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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mental Health & Wellbeing



We know that the pandemic and the associated measures and restrictions, such as social distancing and school closures, will be impacting on the mental wellbeing of some children and young people. General information relevant to children and young people's wellbeing and mental health can be found on:

<https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/02/01/mental-health-resources-for-children-parents-carers-and-school-staff/>

Please rest over the half-term break and use it to find time to take a break. If you are struggling with how you're feeling, or worried about your child, talk to a friend or family member. Advice for parents is available on Young Minds' website: <https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/advice-for-parents-on-surviving-half-term/>

Aspirations Week



We are enjoying a great Aspirations week in partnership with 15 Billion ebp's with the theme 'Dream big, aim high!' On Monday we had a special Zoom assembly to introduce the week with a surprise guest, Jason Rose, who is a local artist. Jason spoke about how he overcame barriers to follow his dreams and become an artist. He showed us some of his amazing work live from his studio in Valentines Mansion. All classes had Zoom talks this week with the experts in the fields that they are studying. There were lots of thoughtful questions. Nursery enjoyed hearing from a Dentist who taught them the importance of brushing their teeth twice a day and a Doctor who showed them all the tools that she uses in a check-up. Other year groups had a range of speakers including an Artist, people involved in sports, those involved in film and the theatre and MACE who specialise in Construction and Architecture. Year 5 enjoyed pitching their inventions to the team in a Dragon's Den style event! Remember to always dream big and aim high in all that you do!

Well done to the winners of Monday's dress up competition with an Aspirations week theme!

EY and KS1	Roshan: Nursery	Deni: RM	Hira and Nida: 1M and 2Y
KS2	Ruth: 6A	Vishay: 6E	Michelle: 4D
Bubble groups	Inayah 6A	Amalia 1P	

You will be able to collect your prizes once we are back to school.

Mid-year targets

By the end of this week, you will have received individual mid-year target reports for your children via ParentMail. If you do not receive this, please email the school on parentinfo@glade.redbridge.sch.uk

Iliad Project

All of the children in Year 5 and Year 6 have had a lively half term learning about the history of the Trojan War- over Zoom!

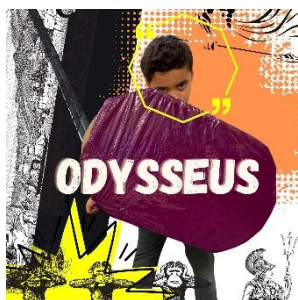
Over the last five weeks, the children were taught by Jonny Walker - a specialist English teacher who also runs our forest poetry sessions - and have learnt about one of the oldest and most famous stories from Ancient Greece.

We had close to 100 children taking part each week, which is wonderful, and the quality of children's talk, listening, thinking and questioning was outstanding.

The project involved a combination of storytelling, drama, philosophical discussion and the use of 3,000 year old text from Homer's 'The Iliad'. They explored themes of prophecy, trust, family, destiny, pride and ego. We also learn about the city states of Greece, such as Mycenae, Sparta and Argos - NOT THE SHOP!

Now that all of Year 5 and Year 6 know the story so well, they are now the storytellers. Perhaps you can ask them to tell you all about it, so that the story can live on for another 3,000 years.

Some of the children in the Key Worker Bubble 3, armed themselves and costumed as their favourite characters.



After half term, Jonny Walker will be working with a different group of children in the key worker bubbles in school. He will deliver online live lessons to all children in Years 3 and 4. More information will be sent via ParentMail to parents of children in LKS2.

RSPB Wild Challenge



I am delighted to inform you that we have achieved our Bronze and Silver Wild Challenge award! This is the feedback we received from RSPB:

*"I was so impressed with the improvements you have made to your outdoor area and what a fantastic pond you have built! Thank you for your amazing efforts. **Every** action you take makes a real difference. We hope you thoroughly enjoyed learning through nature on your journey to your award."*

You're doing an amazing job to help nature and we hope you and your children have had fun exploring and discovering new things along the way. Celebrate the moment but don't forget, your challenge isn't over yet. Get stuck into more activities and continue your wild journey towards a gold award."

Well done and thank you to everyone for driving forward our school development priority and continuing our outdoor learning.

Glade Award page

Please visit our updated awards page on the 'About Us' section on our school website:

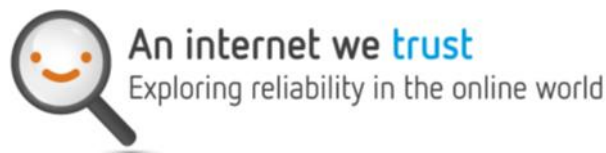
<https://www.glade.redbridge.sch.uk/about>

Chinese New Year

Friday is the beginning of the Lunar New Year celebrations enjoyed by millions of Chinese people around the world. 2021 is the year of the Ox. Watch the video on our website, recorded by Mrs Craggs to find out more about the Lunar New Year story and how it is celebrated: <https://www.glade.redbridge.sch.uk/gallery-blog>

Safer Internet Day

Our school supports 'Safer Internet Day' and will be promoting it after half term.



