



February/March Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support with our Turkish and Syria appeal. We are keeping it open for another week so if you would like to donate, please do that via parent pay. It was heart breaking to see the images on the television before the holiday and knowing that a large section of our own parent community was directly impacted brought it all much closer to home. Please reach out to Mrs Berman, our Parent Support Worker if we can assist you in any way.

Parents evenings', went well and it was lovely to see so many of you enjoying looking through the books and hearing about the progress the children have made over the last few months. Once again, we would like to encourage you to find some time each day to listen to your child read. Reading is very much the key to success in school. Reading widely gives you knowledge and new vocabulary which support you accessing the wider curriculum with more ease and success.

Friends of Galliard have been supporting our efforts here to improve playtimes and the equipment selected by our School Parliament and funded through the proceeds from the film night and the disco has finally arrived and the children have thoroughly enjoyed testing it all out.

There have been a number of trips over the last few weeks and experience days in school and I know there are more planned as we move through the year. We know the best trips are those where the children have the opportunity to put the knowledge from the classroom into action. We know that everyone is feeling the impact of the cost of living crisis and we are mindful of this when we are selecting the trips. Whenever we can cut out the need for a coach we will as this does increase the costs significantly.

Can I ask everyone to complete a short parent questionnaire. Please click on the following link. You will need to register and then login. The whole process will take less than 5 minutes.

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The children have been enjoying visiting Edmonton library and this term sees older children having the opportunity. I am also pleased to announce that the school has been successful in a bid process and we are now in a position to update the books in our own school library.

You will see from the dates that we will be celebrating World Book Day on **now Friday 3rd March**. Once again, we are inviting children to come in dressed up as their favourite book character. Please don't feel like you need to purchase an outfit, often children can accessorise an outfit they have at home. Class teachers will be giving them some ideas around this. There is a **teacher strike planned for the 2nd of March** which is why we have moved our event. Once I am in a position to confirm whether the school will be fully or partially open I will share that information with you.

Hello, I am Naomi from 6M and I am a MP and a member of the School Choir. On Monday 16th January, Galliard's excellent school choir made our first trip to London to perform in the Young Voices concert at the O2 arena. First, we ate lunch with KS1. Then we went on the coach and most of us said that it was huge and the biggest one we have ever seen. The Journey was about 30/40 mins.

We arrived at the O2 around 1pm which was 6 hours before the show, so we sat down and had a break. Then it was time for rehearsal and we went through all the songs with the conductor. After the rehearsal, we had more food as we were all hungry. At 6.45 the crowd of proud parents, relatives and friends made their way into the arena and found their seats. Finally, it was 7pm and the lights turned off and everyone turned on their flashlights. We sang lots of songs and Heather Small a famous pop star sang as well. We were told that there were over 9000 Young Voices singers there that night.

It was a long night and I was very tired. I felt very proud that Galliard had a choir represented at the event and that I had been there and part of it. Through singing with Heather Small we were raising the profile of a charity called Place2Be which offers support to children.

ATTENDANCE: We would like all parents to know that our target for school attendance remains at 96%. Please report your child's absence from school before **9.30am** by telephoning 0208 8804 1818 and advise us of the reason for your child's absence. It is very important that your report the reason for every absence.

NUT ALLERGIES: We are a healthy eating school and several of our children have severe nut allergies. Please **DO NOT** send any child into school with nut products (peanut butter, nutella etc) or chocolates or biscuits and cakes containing nuts in their lunch boxes. Even the smell of these products can cause an allergic reaction to another child sitting nearby.

Upcoming dates:

FEBRUARY	
21st	Yr 5 swimming – Cancelled
22 nd	Yr 4 maths workshop 9.00-10.00
24th	SEN parent drop in at 2.00
27th	6P visiting Edmonton Green Library 4P visiting the British Museum
28th	Yr 5 swimming - Cancelled

MARCH	
1st	4Mc visiting the British Museum
2nd	4R visiting the British Museum Possible NEU teacher strike

3 rd	World Book Day
6 th	6M visits Edmonton Green Library
7 th	Yr 5 Swimming - Cancelled
9 th	Spring Concert 5.30-6.30
10 th	6W to visit Edmonton Green Library
14 th	Yr 5 swimming
16 th	Online safety workshops 9.00-10.00 Yr 5 and 6 parents FOG Year 5 and 6 disco 6.00-7.15
21 st	Yr 5 swimming
23 rd	Wonderdome in school – EYFS/Moonbeam and Sunbeam
24 th	Chicken shed in school EYFS/Moonbeam and Sunbeam SEN Parent drop in 2.00pm
27 th	Rainbow children to visit the Millfield Theatre
30 th	Yr 3 Easter assembly – parents invited
31 st March	School closes 2.00pm



