

8th March 2024

Newsletter

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World Book Day Assembly



The Big Sing - Town Hall



World Book Day Conga!



Year 3 travel to the stone age at Celtic Harmony Camp

World Book Day

The school was buzzing with excitement this week as we celebrated World Book Day in style, with a mixture of cosy clothes and costumes to celebrate the theme of 'read your way'. Year groups buddied up with each other, so that older children read to younger ones and we enjoyed an assembly with Ellie as well as a conga at playtime.

Music Composition

Year 3 and 4 classes had the opportunity to listen to and compose their own music on a range of instruments during workshop days with Rachel. At the end the class performed as a mini-orchestra and in smaller groups.

The Big Sing

All classes learnt a suite of songs and went to Islington Town Hall last week to perform them with other schools, led by singing teachers from Music Education Islington. Of course we held our own really well and raised the roof.

Computing - Online Safety Day, Bletchley Park
Classes took part in online safety workshops arranged by Lawrence with LBI, meanwhile Year 6 took part in a workshop led by Bletchley Park, home of the Enigma machine that decoded secret messages during the Second World War.

Year 6 and Year 5 have visited the British Museum while Year 3 have traveled in time to the Stone Age at Celtic Harmony Camp.

Patrick



Key Dates for your Diary

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

Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March - wear something **RED & bring £1 for Comic Relief** (noses on sale for £2 next week)

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

Yrs 3 & 4 trip to Barbican - LSO Concert 'Heroes, Outlaws & Villains' - Monday 18th March (back for lunch)

Yrs 1 & 2 trip to Barbican - LSO Concert 'Musical Mechanics' - Tuesday 19th March (packed lunch required)

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

Last Day of Spring Term - Thursday 28th March

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

Easter Extraganza - 22 March, 3:15-5pm

Cake Stall - Nursery and Reception - 22 March, 3:30-5pm

EID celebration - 18 April, 3:30pm

QUIZ night hosted by Yr 6 - 25 April, 6:30pm - tickets on sale soon!

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



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

Attendance, Punctuality & Superstar Winners

School Attendance

🎯 Islington target is 96%

Canonbury this week: 95.2%

Attendance Trophy

Rec - Cherry Class 95%
Y1/2 - Pear Tree Class 96.9%
Y3/4 - London Plane Class 96%
Y5/6 - Oak Tree Class 97.8%



Punctuality Trophy

Reception - Apricot & Cherry 2 Mins
Y1/2 - Silver Birch Class - 0 Mins
Y3/4 - Hawthorn Class - 54 Mins
Y5/6 - Sycamore Class - 8 Mins



Canonbury Superstars

This Week

- Year 1 Chestnut - Ameer
- Year 1 Pear - Asiya
- Year 2 Beech - Baran
- Year 2 Silver Birch - Pia
- Year 3 Bay - Freddie
- Year 3 Lime - Ethan
- Year 4 Hawthorn - Ilyaas
- Year 4 London Plane - Charlie
- Year 5 Hornbeam - Asare
- Year 5 Sycamore - Yassin
- Year 6 Ash - Class - Aadi
- Year 6 Oak - Rashad

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





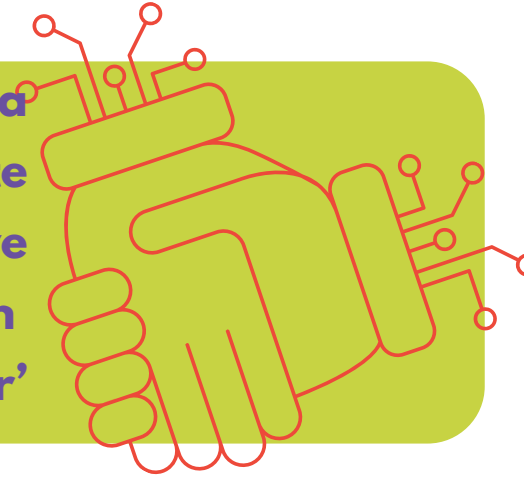
Digital Charter



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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**

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 006 143** 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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