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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Hanukkah

Happy Hanukkah to everyone celebrating. May these special holy days be a blessed experience of peace, reflection and growth.



Hope this Hanukkah brings you warmth & happiness to you and your family.
Happy Hanukkah!

Mental Health & Wellbeing

As Christmas draws nearer and nearer, it is an ideal opportunity to indulge in some creative crafts with your nearest and dearest. This quick and effective snowflake activity on the YoungMinds' website can help families display how they are feeling. You can then reflect and discuss this together.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/media/kjipyf03/the-feeling-snowflakes.pdf>

The feeling snowflakes 360

Instructions:

No matter how many fall from the sky, every snowflake is unique and different from one another. The same goes for each of us, everyone has reacted to, felt and experienced different emotions this year and these feelings will be different, especially as we head up to Christmas. This activity is a helpful way of showing others how you are feeling and gives you time to reflect and discuss this together.

Activity:

1. Cut out the snowflake pieces below and make sure everyone has one.
2. Using some of the suggestions below, reflect on how you are feeling.
3. Use drawings, words or colours to begin to represent this on your snowflake.
4. When you are ready, take in turn sharing your experience and feeling at that moment.

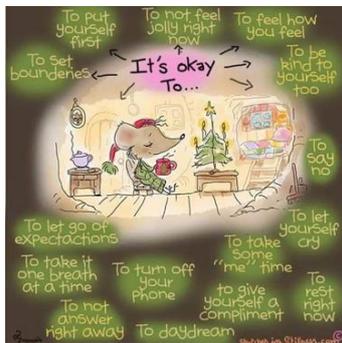
What you need:	Helpful prompts:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 minutes • Snowflake template • Scissors • Colouring pencils or pens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A special memory • A thing to look forward to • A thing to be grateful for • A thing that has helped us



Bereavement

Losing someone or something we love and feel close to is extremely difficult and painful. Grief is our natural emotional response to this loss, and it is a process rather than an event. If you have been affected by the loss of a loved one, please visit the parents' guide on the YoungMinds' website for information and advice.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/a-z-guide/grief-and-loss/>



Eco-School: Flagship Status

You may remember that I shared with you that we were successful in our Green Flag application which recognises, rewards and celebrates the environmental achievements of young people. The Eco-Schools Green Flag is an internationally recognised award for excellence in environmental action and learning. This really is an achievement at a time when many schools are grappling with so much during this pandemic. At Glade, we are using the curriculum as a tool to raise awareness and teach children about environmental issues and exploring actions taken by leaders at COP26.

On Tuesday 30th November, the Eco-Warriors invited the Governors to hoist our new Eco-Schools Green flag on the flagpole at the front of the school. During the celebration ceremony, our Eco-schools Leader, Mrs. Dhadwal, helped the children to mount and hoist the flag. Once the flag was hoisted, Governors Mr Marc Preston and Mr David Hartshorn shared some inspirational quotes with the children.



Winter Gardening

Our Reception Eco-Warriors have been helping out in the garden. They harvested some winter hardy vegetables to get us all into the Christmas spirit. These included: carrots, onions, leeks and red cabbages. They learnt about how these are seasonal vegetables and would be great on our dinner plates! Reception children enjoyed eating the, “Crunchy, sweet, delicious and the best carrots and cabbages ever!”

The children are exploring which other vegetables are in season now and why is it good to eat seasonal vegetables.



Year 6 Outdoor Learning: Articles 29/27

Year 6 made the most of the outdoors in some of their lessons this week.

On Monday, both classes visited ‘the realm of the multi-faceted River Goddess of the Forest’, thanks to Jonny Walker, who created this eerie atmosphere, with different stanzas of the poem nailed to branches. They enjoyed sharing their brilliant ideas for using personification and other figurative language for the different aspects of nature in the forest.

Later in the week, as part of their History/Creative Writing work based on the Christmas Truce, they played the roles of German and English soldiers, coming out of their trenches for a friendly game of football in No Man’s Land. The cold weather (and listening to ‘Silent Night’ in German) certainly created the perfect atmosphere for empathising with these brave soldiers.

In Maths, they had fun collecting fallen autumn leaves and working out fractions of yellow/green and auburn leaves, discussing the reasons for their findings. This did help with our ‘Litter-free school’ campaign too!



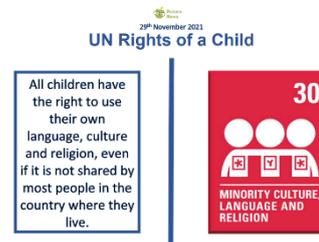
Picture News

Through the weekly Picture News assembly, children learn about our world, develop independence, resilience, respect and unlock their own drive and passion for learning. The weekly Picture News is shared on our website:

<https://www.glade.redbridge.sch.uk/newspictures>

Please spend some time asking your child about what they have learnt and discussed during their Picture News session. Each week there is a link to British Values and the UN rights of a child.

