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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Mental Health & Wellbeing- Winter Wellness (Articles 12 and 24)**

For most people, December is a month filled with festivity, family and fun, but for some people, this time of year is filled with additional pressure. Pressure to act merry and bright, pressure to participate in social events, added financial pressures and expectation from our children. We know only too well that our problems do not just magically disappear in December so please use the links below to find resources to help you enjoy the festive season as much as you can.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/blog/looking-after-your-mental-health-at-christmas/>

<https://mentalhealth-uk.org/christmas-and-your-mental-health/>



## **Safeguarding Team (Article 16)**

The Designated Safeguarding Lead has a crucial role in taking lead responsibility for child protection issues in school. DSL's must be senior members of the school's leadership team, and at Glade we have 3 DSL's forming a team with Mr Merchant as the senior in position. A DSL is always available during school hours for staff to discuss any safeguarding concerns. Each day there is a DSL in school from 7:30am to 6:00pm.

DSLs are trained to take on this role and that training is updated every two years with additional training and conferences in between. The DSL has many responsibilities including; working with staff and agencies involved in safeguarding children, working with parents and families, giving advice to staff, training staff, managing referrals from staff and investigating concerns, passing them onto the correct body as necessary, managing the records of safeguarding and Child Protection concerns and keeping their own knowledge up to date.

Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mr Merchant
Deputy DSL	Mrs F. Hussain
Deputy DSL	Ms. A. Hussain
Safeguarding support and Attendance Lead	Miss H. Sohail



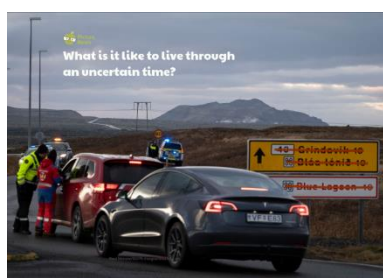
## **Picture News (Articles 17 and 39)**

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. In the story this week, children learnt that the Fagradalsfjall volcano is thought to be the cause of a series of recent earthquakes and Iceland has declared a state of emergency as inhabitants from the nearby town of Grindavik are evacuated.

This week's question asks children: 'What is it like to live through an uncertain time?'



### **Rule of Law**

Sometimes rules, such as not allowing people to stay in their homes, may be introduced in response to an event. They are put in place to help protect people and keep them safe.

### **Protected Characteristics**

The Fagradalsfjall volcano in Iceland has affected the lives of Icelandic people living there. We should never be treated unfairly because of our colour, nationality (including citizenship), ethnicity or national origins.



### **UN Rights of a Child**

Natural disasters can cause harm to people – their possessions, homes and lives. We have the right to get help if we have been hurt so we can get back our health and dignity.



## Article of the Week Article (Articles 2 and 23)



It was International Day of People with Disabilities on 3rd December. This global event promotes equality for people with disability and celebrates their achievements. It has been celebrated every year since 1981.

It is also a day to promote awareness of the challenges faced by over 1 billion people living with disabilities, and the role communities and societies play in breaking down barriers to inclusion.



**Article 2 states:** The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

**Article 23 states:** A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families.

## Learning beyond the Classroom

Year 5 children were invited to Caterham High School's Careers' Fair. Our children had an enjoyable experience exploring the different paths available to them after school. Year 5 appreciated all the freebies they received such as bookmarks, persuading them to study at a range of universities. The school commended us for our behaviour and enthusiasm.



## Meet the Governors

Governing bodies are the strategic leaders of schools and have a vital role to play in making sure every child gets the best possible education. The purpose of governing bodies is to 'conduct the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement at the school'. Each week, we will introduce to you a different member of our Governing Body.

### **Sue Jones- Staff Governor**



*I have worked in education for twenty-five years, seventeen of these at Glade Primary School. Previous to joining Glade, I worked in another local school and prior to this, I was an emergency carer and child minder registered with the borough of Redbridge. Before having my children, I worked in central London in the Treasury office of the well-known travel and transport company, P&O.*

*Many of you will know that I recently retired as Inclusion Lead at Glade and have previously held the posts of SENDCo and class teacher. I feel that this has given me valuable insight into many of the internal working mechanisms of the education system and also a sound knowledge of the aims and challenges encountered by our school. I hope that my wide and varied life experiences have given me valuable knowledge and insight that I can draw upon to help me to play my part as a Governor. Those that know me will know that I am a champion for positive mental health and wellbeing. I believe that every child, regardless of background or need, deserves the very best possible start in life to enable them to meet their potential, contribute to and enjoy a meaningful future.*

*Over the years, I have immensely enjoyed my involvement with Glade, for me, it has been fulfilling, rewarding and at times challenging but nevertheless a very happy experience. Being part of the Governing board at Glade provides me with an opportunity to play a part in further development and outcomes and to serve the local community, helping our school and our pupils to thrive.*



## Hanukkah

This year, Hanukkah will start on the evening of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December and end on the evening of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. During this Festival of Lights, Jewish families light the menorah, recite blessings and enjoy symbolic games like dreidel and foods like latkes or sufganiyah. Rabbi Jordan will be in school talking to our children about Hanukkah in next week's assembly.

Hanukkah is a reminder that it is up to each of us to be a light in the darkness, and even a little light can go a long way.

We wish everyone celebrating, a happy Hanukkah. Hanukkah sameach!

## Christingles in KS1

We were very fortunate to have a visit from The Christian Education Project who taught KS1 about the importance of Christingles for Christians at Christmas. The word Christingle means 'Christ's light'. Children in Years 1 and 2 made their own Christingles.

The orange represents the world. The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ. The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations. The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.



