

2nd February 2024

Newsletter


CANONBURY
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Create, discover and succeed together



Y6 in Kench Hill



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Emily Thornberry MP meets School Council



School Governors meet School Council

Discos and Democracy

It's been a busy fortnight for School Council. Last week we hosted a visit from Emily Thornberry MP, who told us all about her role and took questions from our councilors. It was inspiring to hear that we are her boss, because it is the voters who determine whether or not she has her job as MP. In turn, Emily was inspired herself by Year 5's performance of the song A Tisket A Tasket. On Friday, School Council talked to Governors about their own roles and the school during Governor Day. Governors also visited classrooms to look at Science and History lessons.

This week Year 6 stayed at the Kench Hill Centre in Kent and enjoyed numerous activities including walking down an ancient stream, archery, team games, a night walk and campfire and much more. As always, the staff at the centre were highly complimentary about Canonbury children's excellent manners and friendly attitude. Thank you to all the Year 5 parents who organised the excellent School Disco last week - oh what a night!

Patrick



Key Dates for your Diary

Year 5 trip to the Royal Observatory Greenwich - Monday 5th February (packed lunch required)

NHS MMR & Polio Vaccination Clinic - Wednesday 7th February

Half Term Holiday - Monday 12th - Friday 16th February

Year 5 trip to the British Museum - Monday 19th February (packed lunch required)

Year 6 trip to British Museum - Friday 23rd February (packed lunch required)

Year 3 trip to Celtic Harmony Stone Age Camp - Tuesday 27th February (packed lunch required)

Year 2 trip to Little Angel Theatre - 'Everywhere Bear' - Thursday 7th March (back to school in time for lunch)

Year 3 Bay Class Swimming Lessons at Highbury Pool - Monday 4th - Friday 15th March (2 weeks)

Year 3 Lime Class Swimming Lessons at Highbury Pool - Monday 18th - Thursday 28th March (2 weeks)

Year 5 Sycamore Class residential trip to Treginnis Farm, Pembrokeshire, Wales - Monday 18th - Friday 22nd March

Year 5 Hornbeam Class residential trip to Treginnis Farm, Pembrokeshire, Wales - Monday 15th - Friday 19th April

Last Day of Spring Term - Thursday 28th March

PTA Dates

Y5 Cake Stall - 23 Feb, 3:30pm

PTA meeting - 1 March, 9am

Easter Fair/ Nursery + Reception Cake Stall - 22 March, 3:30pm

EID celebration - 18 April, 3:30pm

more news on the website- [click here](#)

Attendance, Punctuality & Superstar winners

School Attendance

🎯 Islington target is 96%

Canonbury this week: 93.8%

Attendance Trophy

Rec - Cherry Class 94.6%
Y1/2 - Silver Birch Class 97.7%
Y3/4 - Hawthorn Class 96.7%
Y5/6 - Sycamore Class 98.7%



Punctuality Trophy

Reception - Cherry Tree Class 0 Mins
Y1/2 - Silver Birch Class - 92 Mins
Y3/4 - London Plane Class - 39 Mins
Y5/6 - Oak Class - 21 Mins



Canonbury Superstars

This Week

Year 1 Chestnut - Idris
Year 1 Pear - Imani
Year 2 Beech - Zara
Year 2 Silver Birch - Sky
Year 3 Bay - Siara-Lea
Year 3 Lime - Viola
Year 4 Hawthorn - Amie
Year 4 London Plane - Olivia
Year 5 Hornbeam - Ayman
Year 5 Sycamore - Assil
Year 6 Ash - Class - School Trip
Year 6 Oak - Quinn

Hi parents/carers of young people at Canonbury Primary School. My name is **Uma** and I have recently joined **Bright Futures**, a service offered by Islington Council to support young people and their families.

Is your young person...

-struggling academically?

-facing anxieties around attending school?

-struggling with morning routines and arriving late for school?

-presenting challenging behaviour at home?



I will be at the school gate every **Thursday morning at 8:45am** to have a friendly chat about what we

offer. I can signpost you to other services, offer information, advice, and guidance, book a meeting with you and the school, and offer you a safe space to discuss what might be going on.

