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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Mental Health & Wellbeing- Article 24

As we draw closer to the end of term, with all the exciting activities on offer at school, it seems like a good time to mention that in the holidays, some young people will find themselves struggling without the structure and support network of school. Please follow the link below to find the Self-Care Summer packs. Young people have found these useful in helping them to stay mentally healthy:

<https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/self-care-summer/>



### Safeguarding- Articles 24 and 19

The holiday period can be a stressful time for parents too. Please use the link below for parenting advice from child mental health experts with practical tips to support children’s wellbeing and behaviour:



[https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/?utm\\_source=Facebook&utm\\_medium=Paid+Social&utm\\_campaign=Parenting+Smart+Always+On+From+June+2022+%7C+Traffic+%7C+TCI&utm\\_content=Parents&fbclid=IwAR0cxQvhW2IOvWcozpfb\\_bO8KKK8EmtoeZG7HG-HUHjPB3C4RQ6JmGP9A](https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=Paid+Social&utm_campaign=Parenting+Smart+Always+On+From+June+2022+%7C+Traffic+%7C+TCI&utm_content=Parents&fbclid=IwAR0cxQvhW2IOvWcozpfb_bO8KKK8EmtoeZG7HG-HUHjPB3C4RQ6JmGP9A)

### Article of the Week- Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture

The Article of the week is Article 31. Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

As part of their lesson, children explored the different ways that they enjoyed Article 31 during the last school year.



### Picture News- Article 17

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 a new study, from the University of Montpellier, France, has found that fish species voted less attractive are more likely to be threatened with extinction than their more ‘beautiful’ counterparts.

This week’s question asks children: ‘How important are appearances?’



#### Individual Liberty

Research has shown that some species of fish are more likely to be threatened with extinction as they lack public support. It is important to remember our actions have consequences and we are responsible for them.



#### UN Rights of a Child

Our education should help us to protect the environment. Some animals may face extinction unless we take action.



**Sports' Week- Articles 15, 29 and 31**



Thank you to everyone for a successful 'Sports Week.' It was lovely welcoming parents back on site and joining in with the fun. During the week, children enjoyed many activities in the morning, including: handball, boxercise, street dance, ribbon dance and round net. Then in the afternoon, we had 4 very successful sports days. A special thank you to Miss Miller for organising and leading Sports' Week. Well done to everyone and especially to our house team winners!



Sports Day Winners	
EYFS	Foxes
KS1	Hedgehogs
LKS2	Owls
UKS2	Hedgehogs

Overall Winners	
1st	Hedgehogs
2nd	Foxes
3rd	Owls
4th	Squirrels



**Key Stage 2 Poetry Retreat- Articles 12, 13, 15, 29 and 31**

As you are aware, at the beginning of this month, 32 of our Key Stage 2 children went on the Poetry Retreat with Jonny Walker, Adisa the Verbalizer, Mrs Jones and Mrs Ward. They stayed in a wonderful YHA hostel among the wild horses of the New Forest. They spent their time wandering through forests, along rivers, and atop mountains expressing their thoughts and feelings through their writing. As one of our core curriculum drivers is 'Well-being,' they focused on self-expression and self-reflection, as well as the craft of writing. Self-discipline and resilience were built up through pre-breakfast martial arts sessions with Adisa!

Children were empowered to value their voice and to perform confidently. Jonny continues to work with the children on their poetry which will be published as an anthology for them to keep.

"My highlights were being able to express myself in nature with no internet to distract me. I really enjoyed being away from my home for the first time in my life without my parents." **Hira in 3A**

"My best experience was exploring in the forest and writing poetry with help from Jonny and Adisa." **Taylan in 4N**

"I loved how easy it was to express myself in the surrounding of nature and feel it was the perfect opportunity to socialising and building up my confidence." **Sarah in 5A**

"The most memorable activity was definitely when we were trying to find rock pets that resembled us and our personalities. I really enjoyed the refreshing air and always being with my friends. I learned that I don't need electronic devices to prevent my boredom."

**Alex 6D**



## Year 6 Big School Camp- Article 15, 29 and 31

Year 6 children had a great camping experience last weekend. Led by the Big School Camp company, children took part in a variety of team-building exercises, pitching tents, fire-lighting, talent shows, singing around the camp drinking hot chocolate and night trail in our school forest! Thank you to the adults who camped overnight with the children: Mrs Jain, Mrs Gadhvi, Jonny and Mrs Hussain.



