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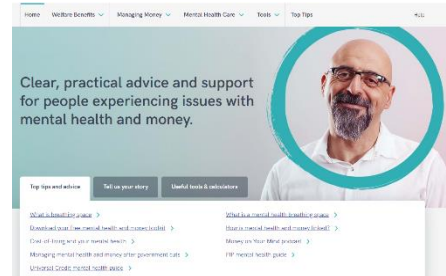
Thursday 9th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mental Health & Wellbeing (Article 24)

Although we have recently seen many signs that Spring is returning, we are only too aware that the cold snap is continuing! Parents continue to provide extra food and heating and so much more for their families during the cold months. This website below provides some useful advice and practical strategies to support families who are feeling the strain:

www.mentalhealthandmoneyadvice.org



The Speechlink Parent Portal, is an award-winning speech and language support website for parents, carers and families.

Speech and Language Link understand that supporting your child’s language learning, alongside everything else that life demands from you, can be challenging. The Parent Portal provides ideas and advice, information and activities for developing your child’s understanding, talking and listening in a way that works for all of your family:

<https://speechandlanguage.info/parents>

Safeguarding (Article 19)



What is Twitch?

If you have a gamer in your household, chances are you have heard the word ‘Twitch’ being used. The name sounds fun, age-appropriate, and harmless. It would be easy to assume it is a type of game.

In reality, Twitch is a far more complicated platform that can expose children and young people to age-inappropriate content in a hard-to-control environment.

Please use the link below for a guide to Twitch, taking a closer look at what Twitch is and what you need to know to help keep your children and young people safe:

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2023/03/02/guide-to-twitch/>

Picture News (Article 12)

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 it has been suggested that hazel dormice numbers in the UK have dropped by nearly 80% in almost 30 years and some researchers say people should be more worried for them.

This week’s question asks children: ‘Could you do more to protect your local area?’



Democracy

We all have a voice and our opinions should be heard. If we want to help care for and protect natural habitats, we can use our voice and take action.



UN Rights of a Child

We have the right to give our opinions freely about any issues that affect us such as issues in our local area. Adults should listen to us and take us seriously.



Protected Characteristics

For some people, caring for and protecting natural environments form part of their beliefs. It will affect their life choices or how they live their life.



Article of the Week- The right to reliable information from a variety of sources (Article 17)

Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

This week, children explored why it is important to think about whether the information you receive is reliable (can be trusted)?



REFLECTION

Article 17 is an important article which can be linked with many other articles in the UNCRC.

Think about how article 17 links with:

- The right to non-discrimination
- The right to an education
- The right to freedom of opinion and to be listened to
- The right to leisure, play and culture
- And other articles from the CRC

Think of ways you can improve your access to reliable information in school and choose one idea to work on.



World Book Day (Articles 29 and 31)

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, Years 3-6 took part in a virtual author event with Michael Morpurgo, who is celebrating 40 years of his famous book 'War Horse.'

Years 4-6 also took part in a theatre workshop based on Macbeth. The children acted out parts of the play under direction from Anthony Glenn, from Shaking Up Shakespeare.



Throughout the day, the children engaged in lots of creative activities to further promote the love of reading, by creating reading rivers that showcase their journey with reading this year. Children also recommended their favourite books to their peers and designed new book covers and bookmarks. All children received a free £1 book token to use towards purchasing a book.

This week, Early Years and Key Stage 1 will be taking part in an author workshop with Sophy Henn, as a continuation of our World Book Day celebrations.

Finally, from all of the staff at Glade, we would like to thank you for your efforts with the children's costumes and for your support in promoting reading. The children looked fantastic and it created a 'real buzz' around the school.



Book Fair

We are delighted to announce the return of the book fair, which will be taking place in the library from Tuesday 21st March – Monday 27th March, 3.30pm - 4.15pm. This time, you will be also be able to use the £1 World Book Day token, towards purchasing a book. Cash and online payments will be accepted.

Please come along and show your support, as with every purchase, the school will also receive free books for the children.

The Iliad (Articles 29 and 31)

Children in Year 4 have been working with their class teachers and Jonny Walker from Otherwise Education, learning about Homer's Iliad. Through drama, they are exploring the tales of the Apple of Discord, the Marriage of Helen and the Birth of Achilles and using these three strands to preface the events of the Trojan War, fought between the city of Troy and the Greeks.



