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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mental Health & Wellbeing- (Articles 12 and 24)

Whether you celebrate Christmas itself or not, the holiday period is approaching when families often get together. This is also a time of continued stress and uncertainty for many families – the cost of living crisis, cuts to many crucial services that support children and families, and the backdrop of COVID have left many people much more aware of how suddenly things can change and be out of our control.

We think about how to support children and young people during this time, how to enjoy the festive period, while being realistic about your own expectations and limits as adults and parents, and staying attuned to what children and young people need.

If you are worried about a child or young person’s mental health over the Christmas holiday period, speak to your GP or another professional that knows your child. CAMHS services remain open during the ordinary working days in the holiday period and some CAMHS services have out of hours support, it is worth checking in your local area.

There Are Also Several Crisis Support Lines For Children And Young People:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/>

<https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/talk-us-phone/>

Safeguarding (Article 16)

If you have concerns about a child’s welfare or suspect that a child is being neglected or abused, please telephone Redbridge Council Children’s Social Care on:

020 8708 3885 from 09:00 to 17:00

020 8708 5897 after 17:00, at weekends and on public holidays



Picture News (Articles 17 and 24)

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 Twinpike Way in York is usually lit up with festive lights to raise money for charity. However, this year, the residents have collectively decided that it’s time for a break.

This week’s question asks children: ‘Are decorations an important part of celebrations?’



British Values

Democracy

The residents of Twinpike Way collectively decided not to decorate their homes this year. When making decisions with others, it is important to share your own thoughts, listen and show respect.

Protected Characteristics

Most of the residents of Twinpike Way are pensioners. Sometimes our age may impact the decisions we make in our lives. We should never be treated unfairly because of our age.

UN Rights of a Child

Our thoughts, opinions and religion can influence the events or moments we celebrate. We can choose our thoughts, opinions and religion but this should not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

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FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND RELIGION

Year 5 and 6 shared (British) values and Radicalisation and Extremism Workshop

Over the last two Friday afternoons, Year 5 and 6 have had two very informative workshops led by Sarah Knarr, PREVENT Education Officer for Redbridge.

The first workshop reminded children of the shared (British) values of Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect and Tolerance and Individual Liberty.

They learnt about why we have these values and what may happen if we didn't.

The second session focused on Radicalisation and Extremism. This looked at what happens when a person or group of people intentionally go against the shared values and how they may encourage others to do the same.

The key message to children was to speak up if they were concerned by anything. They were reminded about trusted adults and use of Bubble boxes.

'We are a listening school and a telling school.'



Outdoor Learning- Nursery

After making Christmas cards and learning about the postal service, Nursery children went on a short walk to our local post box. They posted their home made Christmas cards to their families.



Christmas Parties

Children had lots of fun at their Christmas parties. Thank you to parents for sending in party food.



Year 6's Celebration of the Caribbean- Articles 29, 30 and 31

We had for a real treat last Thursday, when Year 6 presented their 'Celebration of the Caribbean'. This was a true example of cross-curricular learning at its best: the children performed story-telling of an Anansi story and shared their enjoyment of creating tropical fruit salads in their DT lessons. They spoke sensitively about the history of the Caribbean by explaining how Anansi reached the West Indies. Their eulogy to Benjamin Zephaniah was heart-warming, as was the recitation of a poem about Harriet Tubman written by Eiliyah. In English, they learnt to retell etiological tales and Mya, Yasna, Darcey, Isla and Safwan read out their excerpts with excellent intonation.

The highlights of the show were the three catchy calypso songs accompanied by a range of musical instruments and their grand finale, a lively dance (incorporating a range of dance styles) reflecting the vibrant culture of the Caribbean.



LKS2 Visit to the Theatre

On Friday, Year 3 and 4 visited Kenneth More Theatre to watch a pantomime performance of Peter Pan - as part of the English curriculum (speaking & listening). The children had a fantastic time, were in awe of the acting, costumes, singing and dancing, whilst making links to their own production of Cinderella Rockerfella last week.



"It was the first time I've gone to a pantomime and I really liked shouting cues like 'Behind You.'" - Emilia

"I loved booing somebody else (rather than me being booed) and it gave me more ideas for acting as a villain. - Aleena

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. Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life.

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.

