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Dear Parents and Carers,

The staff, governors, pupils and families of Glade Primary School are profoundly saddened at the death of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. As well as a proud leader, we remember Her Royal Highness as a devoted wife, a proud and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. We offer our thoughts and condolences to the King and the Royal Family. May Her Late Majesty rest in peace.

At Glade, we held a special whole school assembly which included a two minute silence to mark the death of our Queen. Our flag has also been lowered to half-mast. Children are learning about the life of this very special lady in their classes.

In addition to the weekly Picture News assemblies, children learnt about the life of Queen Elizabeth II and had the opportunity to share their feelings and thoughts with their teachers.



Look at the resource below, which shares some information about the story.

Who was Queen Elizabeth II?

- Elizabeth was born in London on 21st April, 1926 and as a young girl, a lot of her childhood was spent during WWII. In 1940, she gave her first speech on the radio at the age of just 14, sending her best wishes to citizens who had been evacuated to keep them safe from the war.
- Elizabeth was crowned Queen Elizabeth II on 2nd June, 1953, in Westminster Abbey at the age of 25. During her reign, she has seen huge changes in Britain, from war and pandemic to pioneering 15 different prime ministers.
- Queen Elizabeth II ruled Britain for longer than any other King or Queen in history, spending over 70 years on the throne.
- It's thought by many, Queen Elizabeth II will be remembered as a Queen who spent her life keeping the promise she made when she was first crowned - to serve her people and her country.

I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.

Queen Elizabeth II, April 1947 on her 21st birthday (5 years before becoming Queen).

Pictured above: Four photos of Queen Elizabeth II, from childhood, to her coronation and celebrating 70 years as Queen.



Supporting young people after the death of the Queen

Hearing about the Queen's death might make children worried about people around them dying. Offer them reassurance but without making impossible promises. Let your child know that their feelings: anger, sadness, guilt, worry, confusion and more, are all normal reactions to hearing that someone has died. They may not be upset because they didn't really have a connection to the Queen, and that's fine. However, if they are upset, it's important not to say, 'You didn't know them so you can't be sad,' as their connection is real to them.

If your child has been bereaved, or someone close to them is seriously ill, then the Queen's death might trigger their grief. Winston's Wish provides support for grieving children, young people (up to 25) and adults supporting them. Please call their Freephone Helpline team on 08088 020 021 or email ask@winstonswish.org

The Council is holding a vigil tomorrow, Friday 16th at 6pm in Ilford, outside the Town Hall.

Mental Health & Wellbeing- Article 24

Last week, most of our pupils were excited to return to school and particularly enjoyed sharing their holiday stories and experiences with their teachers and their friends. Although most children seemed calm and happy on the outside, we know that there are often feelings of anxiety under the surface. Anxious feelings are completely normal in all of us as we face change. In fact, these feelings are to be expected. The transition from summer holidays back into the school year can sometimes be stressful and worrying, luckily, with a little bit of help, these feelings soon settle down.

Click on the link below for some useful practical measures parents can take to help manage their children's fears and ease anxieties on the return to another school year.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/back-to-school-anxiety-how-to-manage>

If you need help with the bedtime routine, please click the link below to see the Cosmic Kids bedtime wind down playlist to help your child to become calm and relaxed ready for sleep. Short, sweet, targeted films which are all under ten minutes. These will help your child to transition from night to day.

Click here: <https://app.cosmickids.com/wind-down-playlist>

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 the UK is seeing different workers taking strike action, with rail workers, barristers, call centre staff and postal workers all exercising their right to strike over low pay or poor working conditions.


This week's question asks children: 'What can we do if we feel something isn't fair?'



British Values

Democracy

People who strike have decided to take action to help their voice be heard. We should listen to the voice of others and remember we also have a voice and have the right to use it.



UN Rights of a Child

We have the right to share what we learn, think and feel unless it harms other people.



After School Library Sessions for Children and their Families (Articles 17, 31)

Our school library is **open for children and their parents/carers** on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 3.30pm -4.00pm. We look forward to sharing a good book with you!



Jeans for Genes Day



We will be celebrating national 'Jeans for Genes Day' on Friday 23rd September. We request children wear jeans and make a donation of £1 to the charity, Generic Disorders U.K. This charity raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic disorder and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected. The children will attend an assembly and sessions to raise awareness during the week. Please use the link below for more information about the charity: <https://www.jeansforgenes.org/>

Fundraising with PTA

We are fortunate to have a dedicated and committed group of parents leading our school PTA. Our current members are:

Guliz Zorba (PTA Chair),

Laila Nujurally (Vice Chair),

Mahreen Anjum & Alae El-Damanawi (Treasurers),

Emma Pickering, Saira Peerbux, Sadaf Mirza (Secretaries) and

Gee Mirza (Marketing, Advertising & Charity Fundraising)

Last year the PTA arranged organisations to sponsor our fundraising events. I would like to sincerely take this opportunity to thank our sponsors:

Bowden Bradley, A. Zorba & Co Accountants, NY Kays Recruitment Ltd, CCC community Centre, SnS Local and EEL Professional Association.

If you would like to be involved in the Glade PTA or sponsor future events, please email PTAGLADE@gmail.com

School Photographer

Our school photographer, Kittle, will be in school to take individual photographs on **Friday 30th September**. Please ensure children are wearing correct school uniform.

Artsmark (Articles 29, 31)

We are delighted to inform you that Glade has been awarded an Artsmark Silver Award.



Artsmark Silver Award
Awarded by Arts Council England

This feedback from the assessors:

“It is positive to read about the development of your partnership with the Creative Schools and the East London Cultural Education Alliance, enabling staff to interact with key partners and access a variety of CPD. Ambassadors have supported development of arts and drama clubs and you plan do a collaborative exhibition across all key stages. Despite the challenges COVID presented teachers embraced the use of technology to share work, provide virtual performances, exhibitions and lessons as well as engage in virtual CPD. Pupils accessed online poetry, art, and music whilst you also ensured pupils had access to a range of practical resources including packs of paint, pencils, paper and alternative musical equipment. Pupils have had the opportunity to display their work collaboratively with Newham and Redbridge Art Network, with artwork displayed at the University of East London exhibition. You have raised the skill base and confidence of teachers in the Arts by providing CPD opportunities. Congratulations on your Artsmark Silver Award!!”

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 2 for the highest attendance, last week!

Year group	W/B 05.09.22
Reception	93.86%
Year 1	94.38%
Year 2	96.06%
Year 3	92.03%
Year 4	95.56%
Year 5	93.00%
Year 6	91.38%
Whole school	93.77%

Stars of the Week- Article 29

Well done to the ‘Stars of the Week’



Stars of the Week	
Nursery am- Emily	Nursery pm- Aisha Z
RQ- Raees	RM- Sophia A
1C- Sarai	1S - Adam
2R- Ayesha	2M- Iqraa
3H- Charlie	3A- Kaiden
4N- Zahaa	4W- Yaa
5A- Aneeqa	5U- Aiden
6D- Joe	6S- Angie

Writers of the Week- Article 29

Congratulations to our ‘Writers of the Week’



Star Writers	
1C- Zayn	1S - Edan
2R- Riya	2M- Naila
3H- Nusaybah	3A- Naomi
4N- Anian	4W- Zaynab
5A- Shuaib	5U- Stanley
6D- Umair	6S- Amelia

Yours Sincerely,

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Mrs F Hussain
Headteacher



We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. A complete SSP revisited by the Department for Education. **Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised**