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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. We hope you had a relaxing half-term break. Following on from our OFSTED inspection in September, we are delighted to share the report with you. We are pleased to share that **"Glade Primary continues to be a Good school"**. A big thank you to the Governors and staff for their dedication and commitment, to our parents and community for their continuous support and to our children who are a delight to teach. The report says;

"They are friendly and polite, and behave well in lessons. They work hard and do as they are told. Pupils work well together, help each other and enjoy their learning. This is because teachers make learning interesting and fun." The report is very positive and recognises that all staff contribute to the pupils' good behaviour. "Pupils say they feel safe at school because the teachers are around and are helpful. They say that adults help us to learn and follow the rules" Please read the full report on the school website.

Happy Diwali

Happy Diwali to all our families who celebrated the festival of lights. On Monday 4th November, there will be a special menu for Diwali for school dinners where our cook will prepare chicken curry and dhal served with rice or bread. Black History Month As part of Black History Month, children across the school have been learning about famous Black personalities and how they have influenced history.

All children are expected to attend school regularly and on time. As a pilot, we ask you to ensure your child is in school at 8:45am, as this is the time children are able to gain entry to class. This gives them time to hang up their coat and say hello to their friends and be ready to start learning from the start of the school day, which is 8:55am. If your child arrives just 5 minutes late each day, they will be missing nearly 16 hours education over the course of a school year. Children arriving late miss important information at the start of the lesson. They are often embarrassed by continual lateness and this can affect their self-esteem. If this pilot goes well this term, we shall continue it from January. Please share your feedback with members of staff.

Please make sure only children are coming into the building when dropping off, no adults should be accompanying their child unless they have an arranged meeting with the teacher. Please use the classroom doors.

Anti-Bullying week 11th - 15th November

Over the week, children across the school will be carrying out a range of activities-drama, writing and art focusing on Anti-Bullying. Watch this space for some pictures in next month's newsletter.

Children in Need 2019 is on Friday the 15th November and we are linking this with Odd Socks Day. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! We look forward to seeing some whacky 'sock'y dressing and request

you to send in a donation of £1

Our Article 12 group (School council) have suggested they would like to donate half the amount to 'Children in Need' and half towards more playground equipment so that playtimes at school are even more enjoyable for all.

Book Bus

Thank you to everybody who supported the book bus. We sold £1500 worth of book which raises money for books for the school.

Glade Library

Please visit our school library, Mondays 3.30 - 4.15 with your child to see our newest book, The Poetry Patrol Essex book containing poems from Glade pupils, Adelina, Fatima, Leo and Hira.

Road Safety Week

Congratulations to the three winners of the school comic strip competition for road safety week, Nikan 6A, Vanessa 5W Zakariyyaa 5W. The entries have been sent to Redbridge for further judging.

Afternoon Tea with the head teacher

Every week, Mrs Hussain invites 6 children (1 child from each year group) to attend 'Afternoon Tea' in her office. The children talk about what they are learning and share something they are proud of. The children reflect what they enjoy about their learning and also what they think could make it even better. 'Afternoon Tea' promotes good speaking and listening and also creates a chance for the children to get to know their Head teacher better and vice versa.

Within the last month the following children had the opportunity to share their work and enjoy afternoon tea with Mrs. Hussain

Theresa 1M, Zubayr 2R , Melina 3R, Tanzim 4M, Riti 5J, Tia 6E

Leo 1S, Subhan 2Y, Elizabeth 3C, George 4A Ashvin 5W, Amal 6A

Olivia 1M, Aiden 2R, Elizabeth 3R, Harsha 4A ,Jaiden 4M, Eva 6E,

Ellay 1S, Madalina 2Y, Sumaiya 3C, Ahmed 5W, Kenny 5J, Swaathith 6A

Awards and Merits

A big well done to everyone below for their achievements.

