

Thursday 23rd March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mental Health & Wellbeing (Article 24)

There is nothing like the anguish that a parent can experience when they are worried about their child's friendship issues. Does their child have anyone to play with? Are they popular with other children? Are they happy in their friendships? Are they able to manage negative comments and changes in friendship groups? Are they kind to others? The list of concerns is extensive! These worries can be especially common as children become more independent and more interested in making their own friends, for example, when they start school or transition to secondary school.

Please use the link below to access a free downloadable friendship guide. This will help you to empower your children to develop their friendship skills and find their own solutions, allowing them to worry less and free their minds to be happier and to learn effectively.

<https://www.rolemodels.me/>

https://www.rolemodels.me/info/friendship-pdf?fbclid=IwAR07Zl2lZubHYaxYIij3RzvXkrvYHXD5WPmAZQoYg4cN4t7lsK_rh8anm4



Safeguarding- County Lines (Article 19)

County lines is a form of criminal exploitation. It is when criminals befriend children, either online or offline, and then manipulate them into drug dealing. The 'lines' refer to mobile phones that are used to control a young person who is delivering drugs, often to towns outside their home county.

Young people aged 14-17 are most likely to be targeted by criminal groups but there are reports of seven year olds being groomed into county lines. Primary school children are seen as easy targets because they're less likely to get caught. The grooming might start with them being asked to 'keep watch' but it soon escalates to them being forced to stash weapons, money, or become drug couriers. It can happen in any part of the UK and is against the law and a form of child abuse.

Dedicated mobile phone lines or "deal lines" are used to help facilitate county lines drug deals. Phones are usually cheap, disposable and old fashioned, because they are changed frequently to avoid detection by the police. Gangs use the phones to receive orders and contact young people to instruct them where to deliver drugs. This may be to a local dealer or drug user, or a dealer or drug user in another county. Some of the signs you might see include children:

- being very secretive about how they're spending their time, including when online
- having money or new things like clothes and mobile phones that they can't or won't explain
- spending more or less time online or on their devices
- making unexplained phone calls
- not attending school

Article of the Week (Articles 24 and 27)

22nd March marked World Water day.

We all know that water is vital for everyone in their daily lives across the world, and back in 2015, the world committed to working together to make sure that everyone has access to safe, clean water and good sanitation. This was Sustainable Development Goal 6.

But there is still much work to be done with over 2 billion people drinking unsafe water. An important aim of World Water day is to inspire everyone to take action and make the necessary changes so that the right to clean water can be achieved by 2030 for everyone.

In school, children explored why the right to clean water is such an important right?



Picture News (Article 23)

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 sight loss charity, The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, has launched an appeal for volunteers to help raise and foster guide dogs as the Covid 19 pandemic caused a backlog of people waiting for partnerships.

This week's question asks children: 'How important are guide dogs for those in need?'



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

My behaviour, actions and words can affect others. Volunteering is an action that can affect others in a positive way and help make a difference to their lives.



UN Rights of a Child

Every child with a disability should enjoy the best possible life in society. Guide dogs can help people who are blind or partially sighted become more independent and to participate actively in the community.



Protected Characteristics



A guide dog can help someone who is blind or partially sighted to live their life to the full.

In addition to the weekly resources, there was a special pack this week, exploring the recent news about Gary Lineker, covering speaking our minds and the current refugee policy changes.



Cycle Confident (Article 29)

This week some children in Year 5 and 6 have been working on their cycle training levels 1 and 2. They have been trying really hard to learn how to stay safe when riding a bike. Thank you to Cycle Confident for this amazing opportunity. Cycle Confident also praised our children on how well they behaved. Well done, everyone!



Learning Beyond the Classroom- Year 3

Year 3 have been exploring Global Goal 3; Good Health and Well-being. Good Health promotes healthy lifestyles, preventive measures and modern, efficient healthcare for everyone. Thank you to our parents and carers who supported the Global Goals event by attending the Year 3 Café brunch.



Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Red Nose Day. We raised almost £300 for Comic Relief.

Easter Assembly

Did somebody say Just Easter? This week our assembly was led by Helen and Heather from the Christian Education Project. They asked the children to think about what an Easter takeaway would consist of and then used the food that was in a takeaway bag to tell the Easter story. They also explained the significance of each of the foods which really helped the children to engage with and understand the story.



Glade PTA Easter Fair

Thank you to all the parents and staff who volunteered their time for the Easter Fair, a special thanks to cook, Mrs Rajput, for staying after work to help us out in the kitchen with the cooking of hotdogs and pizza! We raised £400.10 from the fair, so thank you to all those who attended to show their support and the children who entered the Bake Off & Easter Bonnet competition.

