



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will really have seen the focus on lates and attendance over the last few weeks. We have seen some positive outcomes with punctuality, with most families arriving before 9am. Thank you!

However the school weekly attendance is still below national average, which we do need to work together to change.

Please do support us as much as possible in this. We are really trying to build a successful and happy school for all children.

Coffee morning at Rotherfield

Attendance Matters!

Nia (Head of School), Nora (Attendance Lead) and Ayse (the School Nurse) would like to invite you to share and explain the latest guidelines regarding Punctuality and Attendance.

Date: Tuesday 1st October
Where: Bottom Hall
Time: From 9am

Please join us as this will be a great opportunity to ask any questions or clarify any misunderstanding.

Refreshments will be available



I am pleased that Rosa is really driving our reading for pleasure initiative. As part of that we are on the judging panel for the UKLA Book of the Year Award. We are judging children's non-fiction books which means we get to read some of the best new books coming out this year.

They have just started arriving through the post this week and look incredible! We cannot wait to read and review them and then they will be kept in our wonderful library so the children can all read them too!

Have a lovely weekend,

Nia

YEAR 5 - STRATFORD OLYMPIC PARK

Our Year 5 classes had a fantastic trip to Stratford Olympic Park. We visited the Velodrome and watched cyclists speed around the track, learning how friction affects their performance (linking to our Science topic for this half term). Then, we explored the Aquatics Centre and saw the impressive ArcelorMittal Orbit with its giant slide. We also viewed the London Stadium, where renovations have transformed it into West Ham's new home ground. It was an exciting day filled with fun and learning about sports and science!



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

STARS OF THE WEEK



Whole school: 90%
National: 95%

Well done to all our wonderful children on their hard work this week. The following deserve a special mention for receiving **Star of the week!**

Year 6: Chloe and Rosie

Year 5: Elliott and Rumaysa

Year 4: Ibrahim and Gokhan

Year 3: Goldie and Jack

Year 2: Iqra and Lily

Year 1: Frankie and Reuben

Reception: Rowan

Nursery: Freya



Willow	97%
Silver birch	96%
Rowan	94%
Mulberry	93%
Oak	93%
Pine	92%
Palm	91%
Elm	91%
Ash	91%
Beech	89%
Apple	88%
Cedar	88%
Maple	87%
Holly	82%

TOP DOODLERS

Top class - Ash

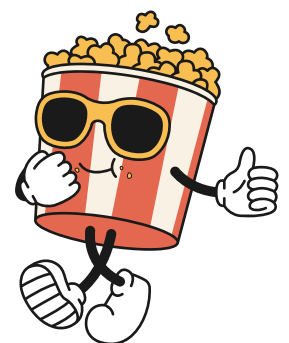


Using Doodle Maths for 10 minutes per day can have a huge impact on your child's progress and attainment. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need your login details or any support with the app.

