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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Thankfully, we have made it to the end of term without a lockdown!

It has been a full on seven weeks for everyone in our community. It is time now for some well-deserved rest and recuperation over the festive winter break. Although this is an exciting time for most, it can also be a stressful time for others. You may wish to enjoy some mindfulness or Yoga during your time at home. Use the links below to find some magical wintery clips to enjoy with your children:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMeKIAEpWxw>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-mT_eKUctcM



Parenting isn't always easy. Although it's often amazing and rewarding to watch your children grow up, and to help them learn to be independent, it can also be really hard work. Use the link below for some tips for looking after your child while also looking after yourself:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/survival-guide/>

Call the Parents Helpline for detailed advice, emotional support and signposting about a child or young person up to the age of 25. You can call for free on **0808 802 5544** from 9:30am - 4pm, Monday - Friday.

Safeguarding- Brave

Last week, the children in Years 5 and 6 attended a BRAVE workshop organised for schools by St. Giles Trust.



Our presenters were brilliant, speaking to children openly and honestly about what makes a good citizen, how to challenge news that may be fake, not judging people by first appearances and about how gangs and extremist groups can groom children.

The children found it very useful and responded to discussions with relevant comments.
Here is the feedback from some of our children:

Theo 6J: I learnt about the 4 stages of grooming: target stage, friendship stage, caring stage and finally the abusive/violence stage.

Rheya 6D: I learnt that a lot of extremist groups actually believe that the wrong things they are doing are right.

Aaima 6J: I understood that extremists try and push their beliefs on to vulnerable people who don't really know the truth.

Moeez 6D: I learnt that you can go to prison as young as 10 if you are convicted of a crime.

Isaiah 6D: 'A' (one of the speakers) was very inspiring because she had the experience of being groomed herself as a teenager, but turned her life around once she came out of prison. She wants all children to be aware of strangers and not be beguiled by unknown people who offer rewards or gifts, especially online.



Picture News

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/news/pictures>

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.

The story this week is about how school nativity plays and musical concerts have taken place in various formats this year. The Health minister, Edward Argar, thinks festive plays are important. This week's question explores who the school performances are for.



British Values
13th - 19th December 2021
Rule of Law
Laws, rules or guidance sometimes change to help keep us safe so we may have to alter the way we do things. We can adapt the way we perform our school plays and concerts this year so they can still go ahead.

UN Rights of a Child
13th December 2021
In school, we can develop our personality, talents and abilities. Having opportunities to take part in school plays and concerts can help us to do this.

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AIMS OF EDUCATION

Outdoor Learning- Year 3

This half-term, Year 3 have been extremely fortunate in having the opportunity to work with our resident-poet, Jonny Walker. We focused on building our resilience and independence by studying nonsense poetry, where we have performed and created our own, inspired by some of the most famous nonsense poets and the natural world around us. Check out Jonny's Instagram page @otherwisedeu for sneaky previews into our amazing work! <https://www.instagram.com/otherwisedeu/?hl=en>

"The poetry sessions are amazing because we get to explore the wonders of poetry and discover nature around us." Ismael 3A.

In History, we have been learning about the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, with a particular focus on what people ate.

"We were learning about how people during the Stone Age lit a fire using rocks and sticks. We used slates and flints because, people had to start their own fire to cook food. Then, we toasted some marshmallows to enjoy. Yum! It was very muddy outside, but that made it better because we got to understand how people felt in those days." Maryam 3A.



Junior Forester Award

Congratulations to all the children in Year 5 who have received their Junior Forester Award.

The Junior Forester Award aims to give children an insight into the skills needed for a career in Forestry, as well as equipping them with the practical ability to assist in woodland management in their schools and local communities. This award recognises and celebrates the work our children did at the end of the summer term in Year 4.



Year 6 Celebration of the Caribbean

A huge congratulations to Year 6 who put on an amazing 'Celebrating the Caribbean' performance this week, including story-telling, singing, raps, steel pans and traditional dances.



Climate Change Assemblies

The week started off with assemblies delivered by Beth England from Sonnedix, an energy company, who promote the use of greener solutions. Beth was very informative and engaged the children in each of the assemblies. The assemblies explored issues such as global warming, deforestation, use of plastic and alternative energy. As always, our children did us proud with their knowledge about climate change and global warming. Beth was very impressed. Children left the hall with practical tips to help look after the environment, such as switching lights off when we are not in the room, using both sides of paper, recycling etc.



