



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We've got lots to celebrate this Friday!

Firstly, a huge thank you for the amazing attendance on Census Day. It was fantastic to have so many children in school, and it's great news for our school funding too. That funding makes such a difference to what we can offer our children, so thank you, as always, for your support. We also welcomed our Islington Professional Partner into school this week. It was lovely to hear such positive feedback, particularly about how engaged our support staff are with the children. He also noticed the real difference in our playground, which is becoming a much more purposeful, engaging and joyful place to be.

There's lots going on at playtime now, with Play-Doh, colouring, LEGO, coaching and ball games, giving children different ways to play, create, move and spend time together. And there's more to come, with our garden opening soon!

Finally, I've loved hearing all about our Geography Fieldwork Week. The children have been getting out and about, exploring our local area, making observations and investigating some really interesting geographical questions. It's wonderful to see geography coming to life beyond the classroom and our children becoming curious about the community and environment around them.

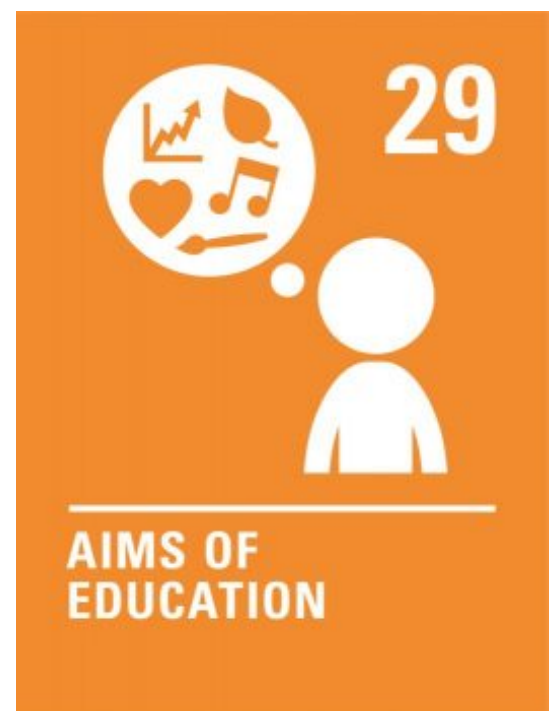
A really positive week all round. Have a lovely weekend!

RIGHT OF THE MONTH: Aims of Education

This month, we are focusing on Article 29 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which reminds us that education is about more than academic achievement. It encourages children to develop their talents and abilities, respect others, celebrate diversity and become responsible members of their community.

This links particularly well with Black History Month, helping children to explore different cultures, identities and experiences while promoting equality, inclusion and mutual respect.

By learning through the lens of Article 29, we reinforce the message that every child has the right to feel valued, develop their unique strengths and learn in an environment where diversity is celebrated.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



STARS OF THE WEEK

Whole school: 94.3%
National: 95%

Elm	96.5%
Oak	96.3%
Palm	96.1%
Pine	95%
Beech	95%
Willow	94%
Apple	94%
Rowan	94%
Mulberry	93%
Silver birch	93%
Cedar	91%
Ash	88%



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: Fay and Zumra

Year 5: Alfie and Shivika

Year 4: Axel and Berzan

Year 3: Yusuf and Huxley

Year 2: Bella

Year 1: Sara

Reception: Lochlan

Nursery: Mohammad



ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

KS1: Gokhan (Oak)



KS2: Shivika (Elm)

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

Well done to **Elm (KS2)**
and Oak (KS1) class for
having the highest
attendance this week!



RESPECT CHAMPIONS

**KS1: Aaliyah
(Pine)**

**KS2: Henley
(Mulberry)**



Top Rockstar for this week:

TTRS - Taylor S

Highest accuracy Mulberry



Top Numbot for this week:

Reuban O



Year 6 - Into University

This week, Year 6 have been working with Into University, focusing on Zoology. As part of the programme, the children created projects about key environmentalists, researched their lives, and developed their presentation skills to share their findings. They also explored how universities work and enjoyed a visit to Stepney City Farm, where they met some amazing animals. We even discovered an extremely rare newt! The children had a fantastic time, and we would like to say a huge thank you to the staff at Into University for making it all possible.



Book Fair

From the 5th October to the 9th of October we will have the Scholastic Book fair in the playground (or performance hall, weather depending) every afternoon from 3.30-3.45pm. I

It is QR card only so please bring your debit or credit card – we are not taking cash.

Every book you buy help raises money to buy books for the school.

Run for Autism

Hello, My name is Silvano and I'm running to raise money for Autistic Charities and I'm doing this for my brother who has Autism. If you could **sponsor** in any way I would really appreciate it!

Year 4 Geography Fieldwork

As part of our Geography topic, How Attractive Is Our Local Area?, Year 4 visited different locations around our community to carry out fieldwork, collect data and take photographs. The children then shared their findings with Year 3 through presentations. After completing their research, Year 4's overall conclusion was clear: we love our local area!



Year 1 Library Trip

This week, Year 1 visited the Islington South library. We listened carefully to a story which was read by a librarian! We shared our thoughts and answered lots of questions about the text. Additionally, we had an incredible time exploring the different books and genres in the library. It was nice to discover lots of wonderful books. We hope this continues to fuel our love for reading.



Bikeability

Year 4 have had a fantastic time taking part in Bikeability this term. The children worked hard to develop their cycling skills, build their confidence and learn how to ride safely. Some pupils were unable to ride a bike at the start of the programme, but through determination and practice, they can now ride independently. More experienced cyclists also enjoyed challenging themselves by learning new skills and improving their technique. We are incredibly proud of everyone's effort and progress throughout the course!



Reminder - Dates for your Diary

All important events can be found on the [public calendar on the school website](#)

EVENTS	DATES
Year 4 Trip - Science Museum Trip	Monday 5 th October
Flu Vaccinations	Friday 9 th October
Year 3 - Science Museum Trip	Friday 9 th October
Book Fair	Monday 28 th September - Friday 2 nd October - 3:15 - 3:45
Year 5 - Olympic Park Trip	Monday 12 th October
Year 2 - Tate Modern Trip	Thursday 15 th October
Pumpkin Carving Contest	Thursday 22 nd October - 1:30 - 3:30



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](#)

Late Collection Policy

The school applies a late collection charge for children who are not collected from school on time. The Late Collection Policy and charges can be accessed using the following link.
[Rotherfield Primary School - School Policies](#)

Support with Childcare

If you are a working parent and require help with Childcare please use the links to see what help is available.
[Eligibility checker](#) | [Best Start in Life](#)
[Tax-Free Childcare](#) - GOV.UK
[Free Childcare for Working Parents: Overview](#) - GOV.UK

Lettings / Hall Hire

Rotherfield has partnered with Sharesy to make booking our hall simple. Click below view our spaces, prices and availability: <https://www.sharesy.com/v/rotherfield-primary-school>
Parents/Carers of pupils attending Rotherfield can email the school for information on available discounted rates.

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