

Reaching Out

November 2024

November's Skill of the Month



Welcome to our November issue with highlights from another busy month!

Music Teacher Update

Danielle, our music teacher, will be going on maternity leave and we wish her every joy as she welcomes her new arrival. We are pleased to announce that she will be covered by an equally exceptional music teacher, Vahan, who teaches our orchestra, cello, flute and brass, ensuring continuity and enthusiasm in our music curriculum.

November's Right of the Month



Skills Builder Challenge Day

Our annual Challenge Day took place on 18th November. The children applied their creativity and teamwork skills to design a new sport. We were so impressed by their ideas and the way they worked together. Read more about this exciting day on page 9.

Recent Trips

This month the children have also been on some fantastic trips, including Year 2's visit to the London Eye as part of their geography work, while Year 4 had the privilege of meeting the Mayor of Islington, gaining invaluable insights into local governance. Additionally, we had a special visit from Ofsted - more information to come on this!

As we move into the festive period, please do make sure that you have made a note of performance times and dates. Please do continue to use the [Google Calendar](#) for all upcoming events.

With best wishes

Sophie Gavalda

Head Teacher

Key Dates

Please check the **school calendar** on the website for upcoming events.



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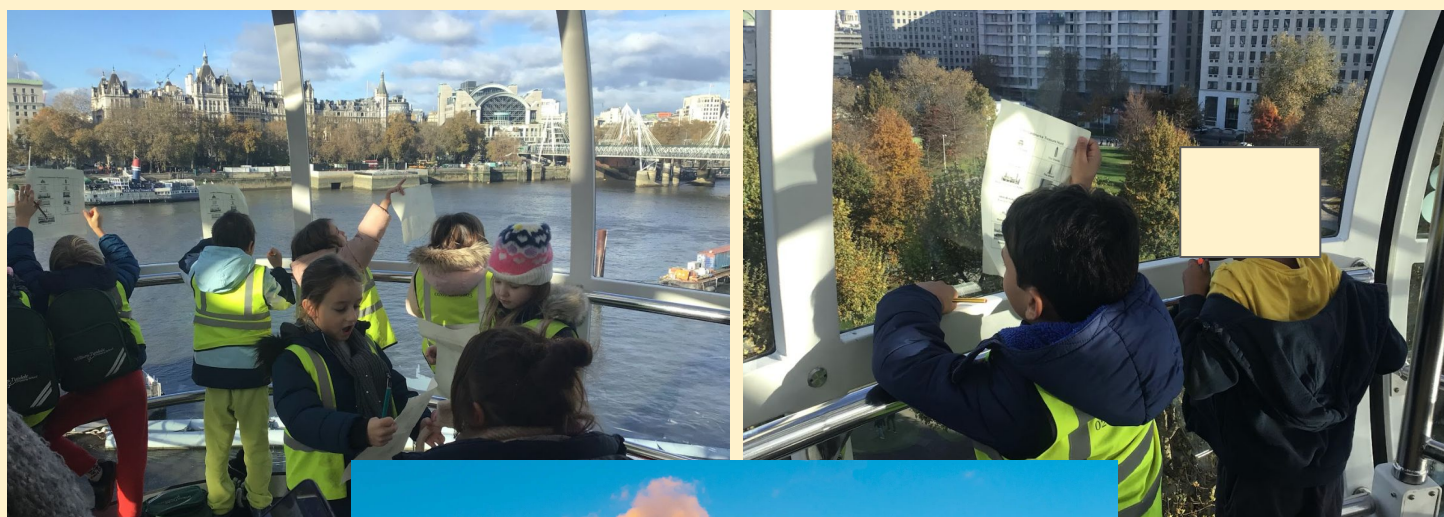
As a GOLD Rights Respecting School we value learning ABOUT, THROUGH and FOR the rights enshrined in the UNCRC. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our pupils.

Year 2 Trip to the London Eye!

Year 2 went on their second trip of the year all the way to the London Eye! The children were so sensible throughout the day and we were very impressed.

We got the bus to Waterloo Bridge and walked the rest of the way to the London Eye. We then waited for our turn before jumping into our pods. We were very lucky with the weather as it was a sunny day which meant we could see so clearly from the pods! The children had an amazing time looking out for all the London landmarks we had been learning about in our Geography lessons.

We would just also like to say a big thank you to the parent volunteers for coming and helping.