This is a poem written by King in 6J about the Big Camp:

*Around the fire, we sang and danced,  
To the beat of different music we pranced.  
We shared the spotlight and showed off many a talent  
We lit up fires- lots of enjoyment!  
I learnt new skills, like how to build a tent  
And how to beat the spider's web.  
I have to admit that the time spent  
Was definitely worth it- what a joyful event!*

“Exciting and stimulating, The Big Camp was an amazing experience for our class because many of the people in our class have never been camping before until The Big Camp. Some of the highlights on the incredible trip were: The spider’s web activity (Mrs Jain fell down while attempting the challenge), being able to put up our own tents with our friends, having hot chocolate while singing around the fire and walking in the forest at night. Overall, The Big Camp was one of the best experiences here at Glade.”

Ayaan 6J

“A mix of laughter, fun, singing and dancing, Big Camp was an experience I will never forget. We did numerous thrilling, annoying and humorous activities that I never wanted to stop doing. My highlight was, when we all were begging for the teacher’s food and each other’s food; when I lit a piece of cotton wool on fire with one just one stroke (no-one else could. Overall this is an experience that will stay with me forever!”

George 6J

“A very special event, Big Camp made us bond not only as a class but as a year group. We had such an amazing time singing around the campfire and drinking hot chocolate. There was lots of laughter when we did the challenging team building games. It was a great experience when we stayed overnight in the tent. Overall, this is an event I will remember for years to come.”

Osarhiemen 6J

“Big Camp was an opportunity for Year 6’s to stay overnight in a tent with many fun activities to do throughout the day. We did a range of activities including, fire lighting, spider web, shelter building and team building. These activities helped us with basic life skills.”

Aleena 6D

“Exciting and fantastic, Big Camp was AMAZING! Multiple skills were learnt such as: fire lighting (using a Ferro-cerium Rod and striker) with a dab of chemistry, team bonding, making a shelter and tried to attempt to cross the infamous ‘Spider’s Web’). It was just FANTASTIC! We even got our own tents -which were massive- and had our own rooms. In the morning, we had a vast breakfast and played a few team building games. Finally, we concluded Big Camp by playing ‘Ship, Shore and Sand,’ until we were collected.”

Tanbir 6D

### Year 3 Visit to National Art Gallery – Articles 14, 29 and 31

At the beginning of the year, Year 3 chose to visit an art gallery as part of their learning experiences that they would like this year. So, last Thursday, they visited the National Art Gallery to participate in a workshop, looking at religion through art. The children immersed themselves in the paintings, talking about how each artist's work made them feel, along with exploring the different mediums used to paint centuries ago. Children were in awe of the masterpieces carefully crafted by artists such as: Rembrandt, Francesca and Holbein. Staff at the gallery commented on their knowledge and ability to connect with the paintings, explain possible themes and empathise with each painting. Members of the public also commented on how well-behaved our children were around the gallery and whilst travelling on public transport.

To end the day, Year 3 experienced the journey that Ahmet's friends did in the book that they are studying in English: Boy at the Back of the Class, and walked down Whitehall, where they saw many statues and monuments such as: Women of World War II, the Cenotaph, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament. They looked at the importance of each one and stopped for a photoshoot at the gates of Downing Street. We had a fantastic day and the children were an absolute credit to Glade! Well done Year 3!



### Year 2 Visit to Barkingside Methodist Church- Articles 14 and 29

Last week, Year 2 visited Barkingside Methodist Church as part of their RE work on Christianity. They had the opportunity to explore the church looking for items from their vocabulary list. One of their challenges was to count how many crosses they could see in the church. Strangely, every group came up with a different number!



### Year 1 Visit to Paradise Wildlife Park- Articles 29 and 31

As part of their topic, Animals and Habitats, Year 1 visited Paradise Wildlife Park. Children explored different habitats around the world and looked at the animals that live in them. It was really nice to see some of these animals in real life and so close!

We saw the big lion, three of the lionesses sleeping under the hot sun, as well as the huge tigers. The anaconda surprised us in terms of how long it was but, the penguins were a bit shy. Standing on their hind legs, the meerkats greeted us, waiting for a chat. There were so many beautiful animals to see including the camels, zebras and sloths and we saw some farm animals including the guinea pigs and billy goats. The trip ended with a visit to the Dinosaur Park. The children had an amazing day!



## Taking Care of Our Books

Please do not put your child's water bottle inside their book bag as lots of our reading and library books are getting damaged due to accidental spillages.

