider Webs! Broom Zoom! Brain Building!

Manic Bone Hand! Dancing Franken-Worms!

and meny, meny more cool science demanstrations, experiments, games and quirzes!

Haunted School Venues this Halloween Serving:

Independent Service Ratin

- NW London Barnet
- Brent
- Camden
- · Ealing
- Harrow
- Hillingdon Westminster

NE London

- City of London
- Enfield
- Haringey Islington
- Tower Hamlets
- Waltham Forest

SW London

- Kensington Hammersmith and Fulham
- Hounslow
- Kingston
- Merton Richmond
- Sutton Wandsworth

See online for full list...

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"Science camp has inspired my child to learn more and he adores it, which says a lot about the

teaching. It was incredibly reassuring to know he was in good hands. Highly recommend it. We will definitely be back for more!"



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EVER!

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To The Manager		
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 theday of every month	
Date of First Payment		
Reference	Fitzjohn's Parents Appeal	
Customer Details		
Print Name		
Signature		
Date		
Address		
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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. Signature

*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.