Year 4 Trip to Islington Town Hall

As part of their PSHE unit on Democracy, Year 4 went to Islington Town Hall to meet the Mayor of Islington, Councillor Anjna Khurana. The Mayor told the children all about her role, answered their numerous and probing questions, and gave them a tour of the Council Chamber and the Mayor's oak-panelled parlour. The visit brought the children's learning to life as they sat in the very place where important matters are discussed and decisions are made that affect the people of Islington.



Year 5/6 Tag Rugby

On Wednesday, 13th November, our Year 5 and 6 pupils showcased their skills at the Islington PESSPA Mixed Tag Rugby Competition at Barnard Park. Competing with enthusiasm and teamwork, our squad of ten players, proudly sporting their green kits, played brilliantly across all matches.

The children demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship, resilience, and cooperation, impressing everyone with their agility and tactical thinking. The event was a wonderful opportunity for them to develop their rugby skills, work together as a team, and enjoy a day of active, friendly competition.

A huge thank you to the organisers and to our dedicated staff for their support. Well done to all the pupils who participated—you've made William Tyndale proud!



Panathlon Challenge

On Friday, 29th November, a group of our pupils proudly represented William Tyndale at the Panathlon Challenge held at the Islington Tennis Centre. This inclusive event featured a variety of exciting activities, including New Age Kurling, Boccia Blast, and Precision Beanbag, designed to celebrate teamwork, determination, and skill development.

Our pupils embraced each challenge with enthusiasm, demonstrating excellent collaboration and perseverance. It was heartwarming to see them thriving in a supportive and encouraging environment, cheered on by their peers and staff.

We're incredibly proud of their achievements and are grateful to the Islington PESSPA team for organising such a meaningful and enjoyable experience. Well done to everyone involved!



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2024

CHOOSE

RESPECT

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Monday 11th to
Friday 15th November

ODD SOCKS
DAY 2024

Tuesday 12th November

#OddSocksDay

#ChooseRespect



Primary Maths Challenge

On Friday 22nd November, 46 children from Years 5 and 6 chose to take part in the Primary Maths Challenge. This is aimed at children who enjoy solving fiendishly tricky mathematical problems. The children who participated did extremely well, using many of their essential skills including: staying positive, aiming high and, of course, problem solving. We shall find out about the children who have made it through to the Spring Bonus Round later in December.

Well done to all who took part!

Bea Mayer (Maths Lead)



Festive Parent Read Friday 13th December



From 8.30 am, pop into the Ground Floor Hall, where there will be plenty of books and comfy seating available for you to stay and read with your child/ren. This is such a special event for all the members of our community and we would love to see you there.



Skill of the Month Challenge



Work with members of your family or your friends to create the tallest free-standing tower. This means it can't lean on anything.

You can use anything in your house to create it. You could use cushions, cereal boxes, Lego, cardboard boxes. You could even challenge yourself and others by trying to use unexpected items.

Extension: If and when it falls over, try to make it even taller.

Reflection Questions

Getting Started: How can you find out about how others are feeling about something?

Intermediate: How can you find out more about strengths and weaknesses in others?

Advanced: How might you be able to motivate others to improve their weaknesses?

Mastery: What kind of leader would you like to be?

Would you like to help William Tyndale School secure an extra £4000 on average in additional funding?

Great, as David Astburys Estate Agents would love to help support this incredible cause. For a limited time only, we are offering:



Sales

To pay 20% of our fee for any property we sell, which comes via a William Tyndale recommendation. This would result in an average £4000 being paid back to the school, for every completed transaction we are a part of.

Lettings

10% for the first 5 properties let, subject to referral to us by the parents, guardians, carers or staff. Thereafter, 15% on any successful lets carried out, subject to referral from the 6th January let, running throughout until tenancies commencement. (Up until 31st December 2024)

Property Management for just £49/month

For a limited time we are offering a heavily reduced fixed rate for NEW and existing clients.
*Terms and conditions apply.

Referral Incentive

To support the fundraising for the schools we sponsor, we will give William Tyndale a percentage of our fees for any referrals to us by the parents, guardians, carers or staff across deals complete in Sales and Lettings in 2024. This can be an external referral bought to us from you too!