International Women's Day (Article 2)

Yesterday, we celebrated International Women's Day to commemorate and honour women's accomplishments, raise awareness about gender disparities and discrimination, as well as to promote global support for women. Mrs Robinson led an assembly where she shared a story about a woman who inspires her, Alice Herz Sommer, the oldest known survivor of the Nazi Holocaust. Born into a Jewish family in Prague in 1903, Ms Herz-Sommer spent two years in a Nazi concentration camp in Terezin. Ms Herz-Sommer recalled "always laughing" during her time in Terezin, where she and other inmates put on occasional concerts. She said the joy of making music had kept their spirits up.

Some of our Year 6 girls shared their poems about what changes they would still like to see, for example, equality for women playing football.

We then listened to 'Twenty-first-century Woman,' a song composed by Joanna Forbes L'Estrange, with lyrics inspired by Oprah Winfrey's famous 2018 Golden Globes acceptance speech. The song was recorded at Abbey Road Studios on 22 November 2018 by stars of London's West End, singers from Hollywood film soundtracks and an **all-female band** of top London session musicians.

At the end of the assembly, children said they felt motivated, inspired, happy and proud.



Outdoor Learning: Year 1- Articles 29 and 31

In Maths, children in Year 1 explored measuring the length and height of different objects using non-standard units of measurement such as cubes, hands, etc. They also learnt to measure objects in centimetres using a ruler.

As part of their Geography lesson, Year 1 started to develop their mapping skills using the local area around the school to think about how they could draw simple maps based on the buildings and spaces they saw. These skills will be developed as they move through the school.

In English, Year 1 explored the pond area to write a description of a setting. Children made links to their Science lesson and used their sense of sight, smell, hearing and touch and described the pond area.



Homework- Google Classroom

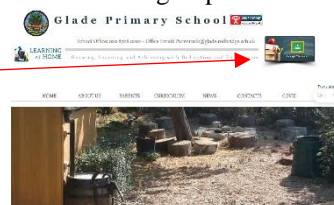
All children have been given new login and password details so that they can access their weekly homework via Google classroom. Children in Years 5 and 6 already know how to use Google classroom as they have continued using it since lockdown.

Mr Crouch has re-trained teachers and demonstrated to KS2 children how to change their passwords and navigate Google Classroom. The advantages of using Google classroom include being eco-friendly as it is paperless and promotes faster communication through built-in tools. Teachers can send private comments on assignments, and provide feedback on children's work. Teachers can also differentiate assignments, include videos and online sites into courses, and create collaborative group assignments with them.

The best way to access Google classroom is via our school website.

<https://www.glade.redbridge.sch.uk/>

Please speak to your child about their Google Classroom login details. KS1 children will be receiving them shortly. For more information, please speak to your child's class teacher at home-time.



Parent Workshops

Thank you to those who attended our recent parent workshops. We hope that you found them useful. PowerPoints from the sessions will be uploaded online. Please find below details of the remaining workshops and sign up link. We look forward to seeing you at one! <https://forms.gle/eYLPQANxM6snR8aq6>

<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Date and time</u>	<u>Led by</u>
How to support your child with Maths Reception – Year 2	Monday 20 th March 3:45pm – 4:45pm	Mrs Dhadwal
How to support your child with Maths Years 3-6	Wednesday 29 th March 3:45pm – 4:45pm	Mrs Dhadwal
How to support your child's Wellbeing	Thursday 23 rd March 3:45pm – 4:45pm	Mrs Jones and Miss Hussain
How to support your child online (E-Safety)	Thursday 30 th March 3:45pm – 4:45pm	Mrs Miah and Mr Merchant

NEU Teacher Strikes

The next NEU strike days are **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March**. On these days, our school will be closed to all children as we do not have class teachers to teach the classes. School will be open to all staff who are not striking. We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause your family.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is next Friday 17th March.

Poverty is not simple, or easy to see. It is behind so many of the issues that we work to tackle. Comic Relief support people who are facing the toughest times of their lives, whether they're impacted by the cost of living crisis, the drought in East Africa, or the recent, heart-breaking earthquake in Syria and Turkey.



The school council would like children and staff to donate £1 or more to support this charity. Over the afternoon, children will have the opportunity to dance, sing, and share jokes to make others laugh.

They would like children and staff to **'Wear something red, look funny, and that way, raise lots of money!'**

Parent Teacher Association

Glade Parent Teacher Association (PTA) held our Annual General Meeting in January where we elected our PTA team for the coming year.

PTA Chair	Guliz Zorba
Vice Chair	Laila Najurally
Secretary	Emma Pickering
Treasurers	Mahreen Anjum and Alae El Damanawi
Fundraising and Sponsorship	Naz Jabari and Reshmi Khatani

PTA Easter Fair

PTA are delighted to share that we will be holding our Easter Fair on **Friday 17th March from 3.45pm to 5.45pm** in the main hall.



