



# Newsletter 176



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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Easter Egg Competition

Egg-celent entries including Green egg party, The Egg Ben, Nick Egg, Egg Millband and David Scrambledon, The Suffreggs and Nigel Faregg and the UKEP (United Kingdom Egg Party); were amongst some of the General Election and politically themed eggs entered. Well done to our winners:

<b>Nursery</b>	Zabedee	John
<b>Reception</b>	Rahya	Faizah
<b>Year 1</b>	Stella	Conor
<b>Year 2</b>	Mattios	Isla
<b>Year 3</b>	Libby	Alexia
<b>Year 4</b>	Aedan	Rosie
<b>Year 5</b>	Arthur	Jake
<b>Year 6</b>	Henry M	Xanthe

## Years 4 & 5 Dance Performance

On Tuesday morning Years 4 & 5 went to IAMs School to perform their 'BBC 10 pieces' dance in front of an audience of parents! The children have been working on this project all term with Caroline our music specialist and Anne-Gael from Candoco Dance Company. The resulting performances were filmed and are being entered in to the BBC 10 pieces competition. If we get through, we could be performing later this year in the Royal Albert Hall... fingers crossed.

"IAMs theatre was very nice and the lighting was perfect" Rosie Y4

"My grandparents said it was fantastic" Sam Y4



## Marathon Madness

Angela will be doing the gruelling 26 mile London Marathon this April and has been training very hard! We will be holding a fundraising day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April- details to follow. Families who would like to donate can do so via her just giving page: [www.justgiving.com/Angeparker](http://www.justgiving.com/Angeparker)

## Building works update

We are approaching the final stages of our building works and we can't wait for the scaffolding to be removed to reveal the amazing work. We hope to have it partially removed over the Easter break.

# Attendance Matters

Week beginning	Attendance winner	Punctuality winner
16/03/2015	Year 4	Years 2 & 5

## March in to Reading

Continue the good reading everyone! Diaries can be returned in the new term!

Wishing all our families a restful break and a reminder that school will resume on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**. I look forward to seeing you all then!

Yours sincerely,  
Mark Owen, Headteacher

## Friends of Gillespie - News

Dear FoG Members

Well the Spring term was rounded off last week with our Annual Parent/Carer Quiz, splendidly put together again by last year's organisers (Tom, Kate, Nick & Louise). There was the best turn-out ever with 16 teams competing. In the end it was a very close run thing but "The Devil's Avocado" were the winners with 67.5 pts, closely followed by "The F.I.R.M" with 67! A great evening was had by all with an interesting selection of questions, great food and we managed to raise over £200 in the process.

The next big event is the Summer Fair and preparations are underway to provide another great afternoon of entertainment including music and magic; if any parents have ideas they would like to suggest for the event, please speak to Gary, Louisa, Sandra or Suzanne. Due to Ramadan, the date has been moved by a week this year, so the fair will be on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June from 1200 till 3pm**. The sale of raffle tickets will start next term and volunteers sought to help with all the stalls, so please speak up if you can help. Finally, following on from some successful non-serious football matches against other local primary schools, some of the Dads are trying to put together the odd Sunday morning, friendly kick-about (probably in Clissold Park around 1100am) – nothing too serious, more "jumpers-for-goalposts"! If you are interested, please drop Gary a message ([garybower@aol.com](mailto:garybower@aol.com)) and I will add you to the circulation list. Of course, any Mums who would like to join in are also welcome!

We hope you all have an enjoyable Easter break,

The FoG Team

# Punctuality Matters

The issue of poor punctuality must be taken very seriously and strongly discouraged. When a pupil arrives late, they miss out on essential instructions given at the beginning of the lesson/school day. This reduces their chances of academic success. Poor punctuality can also cause social disruption as children and young people may feel uncomfortable and embarrassed arriving to the classroom when everyone else is already settled. In fact, when one pupil arrives late it disrupts the teacher and the rest of the class, compromising everyone's learning.

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## REMEMBER...

If pupils are late to school or a lesson by just 10 minutes a day, then they will be missing out on the following learning:

- 50 minutes per week
  - 300 minutes (3 hours and 20 minutes) per month
  - 650 minutes (10 hours and fifty minutes) per term
  - 1,950 minutes (32 hours and 30 minutes) per year
- missed minutes = missed learning = missed opportunities!**

...GOOD PUNCTUALITY  
MATTERS!

