



Newsletter

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#shineatpriorweston

Virtual tour @ <https://bit.ly/32RoLWi>

#unitedagainstbullying

We aim high * We are resilient * We are curious learners * We value diversity * We are respectful

Dear Prior Weston families,

We are now nearly at the end of a very busy half term and we have already had two lovely school and family events. Last week, we had our Macmillan coffee morning and cake sale. Combined with Richard Cloudesley, we raised over £350 for this great cause. Last night we had our annual International Food Festival, which was fabulous. We have some **REALLY** good cooks here at Prior Weston and it was wonderful to celebrate our diverse community in such a lovely way – I think I might still be full! Thanks you to everyone who came along and especially those who brought food to share. Special well done to all of those brave enough to try some haggis. 😊

None of these events would have been possible without our fabulous PTA – Toni, Leighann and Lisa. A massive thank you them for all of their hard work in pulling everything together. However, your PTA needs **YOU!** If you would like to join, or just help out at a school event, please let one of us know. The next events will be the Christmas Cake Sale on Whitecross Street in December over a lunchtime, and we would also like to have a stall at the Whitecross Street Xmas Lights switch on.

Finally, we break up next Friday for the October half term and do not return until Tuesday 5th November. Don't forget that when we return, the Whitecross Street entrance will not be in use at all until 4pm. Our entrance will be via the park for all children from 8am – 4pm.

Wishing you a safe and happy weekend.

Fiona 😊

Head Teacher



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Prior Weston PTA



Thank you to everyone who contributed and donated.

We could not have done it without you!





International FOOD FESTIVAL



A massive thank you to all those wonderful families who kindly donated food and/or time to help with our annual 'International Food Festival'

Our dining area was full of delicious dishes, incredible aromas and a great atmosphere!

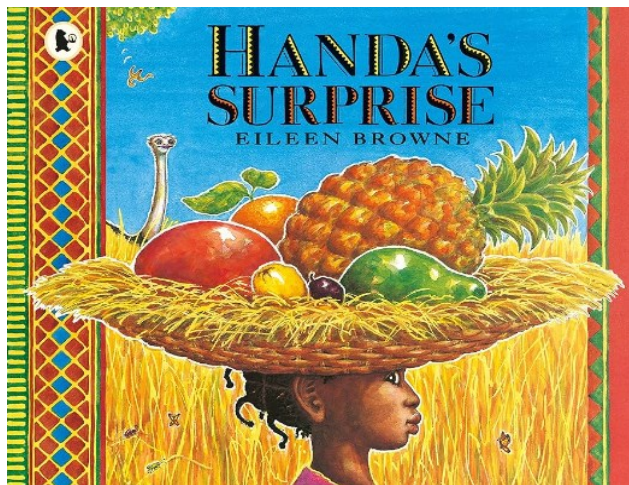


Be your own Masterpiece

This week in Art Club the children used carbon printing to help produce these amazing self-portraits!



Baby Rooms book of the month



'Handa's Surprise' to go along side Black History Month – cooked chin chin biscuits, a Ghanaian biscuit recipe. Massive thank you to Pauline!!!!



MUSIC MASTERS

Musicians of Change (PGCEI)



We have got off to a great start with Hana Chang coming to perform on her violin for the children in Y2-6.

Next week we will welcome Sterling Elliot and his cello back to school for some workshops with our children on the Pathways programme.

Musicians of Change (PGCEI)



We are also busy making plans for the end of term Winter concert.



Meet Ashley, Schools Programme Manager, Music Masters

Find out more about Ashley here:

<https://musicmasters.org.uk/artist/ashley-roye/>

Islington Football Tournament



Despite the rain, nothing could dampen their spirits! A great performance from our Y5/6 girls football team!

Fantastic teamwork everyone!



Y4 Residential presentation

Condover Hall

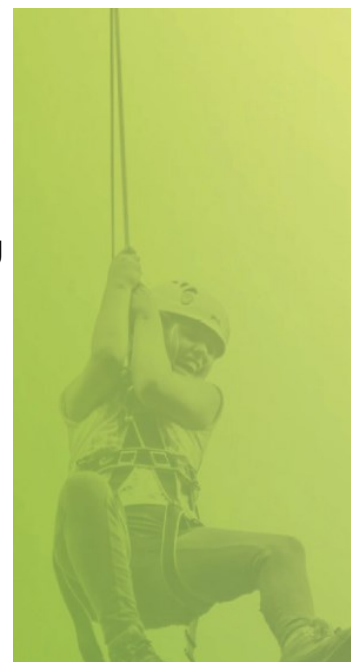
It is an established tradition at Prior Weston for children in Y4 to have a residential trip.

This is a 3 day, 2 night action packed experience that the children really enjoy. We are constantly looking at a range of providers to ensure we have the best experience while also being the best value for money.

Last year we had such an amazing experience that we are going back to Condover Hall this year.

Our next parent presentation with information about the trip will be on:

Wednesday 6th November at 9:15am and then repeated at **5:00pm**.



Dates for the trip

Wednesday 30th April 2025 to Friday 2nd of May 2025

The cost of the trip will be approximately £300 with a reduced amount for families who are eligible for Free School Meals. A payment plan will be set up to spread the cost.

The first payment is due by Friday 10th January and secures your child's place.

We do not want cost to be a barrier for any families so please contact the office if you would like to discuss options for payments.

<https://www.jca-adventure.co.uk/activity-centres/condover-hall/>



JCA Let the adventure begin...



Richard Cloudesley School

Welcome



UPDATE

Prior Weston shares a site with Richard Cloudesley Special Needs School's primary department.

Richard Cloudesley School supports pupils with physical disabilities, medical needs, and communication difficulties.



This year Richard Cloudesley has grown in numbers, including taking on more pupils with autism.

In the coming months, new playground equipment is being installed, ready for spring!

To accommodate the new pupils, Cloudesley has moved into the area that was Prior Weston Middle School. This has created three new special needs classrooms upstairs. The fourth classroom in the former Prior Weston middle school space is now a

soft play area. Downstairs, Richard Cloudesley continues to support pupils with more physical needs. Some pupils from Prior Weston join weekly for inclusion activities, and it's great to see everyone learning from each other.

We are fortunate to have both a mainstream and a special needs school co-located on our campus. We look forward to working together even more closely in the future.



Developing my child's language skills at home

Parent Workshop



Wednesday 6th November 2:30 – 3:30pm

At Prior Weston School

- Meet Ellie our Mainstream Schools Speech and Language Therapist
- Find out how to support language development including using visuals to support children who are minimally speaking.
- Practical ideas, resources and activities to try at home

Please let the school office know if you would like to attend

Growing together next workshop

Stress Management for Fathers

Our team at Growing Together are offering a face-to-face parenting workshop called

Stress Management for Fathers

For fathers and male carers with children aged **0-5 years** who **live** or have a **GP** in **Islington**

This workshop will be held on Thursday 7th of November from 18:00-20:00 at New River Green Children's Centre.

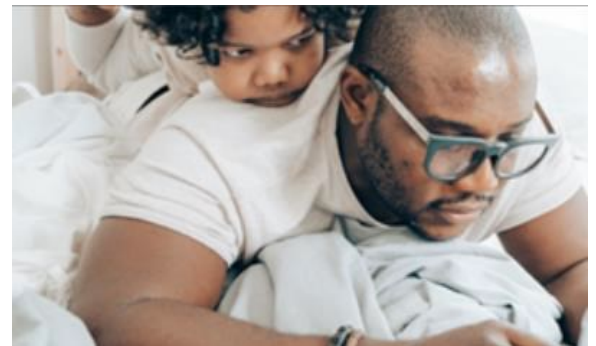
It will be facilitated by Anne-Marie Reid (Systemic and Family Psychotherapist) and Simon Ashton (Senior Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner).



Growing Together
Support for Parents and Young Children

To book a place, register online:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stress-management-for-fathers-tickets-1041936348667?aff=oddtcreator>



Islington Free Course

Islington Adult and Community Learning are delivering a great opportunity for parents, carers or volunteers to attend an

Introduction to Support Work in Schools Level 2

Monday 4th November from 10:00am - 1:00pm

Ends on Monday 2nd December

Location: Arsenal Learning Hub

**This leads onto a Full qualification: Level 2 Support work in Schools
(Teaching Assistants course)**

Starting January 2025 - July 2025

By attending this course, it will prepare them with knowledge and skills in how to support children and young people in education

One of the key components of building progress and achievement in children's learning, is the ability and confidence of the adults who support them.

Your provision can benefit from this opportunity and is

FREE to the majority of Islington residents

(others outside the borough also qualify to attend)

Parents/carers interested can email directly.

allison.mcclean@islington.gov.uk



ISLINGTON



For a more equal future

Dear Prior Weston and Golden Lane families,



We are pleased to announce that Prior Weston Primary school and Children's Centre has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for our school.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 1999 it has now paid out over £48 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for Prior Weston Primary school and Children's Centre, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However, it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <https://bag2school.com> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from Prior Weston Primary school and Children's Centre on **Thursday 7th November**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to our main Reception in Fortune Park on either on Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th or Thursday 7th November by 9am and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity. Please see Rebecca if you have any further questions,

Yours faithfully

The School Office



Clothes



Paired shoes



Handbags



Hats



Jewellery



Socks



Belts



Bras



Scarves and ties





Bright Futures - Support for Families with Children 5-19 Years Old

With Danielle Sweeting



Bright Futures, the Islington Early Help Service (previously known as Families First), offers a range of support to Islington families with children/young people aged 5-19 years old, within schools and the local community.