PTA Easter Competitions

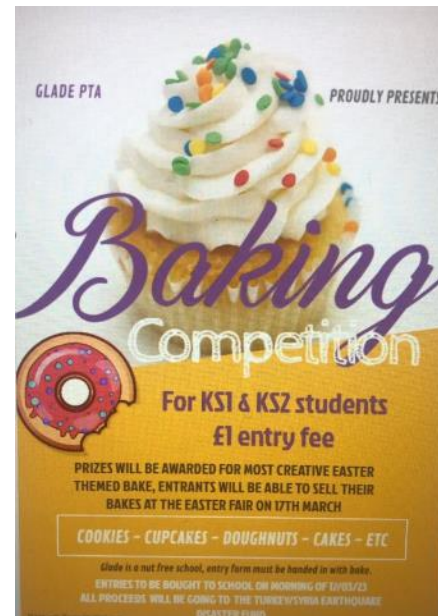
We are running two competitions for children in the run up to the fair:
Nursery and Reception- Easter Bonnet Decorating Competition.
KS1 and KS2- Easter Bake Off

Prizes will be given for the most creative bonnet. A limited number of bonnets are available to buy from the class teacher for 50p each.

Entry fee is £1 and should be placed in an envelope marked with your child's name and class and posted in the PTA mailbox in the main office.

All entries should be handed in to your child's class teacher by Friday 17th March and clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

Have fun!



Awards

Congratulations to the following children:

<u>Bronze Merit</u>	<u>Silver Merit</u>	<u>Gold Merit</u>
1S- Aayan and Artiom 2M- Aamilah, Hana, Iqraa, Isabella, Talya and Amrit 2R- Aiden, Riya, Leen, Robyn, Riley and Rohma 3H- Alessia and Felicia 3A- Jared, Hannah, Fatima, Sofia, Anshrah, Minnah, Rida, Sara and Shyna	RM- Adem and Mozamil and Zakariyya B RQ- Yusuf, Zainab and Teddy 1S- Eesa and Samiul 3H- Ayaan, Jayden, Amalia, Raifa, Nazara and Amelia 3A- Anaye, Humna, Kaiden, Maryam, Sophia and Zain 4N- Usman, Maria and Mohammed 6S- Saleha	6D- Aisha
<u>Reading Rockets Bronze</u>	<u>Reading Rockets Silver</u>	<u>Reading Rockets Gold</u>
Nursery AM- Yaqoub Nursery PM- Oliver RM- Dawoud 1C- Abubakr and Khadijah Y	Nursery PM- Oliver RM- Joanne 1C- Yaqoub	1C- Aren, Khadijah M, Kyran and Xavier
<u>Star Readers</u>	<u>Free Readers</u>	<u>Pen Licences</u>
1C- Aaban 1S- Shari and Ameerah	5A – Aleeza and Mustafa	3A - Rida and Atharv 3H - Nusaybah and Jack 4N - Hannah and Anian 4W - Eesa and Rajveer 6S - Mueez

Attendance- Article 28

It is the legal responsibility of each parent/carer to ensure that their child attends school. Attending school aids intellectual, social and emotional development. All children whose attendance is poor will be treated as vulnerable.

We want all children to have the best possible attendance at school to enable each and every child to reach their full potential.

Children are required to attend school for 190 days each year. The Government's target for attendance for primary school pupils is at least 95%.

Well done to **Year 1** for the highest attendance, last week!

Year group	W/B 27.02.23
Nursery	86.86%
Reception	91.42%
Year 1	96.98%
Year 2	99.59%
Year 3	95.41%
Year 4	95.29%
Year 5	96.55%
Year 6	99.16%
Whole school	94.87%

Stars of the Week- Article 29

Well done to the ‘Stars of the Week’



Stars of the Week	
Nursery am- Sultan	Nursery pm- Jayden
RQ- Sophia	RM- Maryam
1C- Petra	1S - Raiyaan
2R- Maryam B	2M- Amara
3H- Alessia	3A- Zoha
4N- Saijen	4W- Hira
5A- Aleeza	5U- Mya
6D- Waniya	6S- Saleha

Writers of the Week- Article 29

Congratulations to our ‘Writers of the Week’



Star Writers	
RQ- Yusuf	RM- Zakariyya B
1C- Khadijah M	1S - Zayn
2R- Aiden	2M- Afsah
3H- Donka	3A- Sophia
4N- Ismael	4W- Raihan
5A- Chenaya	5U- Ahmed
6D- Mahveen	6S- Sky

Yours Sincerely,

F Hussain

Mrs F Hussain
Headteacher



Artsmark Silver Award
Awarded by Arts Council England



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