

# The School Newsletter

3rd March 2023

Shine, Encourage, Love and Learn

Our 5  
Christian Values

Forgiveness  
Love  
Encouragement  
Wisdom  
Togetherness

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We've had a brilliant day in costume for World Book Day. We also spent time completing poetry and art activities during the day. Thank you to all for the effort made with the costumes this year – they were great and so many were incredibly creative!

With thanks for your continued support,  
Adeola Oladejo, Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team

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## Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings will be held in-person again this term. Booking links have been sent to parents— you should receive an email and text.

Please also check junk email folders.

- Year 2: Tuesday 28th (4.30-6.30pm) & Thursday 30th March (3.50-5.15pm)
- Year 4: Wednesday 29th March (3.50-6.30pm)
- YR, Y1, Y3, Y5 and Y6: Wednesday 29th (3.50-6.30pm) and Thursday 30th March (3.50-5.15pm)

If you are unable to meet on these days, please contact the school office to arrange another appointment with your child's class teacher.

Should you need any help booking with the booking link, please contact the school office.

## Easter Holiday

The last day of term will be Friday 31st March.  
School closes at 1.30pm.

Easter Holiday: Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April.

Children return to school on Monday 17th April.

## Amended School Dinner Menu

We've taken feedback from the children and staff and the menu has been updated.

You can find the updated menu on our website [here](#).

Islington schools provide a free school meal for all children from Reception to Year 6. We are pleased that more families are taking up this provision.

## Star Awards!

Friday 3rd March

Reception: Sally

Year 1: Amina and Essa

Year 2: Miran & Rian

Year 3: George & Zehra

Year 4: Sonny

Year 5: Ibraheem & Amani

Year 6: All of Year 6

### Bronze Awards

(10 Merits for positive attitude, learning and behaviour)



Chase and Joey

### Silver Awards

(20 Merits for positive attitude, learning and behaviour)



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## School Nurse—Health and Well-being Clinic

The school nurse will be visiting for the next Health and well-being clinic on 20th March, 9.15am. Further info to follow.

## Red Nose Day!

We'll be raising money for Red Nose Day on Friday 17th March.

Dress head to toe in red, wear a costume of your choice or simply dig out your brightest socks! Donate £1 or whatever you can give.

Thank you to our PTA and all families for contributing to our cake sale last week. The £220 raised will go to supporting families in Turkey and Syria through the charity Choose

Love <https://chooselove.org/>

## Dates for your Diary

6th March	Safer Internet Day activities with Three Discovery for KS2 pupils
10th March, 9.15am	Year 2 Class Assembly Parents/Carers welcome
13th March	Year 6 News Club group to City University
17th March	Red Nose Day  Year 4 Class Assembly Parents/Carers welcome
20-23rd March	Year 5 cycle training
21st March	Year 5 Shakespeare Project starts
22nd March	Reception trip to London Aquarium  Year 1 and Year 2 to Three Corners Adventure
23rd March	Year 5 visit to Sikh Temple
24th March, 9.15am	Reception Class Assembly
27th March	Mini Olympics for Reception at Highbury Fields  Year 2 Trip to The Estorick Collection  Year 4 to Gillespie Park
28th March	Year 2 Parents' Evening
29th and 30th March	Parents' Evening (see overleaf)
31st March	Last Day of Spring Term. School closes at 1.30pm
3rd-14th April	Easter Holiday
24th April	Year 1 Trip to the Transport Museum



Spotlight on...

Our Spring Term 2 Information Booklets are available on our website [here](#).

## Attendance & Punctuality

We encourage all children to attend school regularly and punctually. We monitor pupil attendance on a regular basis.

During our monitoring of pupil attendance, we identify any pupil whose attendance causes concern and write to parents to let them know of our concerns.

If you wish to discuss your child's attendance and/or punctuality, please contact the senior leadership team through the school office.

For information:

Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year (excellent attendance)

95%: 10 days absence a year

90%: 19 days absence a year. This is persistent absence.

## Messy Cathedral 2023

1st April, 10.30am-1pm.

Messy Cathedral: A free family event at St Paul's Cathedral with activities for all ages.

See [here](#) for more information.

## Online Safety

For parental control and monitoring tools including Google Family Link, Apple ScreenTime and Microsoft Family Safety see:

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net>

<https://www.internetmatters.org>

Our very own Dawn, who works in the office with Carol, was recently awarded the Freedom of the City of London! One of the oldest surviving traditional ceremonies still in existence today, it is believed to have been first presented in 1237. Since the Middle Ages, the Freedom was presented to Town dwellers who were protected by the charter – hence the term 'freedom' of the City. The Freedom was the right to trade, enabling members of a Guild or Livery Company to carry out their trade or craft in the City's Square Mile. In 1835, the Freedom was widened to incorporate not just members of Livery Companies but also people living or working in the City or those with a strong London connection.

# World Book Day 2023!





## Incredible Years Parenting Group

For parents of primary school children age 6-10 years

Wednesdays 9.30am -12.15am (9.45am start)

22<sup>st</sup> March 2023

(14 weeks with breaks for school holidays)

Pooles Park Primary school

Lennox Rd, Finsbury Park, London N4 3NW.

- ❖ Facilitators : Anna Fleming, Family Support Practitioner Bright Futures, Islington Council & Michal Ruzansky; Clinical Psychologist, Islington CAMHS, Caroline Amato, Assistant Psychologist,
  - ❖ Islington CAMHS

- ❖ For further information, please contact

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Incredible Year Groups are a great way to support your parenting. They help parents to:

- Develop parenting skills and knowledge
- Improve relationships and communication with their children, through quality time, child directed activities, praise and rewards
- Understand more about child development
- Understand challenging behaviour and set appropriate limits
- Meet other parents, share skills and ideas and build friendships

"I have learned so much from sharing with the group and hearing about their experiences"

"I am feeling much more confident as a parent. I know how to react to specific situations. My child is behaving better. It was life changing for me"

"Oh my! What changes haven't I seen?! It has become a joy to be a parent again and to enjoy my children the best way"

"This course is not a lesson on what as a parent we are doing wrong – more so an insight as to how we can improve"

The poster features a dark blue background with various scientific and medical icons. A large yellow circle with a dashed border is the central focus, containing the event title and details. Surrounding the circle are icons for a DNA helix, a stethoscope, a robotic arm, a heart, test tubes, gears, and a molecular model. The text is centered within the yellow circle.

# SCIENCE of SURGERY

11am-4pm, Monday 3 April 2023

43-45 Foley St, London

FREE PUBLIC EVENT