We raised £122.80 from the charity bake sale which will be donated to DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal.

Well done to the winners of the Easter Bonnet competition:

AM Nursery - Gavrina
PM Nursery - Ibrahim
RQ - Yusuf
RM – Rowan

Congratulations to the Bake Off winners: Billy 5A and Zohaam 4W

The money we have raised through events this past academic year has been spent on providing new ukeleles for music lesson and reading books at Christmas for all the children.



Book Fair

A reminder that the Book Fair is open daily until **Monday 27th March, 3.30pm - 4.15pm**. Please come along and show your support, as with every purchase, the school will also receive free books for the children.

Aspirations' week

Next week, we will be holding our annual Aspiration's week. Children will have an opportunity to hear from people from many different careers and vocations and consider their own aspirations for the future. We have some very interesting people visiting, including a Sky TV news presenter, the London Air Ambulance charity, a Creative Director, the Police and a special visit from the dragons!

Ask an 'Ologist competition

I am delighted to share that **3H** won the DK Learning 'Ologist competition. Our winning question was **'What is the most exciting, yet safe experiment that can be done in a school?'**

We have won 50 DK Learning Eyewitness books for the school and a science workshop/visit from an expert. The Scientist will come in and conduct two experiments with the children, the 'Elephant's toothpaste' and 'Vortex Cannon'.



Happy Ramadan



Happy Ramadan to everyone celebrating; wishing you a blessed month. We are aware that some of our children are eager to keep their fasts. Year 6 children will be the only year group allowed to fast in school. They may stay in school during lunchtime but will be responsible for conserving their energy. We still expect children to participate in every subject, including PE.

If you would like your child to fast in school, please email your consent to parentinfo@glade.redbridge.sch.uk.

Happy Retirement

After 16 years of hard work, dedication and commitment to Glade, Mrs Jones is retiring at the end of next week. Over the years, Mrs Jones has touched the lives and hearts of many families. In recent years, I have seen Mrs Jones come to school every day during lockdown to support our vulnerable children. She works relentlessly to ensure the best support for children and their families.

I am sure that you will join me in wishing Mrs Jones all the best for the future. We will still see her in the summer term as Mrs Jones will continue to work one day a week until July.



Awards

Congratulations to the following children:

<u>Bronze Merit</u>	<u>Silver Merit</u>	<u>Gold Merit</u>	<u>Platinum Merit</u>
2M- Deyan, Millie S and Paisley 3A- Fabiha and Maarya 3H- Anayah and Naomi	RM- Rayyan RQ- Hana, Ayah, Ismael and Malachi 3A- Shahmeer and Sofia 3H- Anika, Anshrah and Arham 4W- Baktash 6D- Naomi	4W- Eesa, Isabella and Momina 6D- Simran	4W- Joshua
<u>Reading Rockets Silver</u>	<u>Reading Rockets Gold</u>	<u>Special Award</u>	<u>Pen Licence</u>
RM- Callum, Zakariya V, Inayah and Savannah	RM- Joanne and Safiyah 2M- Musa	4W- Momina for great work with fractions.	3A- Nida

Attendance- Article 28

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life. The aim should be to attend 100% of the time. Pupils who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and do less well in exams.

Our whole school attendance **target remains 96%**.

Well done to **Year 4** for the highest attendance, two weeks in a row!

Year group	W/B 13.03.23
Nursery	81.82%
Reception	91.98%
Year 1	91.67%
Year 2	95.20%
Year 3	96.94%
Year 4	97.32%
Year 5	95.11%
Year 6	89.44%
Whole school	93.28%

Stars of the Week- Article 29

Well done to the ‘Stars of the Week’



Stars of the Week	
Nursery am- Mason	Nursery pm- Zainab
RQ- Isa	RM- Joanne
1C- Kyrie	1S - Bella
2R- Rovena	2M- Naila
3H- Shahmeer	3A- Naomi
4N- Ayub	4W- Raihan
5A- Isla A	5U- Safwan
6D- Neil	6S- Hershne

Writers of the Week- Article 29

Congratulations to our ‘Writers of the Week’



Star Writers	
RQ- Pragun	RM- Mozamil
1C- Priya	1S - Eesa
2R- Zakwan	2M- Isabella
3H- Maarya	3A- Isiah
4N- Olivia	4W- Zaynab
5A- Khushi	5U- Safwan
6D- Jasveer	6S- Sanvi

Yours Sincerely,

F Hussain

Mrs F Hussain
Headteacher



Artsmark Silver Award
Awarded by Arts Council England