Last week's attendance data is a lot lower than usual as a number of children have gone on holiday and some have had the sickness bug.

Well done to Years 2 and 4 for the highest attendance!

Year group	W/B 11.12.23
Nursery	83.16%
Reception	94.23%
Year 1	90.83%
Year 2	95.45%
Year 3	93.86%
Year 4	95.67%
Year 5	88.07%
Year 6	88.25%
Whole School	91.89%

House Token Winners

Children receive house tokens for showing the SMART values. Sensitive, Motivated, Attentive, Responsible, Truthful.

At the end of the each term, the house tokens are counted up and the winning team receive a treat. A big well done to this term's winners - **Hedgehogs!**

The children in the Hedgehogs house team will receive their treat after the holidays.

House Team	Total Tokens
Squirrels	270
Foxes	284
Owls	284
Hedgehogs	307

Christmas Assembly

At the whole school Christmas assembly today, staff and children performed on the steel pans, played the recorder and sang Christmas songs. Thank you to Mrs Robinson for leading an amazing Christmas assembly.



At the assembly, we also said goodbye to Mrs Ahmed. Thank you to Mrs Ahmed for her hard work and commitment at Glade, as a class teacher and English Leader. We wish her all the best in the future and look forward to still seeing her as a parent at the school!

Pen licence

Well done to the following children on receiving their pen licence:

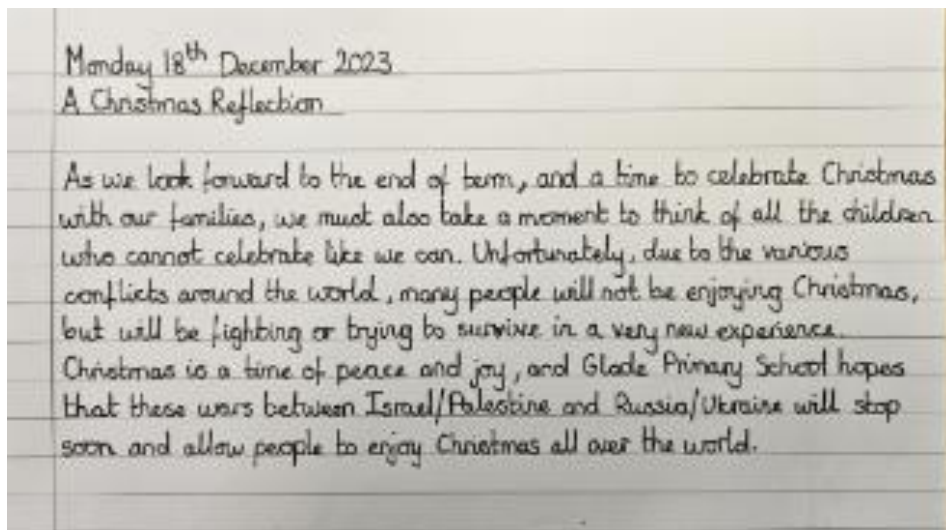
4M	Anshrah and Eva
4W	Aleena



A Christmas Reflection

To end the year, I would like to share this very special Christmas reflection by Veer in 6JM.

Veer's reflection is a testament of how children at Glade are empathetic global citizens; who at times of joy are thinking of children who are less fortunate than themselves.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

As we approach the end of term, I would like to thank you all for your support during this busy festive period. Christmas is always a magical time at Glade, as we share the excitement of the festivities with one another. Thank you for your generous gifts to staff.

I would also like to thank the staff and governors for their tremendous hard work and commitment to the children's development of Growing, Learning, Achieving, with Dedication and Enthusiasm. A special shout out to our amazing PTA for their time and dedication in arranging some of the wonderful events which have taken place this term, including Glade's first fireworks event, Christmas Fair, volunteering on school visits, wrapping Christmas books for children in EYFS, selling refreshments for the LKS2 panto and so much more.

Every child has been presented with a book to take home as a Christmas present from the school. We hope that this will continue to develop a love of reading.

On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.



Key Dates

The last day of term is **Wednesday 20th December**, where school finishes at half-day.

- Reception to Year 2 finish at 1.15pm
- Year 3- Year 6 finish at 1.30pm

Thursday 4th January 2024- Back to School: Beginning of Spring Term.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs F Hussain
Headteacher

