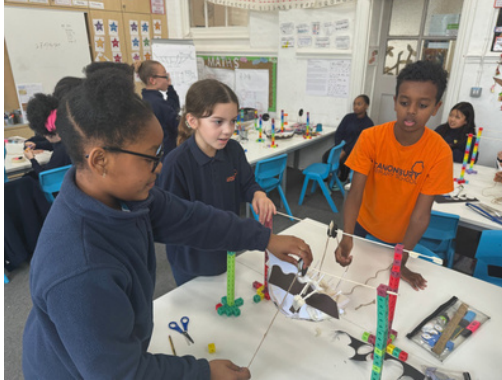


28th March 2024

# Newsletter



Irish Singing & Dancing troupe perform for Early Years and KS1



D&T in Y5 - making a pulley system



### Year 5 at Treginnis

Sycamore class enjoyed their trip to the farm last week, and packed in so many memorable experiences, including helping to look after sheep, lambs, pigs, goats, donkeys and chickens. They planted flowers and helped to clear fields of thistles, as well as going on long coastal walks, a trip to the beach and to St David's Cathedral. Some children saw seals and dolphins, and a highlight was watching gannets dive into the sea to catch fish.

### St. Patrick's Day Music and Dance

We were honoured to host a troupe of Irish musicians and dancers before St. Patrick's Day weekend, thanks to Eithne, Reception teacher. Children were inspired by the dance steps and songs and many have been singing the 'rattling bog' song in recent days.

### Easter Extravaganza

Thank you to PTA for organising the Easter extravaganza last week - it was a fun afternoon with a great turnout and popular stalls. The homemade cookies and cakes were of the highest quality - I know because I tucked into more than a few!

### Year 3 and 4 Swimming Gala

This week I hear a loud jingling and jangling sound outside my office, to find the swim team arriving with several medals each after triumphing in the Islington Gala competition at Cally Pool. This is a tremendous team effort, with many children beating their personal best times.

**Happy Easter and Ramadan Kareem to everyone,**

*Patrick*

Year 3 & 4 Swim Team win Gala



Y5 Sycamore in Treginnis



## Key Dates for your Diary

**First Day of Summer Term - Monday 15th April**

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

**Year 4 trip to Greenwich - 'Mudlarking' - Monday 15th April (packed lunch required)**

**INSET DAY - Monday 22nd April - school closed to pupils**

### PTA Dates

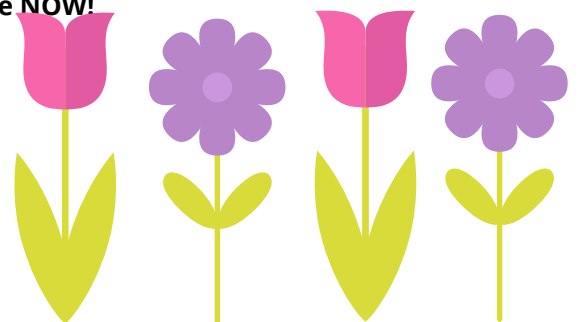
**EID celebration - Thursday 18 April, 3:30pm**

**QUIZ night hosted by Yr 6 - Thursday 25 April, 6:30-10pm - tickets on sale NOW!**

**Cake Stall organised Yr 2 - Friday 26 April, 3:30pm**

**Easter Eggstravaganza!**

**£914.48**



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



Teams of eight,  
dinner from 7pm,  
Includes 3 course meal,  
a drink & lots of laughs



Canonbury's  
**QUIZ**  
**NIGHT**



Tickets available at school  
or on scopay.



Thursday 25th April 2024  
Doors open 6:30pm  
Tickets: £15





## Stronger Together

### Free course for Islington Parents

Do you want to understand your baby/child?  
Have fun and build strong relationships?

**For parents of children under 3 years old  
and those expecting babies**



**Join our 9-week course in April 2024**

- Learn to listen to your own and your child's needs
- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Get to know your local services
- Develop your parenting knowledge
- Meet other parents
- Explore your creative side

**When:** Thursdays, from 25th of April for 9 weeks

**Time:** 9.30am to 12.30pm

**Where:** The Parent House, 55 Calshot St, N1 9AS

**A parent said** *'The course makes me realise how much I need to pay attention to my own needs. I have changed my thinking and I am more aware'*

**To Book or to find out more:** Contact 0207 837 1383

[Anita@theparenthouse.co.uk](mailto:Anita@theparenthouse.co.uk)



# FREE CHILDREN'S EVENTS

## CHILDREN'S AUTHOR EVENT

Come and meet some of the dogs that call Highbury Fields their playground, as local author Debbie Dunning reads from her picture book.