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

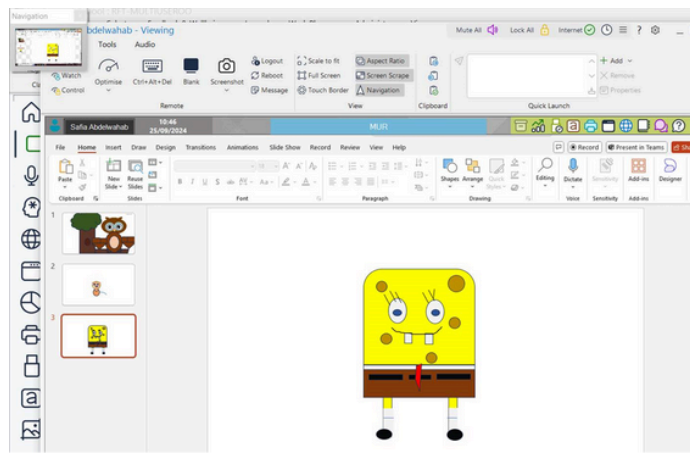
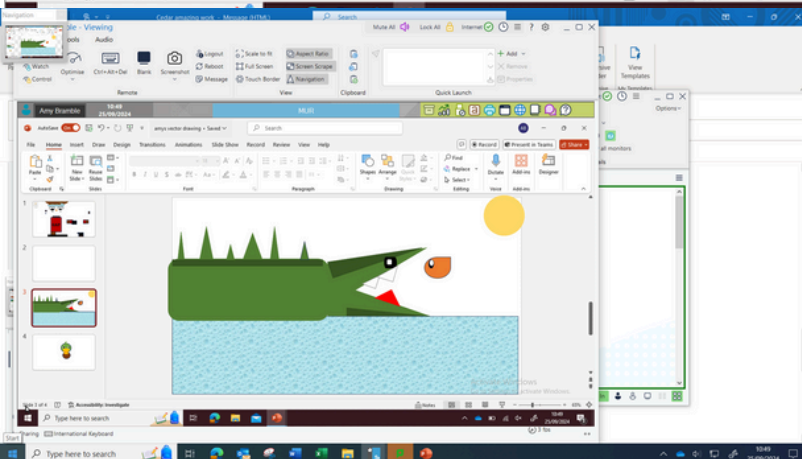
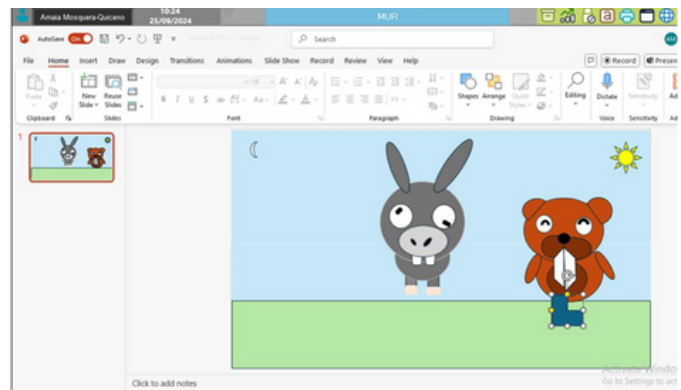
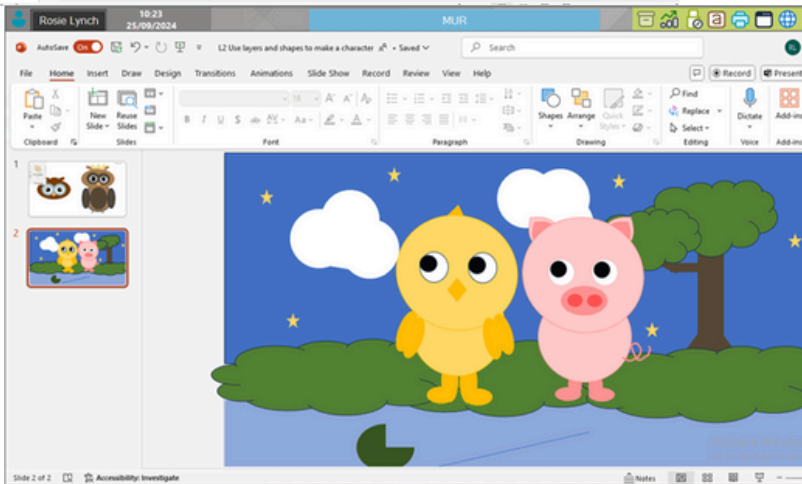
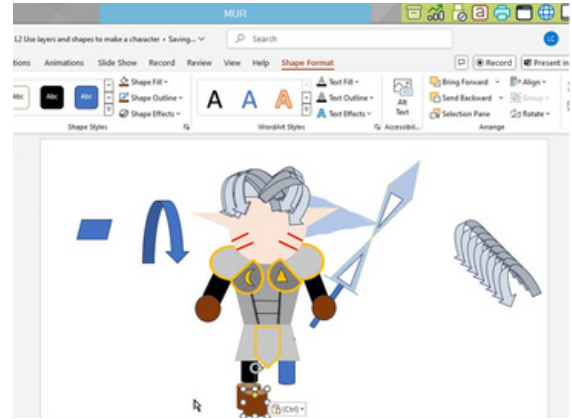
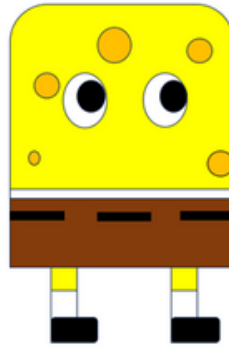
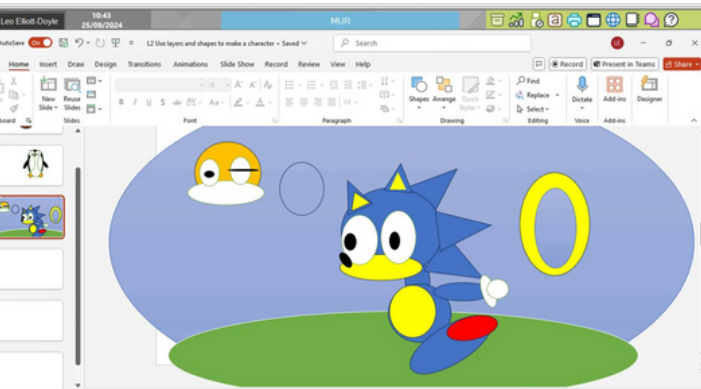
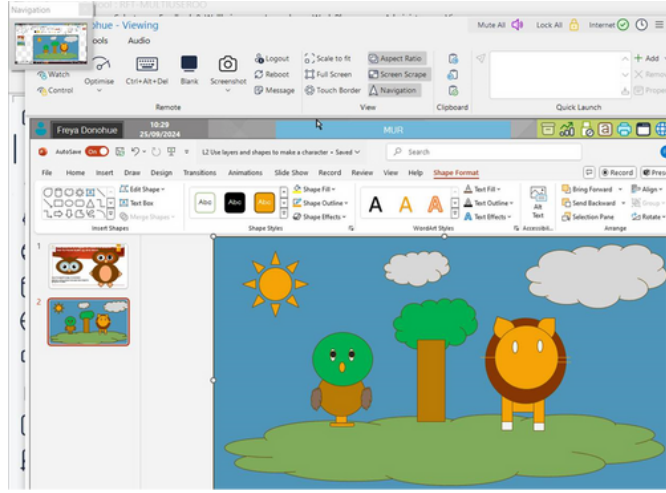
Well done to **Willow** class for having the highest attendance this week!