This year's focus will be exploring reliability in the online world. We will be looking at how we can decide what to trust online and supporting young people to question, challenge and change the online world for the better. We will explore how influence, persuasion and manipulation can impact young people's decisions, opinions and what they share online. More information will be sent out via Parent mail after half-term.

Thank you

Thank you for your continued positivity through emails and phone calls showing support and recognition of the hard work and dedication put in by staff at Glade. One of my favourite pieces of feedback from this week is from a parent of two children who received a laptop:

"I would like to say a big thank you from my sons for the laptop which we collected today.

I have to express my gratitude and appreciation as I can whole heartedly say that their learning experience will definitely be better due to the laptop we have received. It's been a tough year for everyone but more for the kids and honestly the smile on H's face when I picked up the laptop was priceless. The boys are now well equipped to complete their work on time. Therefore once again I would like to thank everyone at Glade for giving the laptop to the kids."

Please continue to share your positive feedback with us; it really does bring a smile to our faces. If for any reason, you have concerns about your child's learning or well-being, please share them with your child's class teacher by emailing parentinfo@glade.redbridge.sch.uk

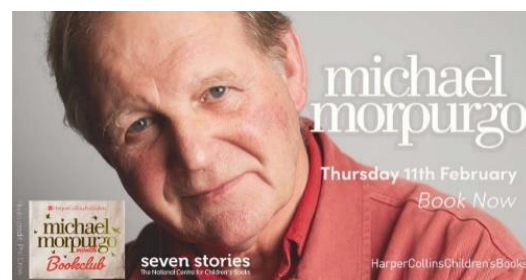
Reading with author Michael Morpurgo

Michael Morpurgo will be talking about some of his best-loved books, as well as reading from his latest book, Boy Giant.

This event will be live streamed through a private YouTube link and last approximately 45 minutes, including a talk from Michael and a Q&A at the end.

The event will be available to **watch live today at 1.30pm** or on catch-up afterwards. We have shared details via ParentMail already. For further information, please visit:

<https://www.sevenstories.org.uk/learning/michael-morpurgo-2021/event>



Pupil engagement with online learning

Thank you to parents and carers for supporting your children with on their online learning. Each week, more children are engaging with lesson online. I am sharing the current engagement data for online learning at our school:

Year group	No. children in the year group	No. children engaging with online learning	% of children engaging with online learning
Nursery	38	36	95%
Reception	59	58	98%
Year 1	60	59	98%
Year 2	49	48	98%
Year 3	56	55	98%
Year 4	60	60	100%
Year 5	60	58	97%
Year 6	60	58	97%

Redbridge for Education

Redbridge for education are launching the search for pre-loved devices. They are happy to collect within Redbridge and have a professional who will be wiping the devices and making sure they are in good working order before they are passed on to families. All people need to do is email them directly at redbridgeforeducation@gmail.com

We still have BT Wi-Fi access codes for families without access to internet. Please call the school office or email parentinfo@glade.redbridge.sch.uk to request the password.

Holiday homework

We appreciate how hard our children and their families have worked this half-term, adjusting to remote learning routines. Especially, where adults are working from home themselves and /or with multiple family members sharing devices. I would like to say a huge well done to you and your families for persevering and being resilient. Our Glade ethos is 'Growing, Learning and Achieving with Dedication and Enthusiasm'. This term you have all demonstrated these core values.

Our children have worked incredibly hard and spent too much time on screen this term, therefore we are not setting any holiday homework that needs to be submitted. We ask that you engage with your children, taking part in activities that will support your well-being. Explore the local area- go for a walk- participate in 'Street Tag' to collect points, play board games e.g. Snakes and Ladders, Ludo, Monopoly and Scrabble etc. Create time to cook together and have fun during meal times.

Lexia

Congratulations to Darcey in 3R for moving up to the next level in Lexia.

Stars of the Week

Well done to this week's 'Stars of the Week':



Nursery am – Khadijah	Nursery pm- Muhammed
RH- Rohan	RM- Meharwan
1P- Charlie	1M- Janna
2R- Aurora	2Y- Ameila
3C- Riya	3R- Huzaifah
4D- Fatima	4A- Casey
5J- Siobhan	5S- Theo
6A- Inayah	6E- Vishay

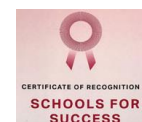
Please continue to follow Government guidance to keep one another safe. I wish you and your families a restful half term break. Online learning will resume from Monday 22nd February.

Yours Sincerely,

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Headteacher





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We need pre-loved laptops...

Do you have a laptop you no longer need?

We urgently need laptops and other devices from 2010 onwards to pass on to Redbridge children to access their school work online.

- Good working order
- Good condition
- With working charger

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