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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Mental Health & Wellbeing- Promoting Independence (Articles 12 and 24)**

A parent/carers instinct is to care for, nurture and to do things for children. Whilst all children need to be looked after, loved, they also need to gradually be given the opportunity to develop independence and responsibility. By encouraging independence in children, we are letting them know we believe they are capable, this in turn helps to build and develop their confidence, self-esteem, and wellbeing. There are several ways that you can promote independence in children of all ages. These include encouraging children to:

### **Early Years Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1**

- Walk through the school gates independently.
- Maintain responsibility for own school bag, water bottle and/or packed lunch.
- Manage personal needs including toileting, getting dressed and eating.
- Choose what they like to do during continuous provision and playtimes.
- Complete homework independently where possible.
- Share views, thoughts and opinions to adults and peers.

### **Key Stage 2**

- Be involved in family decisions where appropriate.
- Make own choices about necessary decisions where appropriate.
- Advocate and share their own thoughts and feelings.
- Be accountable for small sums of money when shopping.
- Complete and manage homework independently where possible.

The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.

Denis Watley

## **Safeguarding – E-Safety (Article 16)**

Parent zone is a fantastic platform for online safety advice. They work in collaboration with META and google to support online safety. They recently created in consultation with young people, the Reality Check video series explains how parents and teens can work together to learn about virtual reality.

The videos explore how to make the most of safety settings, tips for awkward conversations and making parental supervision work. Find more on the Reality Check page on the Parent Zone website: <https://parentzone.org.uk/realitycheck>



## **Remembrance Day**

To commemorate Remembrance Day, there will be a special assembly tomorrow. We will hold a 2-minute silence and reflect on the sacrifices of servicemen and women across the Commonwealth, who have given up their lives in the line of duty. A video will be shared as part of an additional pack from Picture News as children explore how poppies have changed over time:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rA5o50mU3XU>



## Picture News (Articles 17 and 26)

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 a study, conducted by the government and backed by the Money and Pensions Service, has estimated that around 5.4 million children in the UK do not have the money skills they will need in adulthood.

This week's question asks children: 'How important is it to understand money?'



**Individual Liberty**  
We can take responsibility for our money and make choices about how to spend or save it.



Young people can understand money: earning, spending, and budgeting. We should never be overlooked or treated unfairly because of our age.



Governments should provide money or other support to help children from poor families.



## Learning Outside the Classroom (Articles 29 and 31)

As part of our enrichment curriculum this term, Jonny is working with Year 3 children, where they are exploring The Jabberwocky, a non-sense poem written by Lewis Carroll. Year 3 children were re-enacting the poem, getting in the role of the beast from the poem!



Year 4 continue their learning of Greek mythology by exploring the Trojan War as part of The Iliad, with Jonny. The Trojan War is a famous war fought between the cities of Troy and Greece around the 13th century B.C.

Please ask our Year 4 children to retell you the story in their own creative ways.



## Road Safety Week



Road Safety Week 2023 is an annual event dedicated to promoting road safety awareness and advocating for safer roads and responsible driving behaviour. Road Safety Week is celebrated during the third week of November each year. This year, Road Safety Week will take place from 20<sup>th</sup> November. During this week children will learn why road safety matters, and enable them to speak up for safe and healthy journeys. Please talk to your children about how to stay safe on the roads.

## Non-Uniform Day

Further to the request of our School Council, we will have a non-uniform day on Friday 10th November to raise money for the children affected by the Israeli and Palestinian conflict. There will be buckets at the school gates for your donations which will be donated to UNICEF.

Our school remains a safe place for all where we will remain neutral. Within our school, we will not take sides or engage in controversies of a political, racial, religious or ideological nature.





## PTA Firework Evening

Thank you to our wonderful PTA who planned and delivered an outstanding Fireworks event on Tuesday. The feedback from staff, parents and children has been amazing. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and committed team of parents and staff who volunteer their valuable time and work together to make events, such as these, successful. A special thank you to the children of our PTA who helped and waited till past their bed-times whilst their parents cleared up after the event.



## Reading Videos

On our school website, there are a bank of videos from lockdown in 2020. Please use the following links to access stories read by our staff and listen to them with your children.

Key Stage 1: <https://www.glade.redbridge.sch.uk/readingsk1>

Key Stage 2: <https://www.glade.redbridge.sch.uk/readingsk2>

## Attendance (Article 28)

Why good attendance matters:

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. Children who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and do less well in exams. Good attendance also shows potential employers that a young person is reliable.



Research suggests that children who attend school regularly could also be at less risk of getting involved in antisocial behaviour or crime. Below is a table showing how children's percentage attendance equates to the amount of school time missed.

Year group	W/B 31.10.23
Nursery	89.63%
Reception	87.50%
Year 1	97.07%
Year 2	95.68%
Year 3	97.15%
Year 4	95.42%
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>99.14%</b>
Year 6	94.51%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>95.08%</b>

Well done to **Year 5** for the highest attendance!

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent Weeks	Equivalent Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	18 Sessions	2 Weeks	54 Lessons
90%	19 Days	38 Sessions	4 Weeks	114 Lessons
85%	29 Days	58 Sessions	6 Weeks	174 Lessons
80%	38 Days	72 Sessions	8 Weeks	228 Lessons
75%	48 Days	96 Sessions	10 Weeks	288 Lessons
70%	57 Days	114 Sessions	11.5 Weeks	342 Lessons
65%	67 Days	134 Sessions	13.5 Weeks	402 Lessons

## Awards

Well done to the following children:

<u>Bronze Merits</u>	<u>Silver Merits</u>	<u>Bronze Reading Rocket</u>
3A- Arjan, Ayesha, Edward, Hamza, Jacob, Jonah, Maryam B, Maryam M, Naila, Rohma, Ruth, George, Amrit, Prince and Zainab	5J- Emaan, Araniya, Hira and Fatimah	2M- Aaban, Dean, Kyran, Zahra, Yaqoub, Aren and Khadijah Y
3S- Isabella and Riley	6JM- Safwan, Ahmed, Arham, Zubayr and Eiliyah	
4W- Nida, Humna, Zoha, Naomi, Hannah, Sofia and Amelia		
5J- Ameila, Ali, Raihan, Musa, Diyen, Shivam, Eesa, Rajveer, Oliver, Selin, Ravya, Nicole, Yaa and Baktash		

### Stars of the Week- Article 29

Well done to the 'Stars of the Week'



<u>Stars of the Week</u>	
RQ- Ilia	RM- Emily
1M- Khizer	1S- Kubra
2R- Aliza	2M- Gracie-May
3A- Jacob	3S- Riley
4W- Zoha	4M- Musa
5K- Soumya	5J- Yaa
6JM- Arfa	6B- Khushi

### Writers of the Week- Article 29

Congratulations to our 'Writers of the Week'



<u>Star Writers</u>	
RQ- Amina	RM- Merlyn
1M- Paul	1S- Ayah
2R- Eesa	2M- Abubakr
3A- Robyn	3S- Miya W
4W- Anika	4M- Safaa
5K- Hannah	5J- Hadi
6JM- Amaya	6B- Aadam

## Happy Diwali

Happy Diwali to our families who will be celebrating this weekend. Wishing you peace and happiness in your homes.



Yours Sincerely,

*F Hussain*

Mrs F Hussain  
Headteacher