YEAR 6 CEDAR - MAKING SHAPES

In year 6, children are learning the difference between Vector and Raster images. Children created images using only basic vector shapes like squares and circles. They edited the fill colour and line colour to make their images come to life. Vector graphics are made up of paths, each with a mathematical formula (vector) that tells the path how it is shaped and what colour it is bordered with or filled by. Vectors can be enlarged without losing quality and the file size is small. Raster images, also known as bitmaps, are comprised of individual pixels of colour. Each colour pixel contributes to the overall image, just like a photograph. Raster images are larger and when enlarged they lose quality.

I was delighted to see the creativity and imagination being shown by the children in year 6 and have included some examples. - Michael Kelly, Computing Lead



SOUS CHEF VACANCY

At Rotherfield Primary School we are currently seeking a passionate Sous Chef to join our team. As you know, providing nutritious meals to our children is a vital part of their day, and we are eager to find someone who shares our commitment to their wellbeing.

If you, or someone you know, might be interested in this role, please click [here](#) to learn more and apply.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Do you qualify for free school meals (FSM) status. Anyone who hasn't applied or whose circumstances may have changed please apply on Islington's Citizen portal to see if you are eligible.

[Free school meals](#) | [Islington Council](#)

FLU IMMUNISATION

Flu immunisation for pupils in school years Reception - Year 11

DEAR PARENT/CARER,
The flu vaccine is being offered at your child's school again this autumn/winter.

To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click here: <https://nhs.uk/schoolvaccination/flu/2024/islington>

Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

THE NASAL FLU VACCINE

- ✓ Protects your child from the flu
- ✓ Protects your family and friends from the flu (especially those who are elderly, young babies, or those who have serious health conditions)
- ✓ Is painless, quick and effective
- ✓ Is free
- ✓ The nasal flu vaccine is very effective at reducing the spread of flu

THE IM FLU VACCINE


We also offer the flu vaccine as an injection, which is gelatine-free. Please see our frequently Asked Questions for more information.

You only need to complete one consent form for each child. If you later change your mind, please call your local team. If your child has this immunisation elsewhere after you have submitted the consent form, you **MUST** inform Vaccination UK rather than the school.

We understand that you may have questions about the vaccine. For more information, please go to our website, where you can find a list of FAQs, as well as details of our community catch-up clinics. We also have some FAQs enclosed below.

You can also find informational videos on our YouTube channel, including subtitled versions for other languages.

Yours Faithfully,
Team Lead Immunisation Team
Vaccination UK




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Immunisation Team
Contact Details

islington@uk.vaccination.org

0208 0177925

WORKING ON BEHALF OF



USEFUL INFO

- ✓ We try to come to your child's school twice. If they are absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, you will need to attend one of our community clinics for the vaccine. Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above.
- ✗ PLEASE NOTE the flu vaccine will NOT be available to informatics healthy children after December 17th at all, and so we urge you to return the consent forms as soon as possible in case we are not able to visit your child's schools for a second visit this year.
- ✓ Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to complete a second form.

USEFUL LINKS


www.schoolvaccination.org.uk/what-is-flu

www.youtube.com/vaccinationuk

PRIVACY POLICY

Our 2024/25 policy can be viewed here: www.schoolvaccination.org.uk/privacy-policy

For data protection queries, please contact: dp@vaccinationuk.co.uk



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are there any side effects of the vaccine?

Possible side effects are: decreased appetite, headache, a runny or blocked nose, and sometimes a raised temperature. These are common, but they pass quickly and can be treated with paracetamol or ibuprofen if you feel your child needs it.