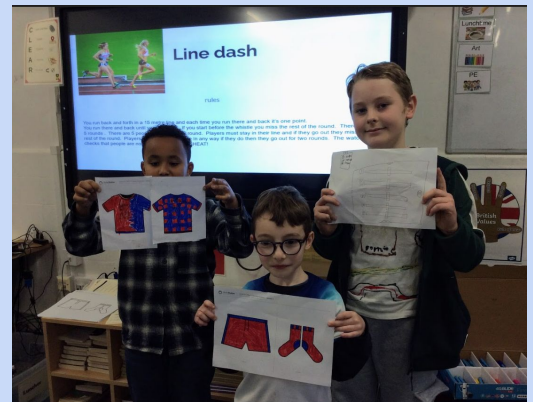
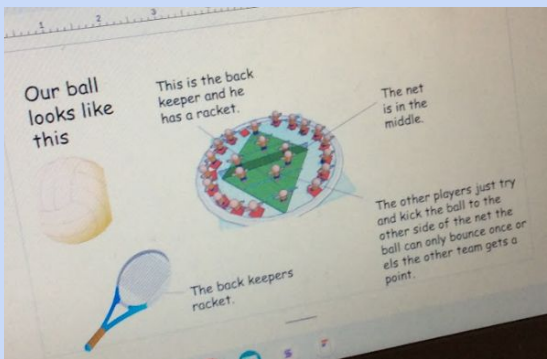
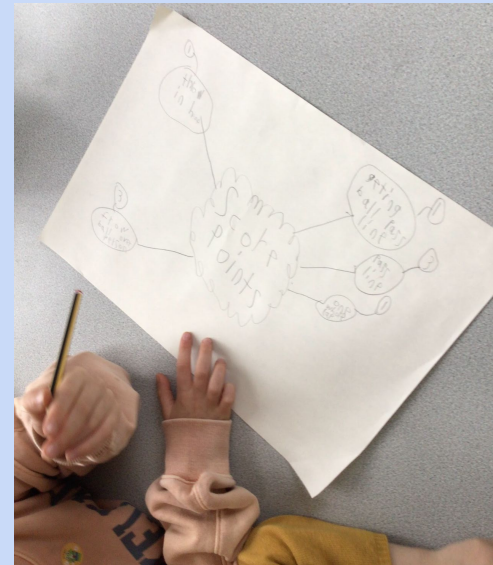


Skills Builder Challenge Day

This year for our school wide challenge day, we built upon the legacy of the Summer Olympics and participated in the challenge *Game On*.

Each class was tasked with inventing their own new sport that had never before been imagined! They had to consider why we have rules in sport and devise rules of their own. They then designed a stadium and kit for their new game and pitched their concept to their friends.

Challenge Day is such a special opportunity for children to demonstrate all of their eight essential skills. They always impress us with their thinking and communication skills and this shone through during the whole day. Well done William Tyndale students.



Y6 Trip: Centre of the Cell

We had so much fun on our trip on Wednesday! We left at school at 9.30am, then got the overground from Highbury and Islington to Whitechapel, then walked to Queen Mary's University.

Once we got there, we went into the Neuropod and watched a show about our circulatory system and how cells work.

In the afternoon, we discovered the Science Labs! There we visited the STEM pod and had loads of fun playing games and learning all about cells and how blood travels through the body!



Did you know that the average adult human has 37 trillion cells in their body?



Keeping your Child Safe Online

One of our top priorities for our whole school community, is our children's mental health and wellbeing. There is more and more evidence showing the impact of screens on children. We will be running another Online Safety Workshop with Get Safe Online in September at the Halifax Flagship Store. In the meantime, please look at these resources:

If you haven't already done so, please make sure that you have Parental Controls on all your devices.

Get a step by step guide here: [Parental controls & privacy settings guides | Internet Matters](#)

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)



The infographic is titled "ISLINGTON Digital Charter" and features the Islington Council crest. It includes logos for "Safer Internet Day" and "Children's Commissioner Digital 5 A Day". The "Digital 5 A Day" logo is a circular pie chart with five segments: "Be Mindful" (red), "Connect" (purple), "Be Active" (green), "Get Creative" (yellow), and "Give to others" (blue). The main text states: "Islington wants to promote the safe, happy and creative use of technology. In consultation with our children, parents and staff we have developed our very own 'Digital Charter'". Below this are ten numbered items, each with an icon and a title:

-  **Mobile-free mealtimes**
-  **Real books at bedtime**
-  **Be kind online**
-  **Create, don't consume**
-  **Balance online and physical activity**
-  **Think before you share**
-  **If something upsets you, tell an adult**
-  **Age appropriate content only**

PUNCTUALITY and ATTENDANCE

Punctuality

Children are happier when they arrive punctually at school and their learning gets off to a fine start. We have many incentives to encourage children to arrive punctually, including certificates and medals.

Please remember:

- **The school gates open at 8.45am** and children are able to go straight to their classes.
- **School starts at 8.55am** but we give you a 5-minute grace period to account for exceptional circumstances; therefore, any child arriving at **or after 9am will be marked late.**

Timings for the end of the day will be as follows:

Nursery door will open at 2.50pm. (Children not collected by 3 will incur a charge.) **Reception** and **Year 1** doors will open at 3.25pm.

- **Year 2** line up outside the Reception play area at 3.30pm, flanking the fence in front of the hand washing trough, by the office as you come down the lane from Upper Street.
- **Years 3 – 6** will be brought down to the playground at 3.30pm. Please could parents wait near to where their child's class lines up, avoiding bottlenecking by the extension of the Morris Building. Children will not be dismissed as they come out and down the stairs – only from their line.
- **Any children not collected on time will be taken to Kids' Club where a charge will apply from 3.40pm.**

It is really important to a child's feeling of security that they are brought in regularly and that parents arrive and depart promptly once they are settled. Children who arrive late can become distressed and find it hard to settle to their activities. Again, at home time, please collect your child promptly as they can become very anxious if you are late.

Please find further information in the [Parent and Carer Handbook](#) on the school website.



Attendance

The school and Educational Welfare officers monitor attendance on a regular basis. We expect children to have **at least 95% attendance. If your child's attendance falls below 95% then the Educational Welfare Officer will contact you. A child is considered a persistent absentee once their attendance falls to 90%.**

Please let us know of any changes in your child's home life, routines or health that may affect their attendance or punctuality at school, so we can support you accordingly. If you would like any more details about punctuality and attendance, please see Penny in the school office.



What do I do if my child is sick?

1. If your child is sick please inform the school office on the first day of absence.
2. On your child's return to school please bring a note to the school office explaining why your child was absent. If your child is absent directly before or after a holiday you will need to bring in medical proof to support the absence.

We award children medals and badges for 100% attendance and punctuality over a term and for over the whole year. Well done and thank you to everyone who continue to help reduce our absences, cooperating with procedures required by the Department for Education (DfE).

What about medical appointments?

Please try to avoid making dental or medical appointments for your child during the school day; if an appointment is absolutely necessary please show your appointment card (preferably in advance) to the school office as evidence for this absence.

What if I need to apply for leave during term time?

Any leave of absence has to be applied for, four weeks in advance, using the appropriate forms from the school office; each case is reviewed individually but please be aware that absence will be authorised in only the most exceptional of circumstances. **Holidays during term time will never be authorised.**

Any unauthorised absence may result in an immediate penalty notice of £80 per parent per child from Islington's Educational Welfare Department.

Support Services

Corinne, Pastoral Lead, has collated some useful services available to parents. This is not an exhaustive list and do continue to contact the school if you require support.

Islington Bright Futures, Early Help 5-19 (school-age to 19 years)

<https://directory.islington.gov.uk/kb5/islington/directory/service.page?id=txWgdPi-Gz0>

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Bright Start Family Support Service

Parents-to-be and parents and carers of children under 5 years

[Find Your Islington | Bright Start Family Support Service](#)



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Benefits and Financial Support

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/benefits-and-financial-support>

Islington Parenting Programmes

[Parenting Programmes in Islington](#)

Support Numbers

Emergency Services

999

Islington Children's Social Care

020 7527 7400

Domestic Violence National Helpline

0808 200 247

NSPCC 0800 800 500

Childli

ne 0800 1111



“ERIC is the national charity dedicated to improving children’s bowel and bladder health.

Our mission is to reduce the impact of continence problems on children and their families.”

The website has lots of information about toileting issues such as toilet anxiety, potty training, bowel and bladder problems. It offers lots of practical advice around how to support your child, webinars and a HELPLINE.

www.eric.org.uk



Free helpline: 0808 801 0343 Mon to Thur, 10am - 2pm