6E Free Reader

Khadijah

6E Pen Licence

Eva, Safa, Rayan, Khadijah, Muhemmed

6A - Bronze Reading Rocket Awards

Darija, Akeela, Sidra

6A - Free Readers

Amana, Dua, Hanna, Nikan, Sidra

6A - Bronze Award (10 Merits)

Kailen

5W - Bronze Awards (10 Merits)

Vanessa, Zakariyyaa, Nilufer, Vishay, Kayla, Ahmed, Hera, Bilal, Yaseen, Ashwika, Nora, Samuel, Madison, McKenzie, Ivie, Renee, Idris, Zulekha

5W Silver Awards (25 Merits)

Donnell, Zaid, Vanessa, Rachel

5W - Bronze Reading Rocket Award

Vishay

5W Pen Licence

Samuel, Hera

5J Bronze Reading Rocket Awards

Daniyal, Allegra, Zainab, Andrew

5J Star of the Fortnight

Crystal, Adriana, Ruth, Maanav

4M - 1st Merits

Iliya, Iris, Oliver, Priya, Sandeep, Shqiptar, Tanzim, Vlad, Yunus, Zaidan, Muneeb, Maimuna, Ibrahim

4M - Bronze Awards (10 Merits)

Aadhav, Aleena, Ayaan, Meerab, Moeez, Odri, Siobhan, Yahya, Tanzim

4M Pen Licence

Alex, Odri, Siobhan, Jaiden

4A - Bronze Awards (10 Merits)

Farhan, Ekaterina, Ayaan, Theo, Amir, Abdul, Aaima, King, Ibrahim, Harsha, Jasmine, Jaynil, Halil, Zain

4A - Bronze Reading Rocket Awards

Jumaimah, Sarah, Aaima, Farhan, Amir, Kevin

4A Silver Reading Award (25 Merits)

Ekaterina

4A Pen Licence

Sarah, Ekaterina

3R - Bronze Awards (10 Merits)

Elizabeth, Sameeha

3R - Bronze Reading Rocket Awards

Elizabeth, Waniya, Haaniya

3C - Bronze Awards (10 Merits)

Mueez, Annie, Abdullah, Amelia, Casey, Nadia, Yusra, Riddhi, Sarah, Sky, Saleha, Hershne, Kleon, Harley, Hanna

3C - Silver Awards (25 Merits)

Abdullah

3C - Bronze Reading Rocket Award

Sarah, Kleon, Muhammad

2Y - Bronze Awards (10 Merits)

Aneeqa, Alexandra, Leo, Armelio, Avina, Billy, Dylan, Aadam, Jayden, Mustafa, Noel, Osarugue, Shuaib, Subhaan, Yasna

2Y - Star of the Fortnight

Ethem, Aisha

1S - Reading Rocket

Aurora, Dylan, Inayah, Leo, Dayen, Anian

1M - Star of the Week

Dyen, Maria

1M - Bronze Reading Rocket Awards

Washis, Olivia, Eesa, Saijen, Aahil, Diyen

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who donated to our harvest Festival collection. Mrs Graham and a group of children took the food to be donated to The Redbridge Foodbank, who were very grateful for the extremely kind donation from Glade.

Pentathlon success

Congratulations to Crystel, Rachel, Habiba, Lily, Kayla and Callum for taking part in the Pentathlon Challenge and coming 2nd place overall their trophy and certificate are on display in reception. This is a huge achievement. We are very proud of you.

PTA Halloween Party

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Halloween Party and non-uniform day. We look forward to reading all about it in the PTA newsletter.

Black History Month

At Glade, we are proud to celebrate our rich diversity of cultures. Black History Month is a month set aside to learn, honour, and celebrate the achievements of black men and women throughout history. We have been looking at black history, heritage, culture and achievements. Each year group focused on a different area of achievement.

Early Years

We have looked at Africa and found out many facts. We loved reading Handa's Surprise and Anna Hibiscus. We enjoyed finding out about some traditional African food and cooking Yams. We looked at some of the animals that live in Africa and created some wonderful collages of them. We also painted some African pictures.

Year 1

We enjoyed learning about famous black inventors. We looked at Augustus Jackson, who invented new recipes and a better technique for making ice cream and Andrew Beard, who invented the first automatic railroad car coupler in 1897. In Art, we looked at the work of Chris Ofili. We linked his work with another artist who inspired us, Andy Goldsworthy.