I know it can feel overwhelming and daunting at times to reach out, but no struggle is too small- we all need a little help sometimes



Everyone needs a little help sometimes

We know that being a parent is not always easy and that all families need support at some stage as children grow up

Bright Futures works with families who have children 5-19

We will work with you and your family to help you make lasting positive change and get the most out of family life

'Things right now are good. There have been quite a few challenges, but I feel stronger and more capable than I have for a while.'

- Bright Futures parent



Term dates for 2023/2024

AUTUMN TERM	Inset Day 1 – Monday 4th September 2023 Inset day 2 – Tuesday 5th September 2023
Autumn term 1	Wednesday 6th September 2023 - Friday 20th October 2023
<i>Half-term</i>	<i>Monday 23rd October 2023 - Friday 27th October 2023</i>
Autumn term 2	Monday 30th October 2023 - Thursday 21st December 2023
<i>Christmas break</i>	<i>Friday 22nd December 2023 - Friday 5th January 2024</i>
SPRING TERM	Inset Day 3 – Monday 8th January 2024
Spring term 1	Tuesday 9th January 2024 - Friday 9th February 2024
<i>Half-term</i>	<i>Monday 12th February 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024</i>
Spring term 2	Monday 19th February 2024 - Thursday 28th March 2024
<i>Easter break</i>	<i>Friday 29th March 2024 - Friday 12th April 2024 (Easter weekend: Friday 29th March - Monday 1st April 2024)</i>
SUMMER TERM	Inset Day 4 – Monday 22nd April 2024 Inset Day 5 – Monday 3rd June 2024
Summer term 1	Monday 15th April 2024 - Friday 24th May 2024 (May Day Bank Holiday is on Monday 6 May 2024)
<i>Half-term</i>	<i>Monday 27th May 2024 - Friday 31st May 2024 (Spring Bank Holiday will be taken on 27 May 2024)</i>
Summer term 2	Tuesday 4th June 2024 – Wednesday 24th July 2024
<i>Summer break</i>	<i>Thursday 25th July 2024 - Monday 2nd September 2024</i>



Did you know Islington Council have a short-term fund for people in work who rent their home?

To apply to the fund for a one off payment of £250

YOU MUST

- live in Islington
- pay rent
- be in employment
- less than £50,000 gross household earnings
- Combined household of savings of less than £5,000

PROVIDE PROOF OF

- rent - tenancy agreement or letter from landlord
- savings- recent bank statements for every household member
- earnings - recent payslip for every household member

If you think you might be eligible please visit
<https://www.islington.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/cost-of-living-support/help-for-renters-who-are-working>

Alternatively please contact the office who can arrange for you to meet with Bright Futures for support to complete the form.

Free, confidential advice to maximise your income

Contact the council for friendly advice and support. We can help you work out what benefits and financial support you are entitled to, whether you will be better off in work, including the affordability of childcare, and we can help you to make a claim.

Call **020 7527 8222**

Email heretohelp@islington.gov.uk

Visit www.islington.gov.uk/moneyadvice

Get help finding and paying for childcare

Our Family Information Service (FIS) can help with:

- Free early education for 2, 3 and 4 year olds
- Childcare for under 5s, including childminders and Islington's funded nurseries, and childcare for over 5s - after-school and holidays
- 30 hours free childcare
- Tax-free childcare
- Childcare through Universal Credit
- Islington Childcare Bursary

Call **020 7527 5959**; email fis@islington.gov.uk or visit www.islington.gov.uk/FIS

Apply for a Childcare Bursary

If you live in Islington, are claiming benefits and have a child aged 0-16 (or up to 18 with disabilities) who needs childcare, you may be entitled to a Childcare Bursary. The bursary is there to help parents who are starting work, a work placement, or short-term training to pay for childcare. It does not need to be paid back.

Call **020 7527 5891** or visit www.islington.gov.uk/childcarebursary

Help with your energy bills

Our energy advice team can provide guidance on reducing energy bills and speaking to your energy suppliers regarding utility debt and billing issues, help you apply for water discounts, support with energy efficiency grant applications and signpost to other public health interventions. To speak to a member of the SHINE team:

Call **0300 555 0195** or **020 7527 2121** lines are open 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday.

Or text **07800 006143** or visit shine-london.org.uk

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If your household income is feeling the squeeze, you'll find a wide range of support online at www.islington.gov.uk/costofliving



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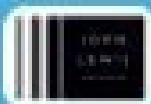
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