Year 2 Freshwater Theatre Company Workshop

On Tuesday, Year 2 children were transported back in time to 1666. They imagined themselves living and working on Pudding Lane, when the Great Fire of London broke out and explored the timeline of the fire through role play and freeze frame drama.

Giulia said, "I enjoyed being the Lord Mayor and talking to the people of London."

Nusaybah said that she learned all about the people who had lost their homes in the fire and how they had to camp out in Moorfields.



Winter Reading Challenge

Following the success of the Summer Reading Challenge 2021, the Reading Agency is thrilled to announce a new reading adventure in partnership with WWF UK. The Winter Mini Challenge. The challenge encourages children to continue reading over the winter holidays with a free, digital platform offering rewards and prizes for continuing to read.

More details can be found at the link below:

<https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/the-reading-agency-and-wwf-invite-children-on-a-virtual-arctic-reading-adventure.html>



Times Tables Rock Stars



Well done to the three most active classes on TTRS:

We would love to see all children playing actively on TTRS over the holidays!

Position	Class	% of Active Players
1st	3A	72%
2nd	3Y	69%
3rd	4N	59%

Attendance

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

Well done to Year 3 for being the only year group to have exceeded the national target of 96%.

The results of the Autumn term attendance competition are in!

Congratulations to the following:

1st place: 3A
2nd place: 3Y
3rd place: 2C

They will receive their reward on Friday. 🎉

Year group	W/B 06.12.21
Reception	86.96%
Year 1	90.85%
Year 2	92.88%
Year 3	98.34%
Year 4	83.88%
Year 5	91.96%
Year 6	94.15%
Whole school	91.28%

The next attendance competition will span across the Spring and Summer term, so please make sure your child attends school as much as possible so that their class is in with a chance to win.

Awards

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements:

<u>Bronze Awards- Merits</u>	<u>Silver Award- Merits</u>	<u>Gold Award- Merits</u>
RM- Ayan, Ameerah and Eesa 3Y - Momina 4N- Zoha, and Mustafa 4W- Huzaifah and Jessica 6D- Yunus, Manar, Tanbir, Priya, Aleena, Ayaan, Sandeep and Rheyaa	3Y - Araniya 4N - Chenaya, Shuaib and Zakariya 4W -Safwan, Hamzah and Riyah 6J- Amir and Harsha	4W- Zubayr 6J- Ayaan M, Jumaimah and George
<u>Pen Licence</u>	<u>Reading Rockets- Bronze</u>	<u>Reading Rockets- Silver</u>
3A- Aahil	1R- Jonah, Aren, Patrick and Paisley 2C- Ibrahim, Maarya, Jayden and Shailen	RM- Roshan 2C- David, Nusaybah and Eva 2M- Anaye, Giulia, Arham, Minnah, Ebube and Nida

Stars of the Week

Well done to the ‘Stars of the Week.’



Writers of the Week!

Congratulations to our ‘Writers of the Week.’



Stars of the Week	
Nursery am- Isa M	Nursery pm- Ibrahim
RP- Aren	RM- Ameerah
1H- Rovena	1R - Talya
2C- Jack	2M- Arham
3Y- Wasi	3A- Isabella
4N- Chenaya	4W- Andre
5A- Elizabeth	5U- Safaa M
6D- Mishall	6J- Aden

Happy Christmas

As we approach the end of another productive term, I would like to thank you all for your support during this busy festive period, especially with the high level of absences. Christmas is always a magical time at Glade, as we share the excitement of the festivities with one another, albeit virtually.

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. I would also like to extend my thanks to the PTA for taking the time to arrange some of the wonderful events which have taken place this term. The Christmas Fair was a huge community success.



Every child will be taking a book home as a Christmas present from the school; thank you to the PTA volunteers for wrapping them up.

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

Key Dates:

Friday 17th December- Last day of term: **half-day**.

Reception and KS1 finish at 1.15pm, KS2 finish at 1.30pm- from their usual gates. There will be no PM Nursery.

Tuesday 4th January 2022- INSET Day- School closed for children

Wednesday 5th January 2022- School opens for all children

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs F Hussain
Headteacher

