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Dear Parents and Carers,

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

With the days getting colder, we are naturally inclined to want to stay indoors. As cosy at this is, it is also important that we still spend time outdoors enjoying what winter has to offer. Living in London provides a plethora of fun and affordable activities for the whole family. We have listed some of our favourites below:

- Hyde Park Winter Wonderland – A festive wonderland that is home to ice skating, Christmas markets, Fairground rides and an abundance of food options.
- Southbank centre Wintertime Festival – A free riverside festival with chalets selling crafts, winter goodies and live entertainment.
- Christmas at Kew – A botanical world brimming with seasonal cheer. Kew Gardens are hosting their annual festival of lights and sculptures for the whole family to enjoy.
- Ice skating at Somerset House or the Natural History Museum – Enjoy ice skating with beautiful surroundings at either Somerset House or the Natural History Museum.
- The Luna Winter Cinema – A magical cinematic experience taking place at Kensington Palace. Enjoy classic films such as Elf, Miracle on 34th Street, How the Grinch stole Christmas.



Safeguarding Pupil Safeguarding Ambassadors (Article 16)

Hello everyone! We are Noel, Darcey and Zubayr and we are the Pupil Safeguarding Ambassadors. We work with Mr Merchant and the rest of the Safeguarding team to make sure that everyone at Glade is happy, safe and healthy. At the moment, we are working on a child friendly version of the Safeguarding policy so that everyone is able to access it. We are also planning an assembly on important aspects of Safeguarding.

Our motto is ‘We are a telling school and we are a listening school.’ Remember, if anything is worrying you, make sure that you speak out!

Noel, Darcey and Zubayr

The big ears show that we are all good listeners!



Article of the Week Article 14 -Freedom of Thought, Belief and Religion

Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights.

Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.



Picture News (Articles 17 and 29)

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 scientists have found more flowering plants, moss, and algae in Antarctica in the last 10 years than usually grow in 50 years, and the extent of floating sea ice there has hit record lows.

This week's question asks children: 'Who is responsible for Antarctica?'



Individual Liberty
I am responsible for my actions. It is important to remember they can have an impact on people, places and things. We can choose actions that can help preserve and protect Antarctica.

Protected Characteristics

Robert Swan's beliefs about the importance of protecting and caring for Antarctica form part of how he lives his life. We should never be treated unfairly because of our beliefs.



UN Rights of a Child

As part of our education, we should be taught to live peacefully and protect the environment.



Outdoor Learning

This week, Year 3 used creative expression to respond to poetry. Working with Jonny, children continue to explore the Jabberwocky, a nonsense poem written by Lewis Carroll, and created their own creatures in our school forest.



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.

Naina Chavda



I've been a governor for 22 years at Glade Primary School. Both my children had a great educational experience at Glade which provided them with the solid primary education needed to guide them to their working and personal lives. I think it's important to be able to give something back to the community that serves you and I decided to serve Glade in supporting the Senior Leadership Team and the school community to maintain and excel their high standards. I served as the Chair of Governors for 2 years during Covid.

My background is Pathology where 33 years were developing the Leukaemia and Lymphoma Diagnostic service at University College London Hospitals. I was then involved in setting up a Covid testing laboratory which handled 10,000 samples a day and we became the main site that served dignitaries and the Royal Family. We received personal thanks for our service from Queen Elizabeth. My current role is Blood Sciences Manager, covering Haematology, Biochemistry, Immunology and Virology serving UCH, Royal Free Hospital, Barnet and Chase Farm and North Middlesex Hospital and my strengths are workforce management and implementation of change. But my biggest success are my two daughters, one works in Clinical Trials and the other is a Compliance Supplies Manager in healthcare, and both benefitted from an excellent education at Glade. I hope to serve Glade for as long as I can.

Volunteering at Glade

If you would like to volunteer at Glade, please email Parentinfo@glade.redbridge.sch.uk informing us of your availability and skills. We request all volunteers apply for a basic DBS using <https://www.gov.uk/request-copy-criminal-record> Once your DBS arrives, please let Mrs Ali know. You will then be asked to complete an online Safeguarding training.

Farewell to Mrs Ahmed



As some of you may be aware, Mrs Ahmed (3A class teacher) will be leaving Glade Primary at the end of this term. She is leaving to become a University lecturer; I know you will join me in wishing her all the best for the next exciting chapter of her career.

We have interviewed and recruited an experienced teacher, Mr E Miah. Mr Miah comes from another Redbridge school with over a decade of teaching experience and we are confident that 3A will continue to make the expected progress from their different starting points.

Before the end of term, we are arranging transition days to give Mrs Ahmed and Mr Miah the opportunity for a thorough hand-over for a smooth transition. Children have already seen Mr Miah but will also get the opportunity to meet him formally as their class teacher.

Parking

We have received a number of complaints from the school's neighbours regarding inconsiderate, and often illegal, parking by parents accessing the school in the mornings and afternoons, including parking in the zig-zag lines outside school and parking **across private driveways**. We have also had complaints about parents and children not crossing the road with due care and attention, putting themselves, other pedestrians and the drivers of any cars near the school in danger.

As with the majority of primary schools in the country, we do not have a 'parent' car park. If you do need to drive to drop off or collect your child please park considerately and ensure you are not obstructing drives, garages or access to roads. **Please be respectful of our neighbours** and remember that parking on zig-zag lines at any time of the day is prohibited.

We appreciate your support in this matter.



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 **Years 3 and 4** for the highest attendance!

Year group	W/B 20.11.23
Nursery	91.76%
Reception	83.96%
Year 1	93.00%
Year 2	95.64%
Year 3	96.84%
Year 4	96.50%
Year 5	95.34%
Year 6	94.39%
Whole School	93.69%

Awards

Well done to the following children:

Bronze Merits	Silver Merits
RM- Kiran, Emma, Oliver, Ahmed and Kaiyan.	5K- Saimaya
RQ- Isaac, Noah, Omar, Ariana and Amelia.	
2M- Khadijah M and Kyran	Silver Reading Rocket
3A- Azeem, Emilia, Hana, Hussain, Inaara, Patrick, Robyn, Zamir, Afsah, Aiden, Micah, Millie K and Joshua	2M- Aaban and Zahra
3S- Aren and Paisley	
5K- Usman, Soumaya, Aarav, Zahaa, Aaron, Hananh, Iba, Ismael, Theresa, Imiyah, Emaan, Dayen, Aurora, Wasi, Arsema, Mohammed, Leo, Satyam, Saijan and Olivia	



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 winners on TTRS:

1 st	Noel 6B
2 nd	Ali 5J
3 rd	Zubayr 6JM

Stars of the Week- Article 29

Well done to the 'Stars of the Week'



Stars of the Week	
RQ- Anastasia	RM- Amelia
1M- Inayah	1S- Cillian
2R- Laana	2M- Khadijah M
3A- Emilia	3S- Iqraa
4W- Nida	4M- Leart
5K- Dena	5J- Araniya
6JM- Anaaya	6B- Mercy

Writers of the Week- Article 29

Congratulations to our 'Writers of the Week'



Star Writers	
RQ- Zahra	RM- Zainab
1M- Yusuf	1S- Mozamil
2R- Mariya	2M- Yousuf
3A- Joshua	3S- Maaya H
4W- Zoha	4M- Shyna
5K- Olivia	5J- Shivam
6JM- Ciara	6B- Billy

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

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs F Hussain
Headteacher