This week the story is about Brazil's indigenous people coming together at COP26 earlier this month to share their message; the world needs their expertise in protecting the Amazon rainforest to solve the global warming crisis. This week’s question explores whether the world is a better place if we live more natural lives?



Covid Update

As I am sure you will be aware, over the weekend, the Government produced information for all schools on new measures in response to the identification of the Omicron variant of Covid-19 in the UK. Updated guidance for primary schools include:

Face Coverings

- Staff in primary schools should wear face coverings while in communal areas.
- There is no requirement for pupils in primary schools to wear face coverings.
- Parents to wear face covering at drop off and pick up.

Self-Isolation of Contacts

- Where someone is identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant, that person will have to self-isolate and book a PCR test.
- If there is a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant linked to a school then the LA will use the IMT procedures to liaise between the school, Education, Redbridge Public Health and the UK Health Security Agency.
- For cases NOT linked to a suspected or confirmed Omicron variant case, the self-isolation rules remain as they were.

International Travel

- If any pupils are returning from a trip overseas, they will be required to self-isolate and to take a PCR test by the second day after their return. They will be required to stay in self-isolation until the PCR test confirms they are 'negative' before they can return to school.

If your child displays any Covid symptoms, cough or high temperature, please carry out a Lateral Flow test and if necessary, take them to do a PCR test. Whilst **awaiting for the results of a PCR test, children are to isolate at home**. When you receive confirmation of a negative result, we ask that you show evidence to the main office before your child returns to school. If the test is positive, please inform the office who have to report all positive cases to the local authority. We will then set work for your child if he/ she is well enough to complete it.

I continue to request that parents do not come into the school unless it is absolutely necessary. Please help to keep our community safe by **calling or emailing the office for queries or messages**, instead of coming in. Any money should be in a sealed and named envelope and can be given to your child or the member of staff at the gates.

Attendance

We want all children to have the best possible attendance at school to enable each and every child to reach their full potential
Our whole school target remains to achieve 96%.

Well done to Year 3 for the highest attendance last week.

Year group	W/B 22.11.21
Nursery	80.6%
Reception	87.4%
Year 1	95.2%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4	87.7%
Year 5	94.3%
Year 6	90.3%
Whole school	91.8%



Times Tables Rock Stars

Congratulations to Jaynil in 6J for being the fastest player on TTRS, followed by Moez in 6D.

Facebook

Please follow and like our regular posts on our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/Glade-Primary-School-106748128434375>

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word 'facebook' in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

We currently have pupil vacancies in Reception, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5. Please share our Facebook page and school website to promote and encourage local friends and family to send their children to Glade Primary.

Our school website is <https://www.glade.redbridge.sch.uk/>

Awards

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements:

<u>Bronze Awards- Merits</u> RM- Ameerah RP- Ava-Rose, Dayyan, Khadija Y, Petra, Kainaat, Muhammad B and Harry 2C- Charlie 3Y- Yaa and Arsema 5A- Melina and Aisha 6D- Ayaan, Ibrahim and Moez 6J- Maliha		<u>Silver Award- Merits</u> 2C- Zara and Nusaybah 3Y- Anian and Zahaa 3A- Musa 6J- Abdul, Rafay and King	<u>Gold Award- Merits</u> 6J- Aaima
<u>Pen Licence</u> 6J- Farhan 6D- Priya and Aleena	<u>Reading Rockets- Bronze</u> RM- Aliza RP- Lincoln 2M- Janna and Maryam	<u>Reading Rockets- Silver</u> RM- Olivia and Adam RP- Aaban, Dean, Khadijah M, Kyran and Michelle	

Stars of the Week

Well done to the 'Stars of the Week.'



Stars of the Week	
Nursery am- Safia and Ali	Nursery pm- Paul
RP- Harry	RM- Adam
1H- Prince	1R - Isabella
2C- Amna	2M- Athar
3Y- Araniya	3A- Aahil
4N- Shreya	4W- Darcey
5A- Dhruv	5U- Mueez
6D- Aleena	6J- Jasmine

Writers of the Week!

Congratulations to our 'Writers of the Week.'



Star Writers	
1H- Edward	1R - Afsah
2C- Nazara	2M - Kaiden
3Y- Raihan	3A- Ariana
4N- Zakariya	4W- Ciara
5A- Tomas	5U- Casey
6D- Tanbeer	6J- Sarah

Key Dates:

Wednesday 15th December- Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for 'Save the Children', Christmas Lunch and Christmas class parties.

Friday 17th December- Last day of term: half-day.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs F Hussain
Headteacher