## Returning Library Books

As we approach the end of the academic year, class teachers will be collecting in library books. Please ensure that your child has their library book in their bag so that it can be collected and returned to the library. Missing books will incur a fine.

## Platinum Jubilee Book



Children in state-funded primary schools across the United Kingdom have received a free commemorative book to mark Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. Designed as an official once-in-a-lifetime commemoration of the Platinum Jubilee and written in collaboration with royal experts and historians, the book tells the story of a young girl, Isabella, visiting her Great Granny Joyce who tells her about the Queen and this year's Jubilee. We are sure the children will enjoy this beautiful book.

We received our books this week which have been distributed to children from Reception to Year 6. Unfortunately, we did not receive books for Nursery children.

## School Vacancies

The number of children on the school roll affects the funding schools receive. School funding is driven by pupil numbers; the more pupils a school has on roll, the more funding it receives.

Currently, we have the following vacancies in each year group.

Kindly share how good our school is with your friends and family who live in the local area and encourage them to send their children to our school- please share all the wonderful curriculum enrichment activities that we do!

Year group	No. vacancies
Reception	3
Year 1	1
Year 2	0
Year 3	8
Year 4	5
Year 5	0
Year 6	1

## Attendance- Article 28

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life. The aim should be to attend 100% of the time. Pupils who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and do less well in exams.

**Well done to Year 6 for the highest attendance!**

Our target remains to achieve 96% in every year group

Year group	W/B 20.06.22
Nursery	89.92%
Reception	95.84%
Year 1	96.42%
Year 2	97.33%
Year 3	95.94%
Year 4	94.62%
Year 5	95.65%
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>98.12%</b>
Whole school	95.92%

## Awards

<p><b><u>Silver Award- Merits</u></b> 3A - Saijen</p>	<p><b><u>Gold Award- Merits</u></b> RM- Musa 3A - Emaan and Aarav 4W- Maghizhini and Nala 5A- Priya 5U- Harley 6J- Amy, Harsha, Halil, Aden, Osarhiemen and Dharam</p>	<p><b><u>Platinum Award- Merits</u></b> RM- William and Eesa 3A - Joshua 5A- Mahveen 6J- Yahya, King and Jumaimah</p>
<p><b><u>Pen Licence</u></b> 3A- Joshua</p>	<p><b><u>Free Reader</u></b> 4W- Arham 5A- Aisha</p>	<p><b><u>Special Award</u></b> 1H- Leen 1R- Amrit 2C-Jayden</p>
<p><b><u>Headteacher's Award</u></b> 4W - Riyah, Veer, Daniel and Safwan 5A- Samiha, Elizabeth and Saarah</p>		

## Times Tables Rock Stars- Article 29



Well done to 1H, 1R and 4W for being the top accurate classes

Position	Class	Accuracy
1st	1H	100%
2nd	1R	98%
3rd	4W	96%

## Stars of the Week- Article 29

Well done to the 'Stars of the Week.'



Stars of the Week	
Nursery am- Mozamil	Nursery pm- Ismael
RP- Yaqoub	RM- Amaan-Abbas
1H- Deni	1R -Amara
2C- Jayden	2M-Naomi
3Y- Arsema	3A- Isabella
4N- Mustafa	4W- Arfa
5A- Vanesa	5U- Oliver
6D- Jaiden	6J- Samar

## Writers of the Week- Article 29

Congratulations to our 'Writers of the Week.'



Star Writers	
RP- Priya	RM- Deen
1H- Jason	1R - Isabella
2C- Alessia	2M - Ebube
3Y- Araniya	3A- Emaan
4N- Aneeqa	4W- Stanley
5A- Vanesa	5U- Harley
6D- Aadhav	6J- Halil

## Key Dates and School Closure

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June- Eco-Team plant Sale on the field at 3.30pm.  
 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July- Year 6 performance at 2pm and 6.30pm  
 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July- Class Swap- Children from the current Reception to Year 5 spend the morning in their new classroom with their new class teacher.  
 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July- Poetry Retreat Showcase at 2pm  
 Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July- PTA Summer Fair  
 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.30am

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of school for Nursery**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July- Last day of term- school closes half-day at 1.15pm (Reception and KS1) and 1.30pm (KS2). There will be no Nursery and no After-School Club on this day.**

Yours Sincerely,

*Hussain*

Mrs F Hussain  
Headteacher