**Friday 5 April, 2pm**

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## CRAFT EVENT

Surprise your friends and family by making an egg that cracks open to reveal a cute chick!



**Saturday 6 April, 2.30-4pm**

# FREE SWIMMING LESSONS IN ISLINGTON

Throughout the school holidays and in partnership with Islington Council, we are proud to be able to offer a variety of free swimming lessons for children and families. Lessons will run during Easter, May Half Term, Summer and October Half Term. Sessions include:

- Adult and child swimming lessons: 6-week course for under 3's \*Summer holiday only
- Swimming lessons for 4 -13-year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Teen swimming lessons 13 -16-year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Family swimming lessons, 6-week course for up to 2 adults and 2 children to learn to swim together and enjoy the pool together \*Summer holiday only

To apply please scan **QR code** or visit website at **[better.org.uk/free-swimming-lessons](https://better.org.uk/free-swimming-lessons)**

You can email for more information at **[summer.lessons@gll.org](mailto:summer.lessons@gll.org)**



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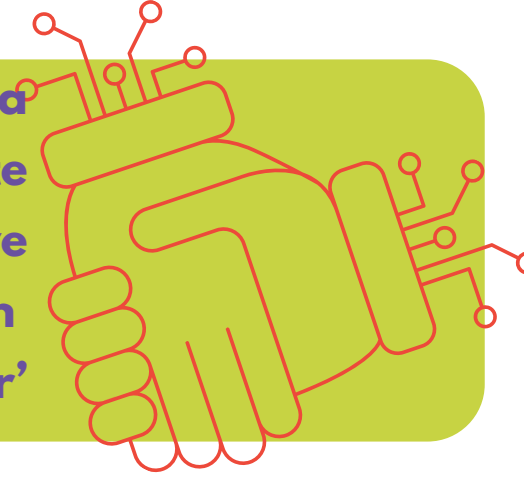


# Digital Charter

**CANONBURY**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Create, discover and succeed together

At Canonbury, we want to encourage a 'Healthy Digital Diet'. We want to promote a positive digital balance. As a result, we have developed our very own 'Digital Charter'



**Digital-free meal times**



**Books at bedtime  
(no tech in the bedroom)**



**Be kind and responsible online and offline**



**Be Creators  
NOT Consumers**



**Be smart  
balance screen time  
with daily exercise**



**Think before  
you share**

# Attendance, Punctuality & Superstar Winners

## School Attendance

🎯 Islington target is 96%

**Canonbury this week: 92.6%**

## Attendance Trophy

Rec - Cherry Class 90.7%

Y1/2 - Beech Tree Class 95.8%

Y3/4 - Bay Tree Class 96.1%

Y5/6 - Oak Tree Class 95.4%



## Punctuality Trophy

Reception - Cherry Class 41 Mins

Y1/2 - Chestnut Class - 68 Mins

Y3/4 - Lime Class - 20 Mins

Y5/6 - Ash Class - 6 Mins



**Canonbury Superstars**

**This Week**

- Year 1 Chestnut - Willow
- Year 1 Pear - Willow
- Year 2 Beech - Lillyana
- Year 2 Silver Birch - Whole Class
- Year 3 Bay - Hector
- Year 3 Lime - Samuel
- Year 4 Hawthorn - Kinzi
- Year 4 London Plane - Alyzah
- Year 5 Hornbeam - Ibrahim
- Year 5 Sycamore - Alice
- Year 6 Ash - Agustina
- Year 6 Oak - Harry

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

<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>	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>
<b>SPRING TERM</b>	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>
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	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](mailto:heretohelp@islington.gov.uk)

Visit [www.islington.gov.uk/moneyadvice](http://www.islington.gov.uk/moneyadvice)

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## 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](mailto:fis@islington.gov.uk) or visit [www.islington.gov.uk/FIS](http://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](http://www.islington.gov.uk/childcarebursary)

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## 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 006 143** or visit [shine-london.org.uk](http://shine-london.org.uk)

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## Stay updated

Sign up for email updates on Islington news, events and other topics.

Visit [www.islington.gov.uk/stayupdated](http://www.islington.gov.uk/stayupdated)

## Join in the conversation

Follow [@IslingtonBC](https://twitter.com/IslingtonBC) on Twitter and search Islington Council on Facebook.

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



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Online

Generate free donations for us at over 5,500 online stores. It's completely free thanks to our partner, Give as you Live Online!



Simply scan the QR code with your mobile phone to sign up for free!

Just some of the 5,500 stores paying free donations:

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