I am linking with PWS to help students and their parents/carers access family support. The support will be flexible and tailored to the needs of students and their families.

The aim of my involvement will be to support students and families as soon as any concerns or difficulties arise, to help resolve things as soon as possible. No issue is too big or too small, so feel free to come and have a chat with me!

Some ways I can help:

Everybody needs a little help sometimes. If you're feeling worried about your child or would like to make a change in your life, Bright Futures is here for you and your family:

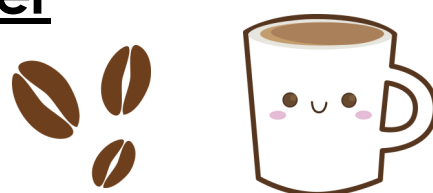
- Advice and guidance with parenting or familial conflict.
 - Help with your child's education and learning.
 - Support around health and wellbeing.
- Support and guidance with benefits, employment, and training.
- Help connecting with/accessing support within the local community.
 - Or just a friendly chat!

Please see the below dates for our fortnightly coffee morning:

Tuesday 22nd October

Tuesday 5th November

Tuesday 19th November



Reminder to Prior Weston Parents

Attendance matters!

Please remember to sign your child/children into school using the Inentry screen if you arrive after 9:10am

Registers close at 9:05am

Any arrival after 9:30am is marked as an **absence**

Remember! We will be doing lots of great things with the children to encourage good attendance, and we are also here to support you to overcome any barriers. All children with 95% attendance or above will be entered into a draw in December, and two lucky children will win one of these amazing bikes below!!! All children with 100% attendance will get a special award each term!



Golden Lane Children's Centre

If you arrive after 9:30am, please remember to sign your child/children in using the Inentry screen.

Thank you

Celebration Assembly

27th September 2024

Our shining stars were:

St Pauls– Yara & Asiyah

Piccadilly– Isabell & Angelo

Kew– Anisha & Isa A

Parliament- Radiyah & Elnathan

Trafalgar– Amelia & Zayn

Westminster– Jack & Tristan

Tower– Angel & Emanuel

Celebration Assembly

11th October 2024

Our shining stars were:

St Pauls– Anole & Ian

Piccadilly– Amira & Yuliana

Kew– Leo & Jean-Luc

Parliament- Brooke & Mireily

Trafalgar– Said & Luna

Westminster– Adam & Charlie

Tower– Eshaal & Mehmet

This week's Shining Stars results to be announced today. See next edition.

Health & Wellbeing Clinic dates

The next health and wellbeing clinics with a school nurse have been scheduled for the dates below:

26th November 2024

28th January 2025

18th March 2025

13th May 2025

25th June 2025

NHS
Whittington Health
NHS Trust

Whittington Health NH S
Islington School Nursing Services
Highbury Grange Health Centre
1-5 Highbury Grange
London N5 2QB

Telephone: 020 3316 8021



Hot Chocolate with the Head Teacher



Tower: Peter- Since starting in Year 6 we have been incredibly impressed by the focus Peter brings to his learning. He puts in 100% effort and this was seen on the farm trip too. Keep it up Peter!

Westminster: George R - All the adults agree that they have been blown away by the consistently amazing effort and focus George R has been showing since our return to class. He works hard to follow every instruction and pay attention as soon as it has needed. He has been a dream to teach.
Amazing work George!

Parliament: Luisa- for being a positive role model towards her peers inside and outside of the classroom. She demonstrates being Ready, Respectful, Safe in her learning environment and does it proudly reminding her peers that they can also aim high and achieve greatness. Well done, Luisa!

Trafalgar: Joshua- I am so pleased with how well you have settled into Year 5. Not only do you consistently follow the class rules, but your love of learning is infectious. You're a ray of sunshine in Trafalgar class and I thoroughly enjoy our daily chats about the world around us. I am so proud of you - keep shining!

Dates for your Diary

October 2024	
Monday 28th October-Friday 1st November	Half Term
November 2024	
Monday 4th November	INSET Day for the School and the Children's Centre
Tuesday 5th November	Welcome back
Wednesday 6th November	Conover Hall Presentation to Year 5 Parents - at 9:15am and 5pm
Wednesday 6th November	Tempest Photography- Individuals & Sibling photos
Thursday 14th November	Parent Teacher Meetings
Thursday 14th November	Trafalgar class assembly (parent farm presentation afterwards)
Thursday 21st November	Parliament class assembly (parent farm presentation afterwards)
Thursday 28th November	Piccadilly class assembly
December 2024	
Thursday 5th December	Kew class assembly
Friday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 18th December	Class Parties & Festive performance at 2pm
Thursday 19th December	Festive performance at 9:30am
Friday 20th December	End of Term-2pm finish