Are there any children who shouldn't have the nasal vaccine?

You should let us know if your child has any of the following:

- A very severe allergy to eggs, egg proteins, gelatin or gelatine - it is important for us to know if your child has been admitted to hospital with a condition called anaphylaxis, triggered by these things.
- Are currently wheezy or have been wheezy in the past 72 hours with asthma. There is an alternative flu vaccine that we can talk to you about to ensure that your child is protected as soon as possible.
- Have a condition that severely weakens their immune system.

Also, children who have been vaccinated should avoid close contact with people with very severely weakened immune systems for around two weeks following vaccination (i.e. severely weakened, we generally mean people who are isolating, such as those who have received some types of chemotherapy or people who have had a bone marrow transplant, for example). This is because there's an extremely remote chance that the vaccine virus may be passed to them.

Contact with other healthy children or adults does not need to be limited after having the vaccine.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:

- Mother: automatic
- Father: if married to the mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- Unmarried father: if name appears on birth certificate (since 1/12/03) or legally acquired
- Others: if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- Parental Responsibility Agreement: signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to principle registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- Residence Order: granted by the Court

Please note that young people under the age of 18 can give or refuse consent if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

We do not eat pork products. Can my child have a different flu vaccine?

Yes, there is a flu vaccine available, in the form of an injection.

The nasal flu vaccine is the best vaccine for children and young people under 18 years of age as it is more effective at stopping the spread of the flu and it is painless, but it does have a highly processed form of gelatine (porcine gelatine), which is used in a range of many essential medicines. The gelatine helps to keep the vaccine viruses stable so that the vaccine provides the best protection against flu.

If your faith or beliefs mean you would prefer a vaccine that has no pork (porcine gelatine) in it, please complete the consent for the flu injection only. You do not need to complete a form for both.

FREE SWIMMING LESSONS

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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

You can email for more information at summerlessons@qil.org





BETTER ISLINGTON
For a more equal future

To provide consent for your child to receive the flu vaccine, or to indicate if you do not want your child to receive it, please click [here](#).

Bookings for Parents/Carers evening is now live on Arbor!



SOUTHERN MARTIAL ARTS CLUB

Southern Martial Arts – London & Essex
Karate – Kickboxing – MMA Tai Chi Chuan Kung Fu

Shihan D Jacobs, 5th Dan President
Renshi S James, 5th Dan Senior Instructor, London & Essex

Karate class held at
Rotherfield Primary School, Tuesdays, 3.30-4.30pm

We are pleased to announce there are spaces available for the karate class held at the above venue.

At Southern Martial Arts, we pride ourselves on teaching non-contact karate to children from 4 years of age. We believe all children should be taught self defense for confidence, health and happiness.

Our classes are run weekly with options for extra classes available as your child progresses toward the coveted black belt.

We pride ourselves on a family feel to the club and as such, you will be added to the class WhatsApp group for updates on classes etc.

To join Southern Martial Arts, please message Renshi S James on 07594 928598 with your child's name. Classes are £6 per 1 hour lesson and are paid half termly. Please also make sure that the bottom of this form is filled in and brought with you to the first class.

Name of child _____

I hereby give permission for my child to attend the karate class. I will collect/I will allow my child to go home alone (please delete as applicable). I understand there is no obligation to purchase karate suits or membership or attend gradings. I hereby give permission/do not give permission (please delete as applicable) for photos to be taken in class for the use on the Southern Martial Arts promotional materials.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

REMINDERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENTS	DATES
Year 4 Bikeability	Monday 30th September - Thursday 3rd October
Attendance Coffee Morning	Tuesday 1st October @9am
Year 3 Trip - Science Museum	Wednesday 2nd October
Year 5 Bikeability	Monday 7th October - Thursday 10th October
Flu vaccination	Monday 7th October
Year 2 Trip - Tate Modern	Wednesday 9th October
KS1 Parent/Carer Reading Session	Monday 14th October @9am
Year 4 Trip - Science Museum	Wednesday 16th October
Year 6 Trip - Jewish Museum	Wednesday 16th October
Parents/Carers Evening	Tuesday 15th October (3:45-6:30) / Wednesday 16th (3:45-5:00)
October Half term	Monday 28th - Friday 1st November
INSET day	Monday 4th November
Children return to school	Tuesday 5th November

Islington Healthy School Advisor

Please click here to see community food services available within Islington
[Community Food Services - Islington Food Partnership](#)

Clubs contact info

Should you need to reach a staff member after 4PM regarding your child at after-school club (such as late collection from after school club), please call this number for immediate assistance: 07955184099