Year 2

In Year 2 we have been looking at famous black females. We looked at Mary Seacole, a nurse during the war and Harriet Tubman, a political activist. We created biographies, leaflets and fact wheels. We learnt that you can be successful regardless of your gender or the colour of your skin. We enjoyed reading The Greedy Zebra and created art work around it. We also created tribal clothing.

Year 3

Year 3 looked at Leaders in Black History. We wrote a biography/fact file on Desmond Tutu, Nelson Mandela, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Junior and Barack Obama. We spoke about their achievements and looked at their early life and their journeys to leadership. We spoke about some of the qualities of successful leaders and considered our own leadership skills

Year 4

Year 4 have been looking at famous black musicians. We enjoyed finding out about the lives of and listening to the music of such classics including, Louis Armstrong, Bob Marley, Stevie Wonder, James Brown and Ella Fitzgerald. We spoke about their achievements and looked at their early life and their journeys to success. We looked at how they shaped the music scene and acted as role models for musicians of today. We discussed the types of music that we enjoy and looked at some dances in different cultures.

Year 5

In Year 5 we looked at famous black astronauts. We examined the life and achievements of Mae Jamison, the first black woman astronaut. We were inspired by the hard work that she had to put in to be selected and recognised as a truly remarkable person. We created some colourful posters to show what we have learnt about this amazing person.

Year 6

In Year 6, we have celebrated Black History by looking at the life of Walter Tull (who was the first ethnic minority footballer to play for Clapton FC, Northampton FC and Tottenham Hotspurs) and his heroic contribution to World War 1. We took part in the national #Tull100 programme and invited West Ham United coaches to teach us more about Walter Tull's life. We will be receiving a medal for this, which we will be decorating to symbolise Tull's life. We also studied Benjamin Zephaniah's contribution to various forms of literature based on his experience of racism and his performance at the Royal Albert Hall with Nelson Mandela, in order to raise awareness of the apartheid. We thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated his poetry; we also attempted to perform some of his raps.

Coats

Due to it getting colder as we move into the winter months, please make sure children come to school with coats as they will still be playing outside at break times.

Parent questionnaires

A big thank you to those who completed the parents questionnaires at the end of last year. Congratulations to our winners who were drawn in the raffle; Parents of Harsha (Year 4) and Inayah (Year 1) Please see Mr Merchant for your prizes.

We have used the data collected last term to continue to develop our work to ensure that all children at Glade 'Grow, Learn and Develop with Dedication and Enthusiasm'.

Strengths

- Kind staff and teachers
- Hardworking staff
- Teachers are helpful and supportive
- Variety of educational activities
- New children are welcomed and settle well
- Support staff are very good
- Children make excellent progress
- Children love coming to school

Areas to Develop

- Some parents felt that communication about events could be improved. Parents would appreciate more notice with regards to information about events.
- Some parents felt that more letters should be sent electronically
- Some parents felt that supervision of children at lunch times could be improved.
- Some parents were concerned with the lack of consistency of staffing in some classes.

Actions

- We are developing our systems for planning events in order to ensure that there is more notice for these and that they are more spread out. We are introducing Parent Mail to ensure that all parents are able to access the same information. We will continue to use the newsletter, website and twitter to share information.
- We are introducing Parent Mail which will cut down on the amount of paper letters that are sent out.
- We will continue to develop active playtimes and the role of junior sports leaders to develop engagement of all pupils at playtimes and lunch times.

- We will continue to do our best to ensure that there is consistency of staffing in all classes.

Dates to remember

1st November- Year 6 out to Redbridge Museum

4th November Year 3 Barbican - London Symphony Orchestra

4th November Diwali special lunch for children

5th November- Individual school photographs

5th November- Bonfire night special lunch for children

7th November Early years and foundation stage Hug a bear day

11th November - KS1 Christmas Performance

15th November- Flu immunisation for children from reception to Year 6

15th November- Children in need- Non uniform day, wear odd socks!

18th November- World nursery rhyme week in Nursery and Reception

2nd December - Reception trip to London Zoo

5th December - PTA Christmas disco

10th December - Klezmer performance - Ilford Town Hall

11th December - KS1 Christmas Performance

13th December - Christmas Jumper Day - whole school

17th December - Year 2 Museum of London visit

17th December - Year 3&4 Christmas Performance

20th December - School finishes at 1.30pm