## Dodgeball Competition

On Monday, Ms Craggs accompanied a group of Year 3 and Year 4 children to the Redbridge Education Partnership Dodgeball competition at Highlands Primary. The team consisted of boys and girls including children with Special Educational Needs. We are pleased to inform you that Glade Primary was awarded Bronze as we came third place.



## AIM Higher More Able Maths Day

Earlier this week, Glade Primary hosted a Maths workshop called AIM Higher Day. Some of our more able mathematicians from Years 5 and 6 children participated in the all-day event from Grove Primary, Downshall Primary, Gilbert Colvin and, of course, Glade. The workshop was led by Pete Hall, one of the UK's leading maths tutors, who has been involved in many primary maths projects nationally and internationally. The day was intended to give those children who are working at a high level the opportunity to take part in greater depth challenges and promote teamwork.

Our children performed brilliantly.



## Thank You PTA

Thank you to our PTA volunteers for putting up the Christmas tree in the main hall- it looks beautiful.





# What's Going on at Glade?



## Growing and Learning beyond the classroom

Glade's commitment to outdoor learning and learning, which takes place beyond the classroom, grows from strength to strength. We consistently work on improving the outdoor provision for the pupils at Glade, mindful of their rights to work in environments that benefit them, to have access to a broad and balanced curriculum and to be educated in such a way as engages and prepares them for their futures (Articles: 24, 27, 28). Across the school, children have access to and learn in a variety of ways beyond the classroom walls: this includes our wonderful forest areas.



Reading outside is so much fun. It's like you're inside the story.



We took our science outside



Forest School lets us practise knots, cooking and using tools. I love it.



I found a newt in the pond! It's so cool



We all love going on school trips. You get to learn with your friends and go to loads of different places.





## Music Recital

Relatives and friends of children learning to play the piano and violin at school were treated to a lovely recital showcasing their skills and talents on Monday.

<b>Violin</b>	Amalia, Hannah and Maryam (4W), Shreya and Mercy (6B), Deni (3S) and Hana (3A)
<b>Piano</b>	Maria (5K), Minnah, Atharv, and Felicia (4M), Anika (4W), Aren (3S), Lorenzo (1S)

We also had a piano performance from Hira 5J and a video of Aarav 5K who was absent due to sitting his grade 4 exam at the same time!

A big thank you to Miss Yong and Miss Calver, our peripatetic teachers from Redbridge Music Service, for their work with the children.

The afternoon was rounded off with KS2 choir put us in a festive mood with 'Winter Fantasy' and a lovely rendition of 'One and a Million' an uplifting song about the power of working together.



## Little Princess Trust

Thank you to everyone who donated towards Giulia's Little Princess Trust Charity. She raised £425 for the little Princess trust plus the hair too! Well done Giulia- we are very proud of you.



## Attendance (Article 28)

At Glade, we recognise that positive behaviour, **arriving at school on time and good attendance** are central to raising standards of pupil attainment and ensuring that your child reaches their full potential. Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development.

Our classroom doors open at 8.45am where there is work for children to complete. Teachers often allow Early Morning time as opportunity for children to answer Next Steps in their book, time to respond to the teacher's marking and feedback. Children who are late on a regularly miss out on this key learning opportunity.

Please ensure your child is **in school for 8.45am**.

Well done to **Year 4** for the highest attendance!

<b>Year group</b>	<b>W/B 27.11.23</b>
Nursery	88.40%
Reception	93.51%
Year 1	90.83%
Year 2	92.73%
Year 3	93.51%
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>96.83%</b>
Year 5	90.34%
Year 6	93.16%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>92.78%</b>

## Awards

Well done to the following children:

<b>Bronze Merits</b>	<b>Bronze Reading Rocket</b>
RM- Ibrahim, Ayoub, Jayan and Lienna RQ- Abdullah, Aisha, Alayah, Avika, Roza, Zahra and Oscar. 1M- Mikaeel, Raees and Elliott 4W- Anayah	2M- Abubakr Priya and Yusuf 2R- Adam, Can, Deen and Olivia
<b>Silver Merits</b>	<b>Gold Reading Rocket</b>
6JM- Basim	2M- Yaqoub



## Times Table Rock Stars

Times Tables Rock Stars is a maths programme that takes the worry out of learning times tables and has a proven track record of boosting children's fluency and recall in multiplication and division. Every child in KS2 has their own login so that they can access TTRS from home. We encourage children to use TTRS as part of their daily homework.

Well done to our top three most active classes on TTRS:

1 <sup>st</sup>	6B
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6JM
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5K

## Stars of the Week- Article 29

Well done to the 'Stars of the Week'



Stars of the Week	
RQ- Abdullah	RM- Amna
1M- Sophia	1S- Aslan
2R- Hanvitha	2M- Dean
3A- Hana	3S- Leen
4W- Ebube	4M- Bradley
5K- Areeba	5J- Diyen
6JM- Nastia	6B- Dylan

## Writers of the Week- Article 29

Congratulations to our 'Writers of the Week'



Star Writers	
RQ- Ibrahim	RM- Ahmed
1M- Teddy	1S- Deen
2R- Faaria	2M- Zayn
3A- Prince	3S- Samah
4W- Nawfal	4M- Shyna
5K- Maria	5J- Oliver
6JM- Jamal	6B- Aneeqa

## Facebook

Glade Primary is on Facebook. Please like our page to be kept up to date with information and photos from trips and events.

[www.facebook.com/gladeprimaryschool](http://www.facebook.com/gladeprimaryschool)

Yours Sincerely,

*F Hussain*

Mrs F Hussain  
Headteacher

