

Thursday 3rd November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mental Health & Wellbeing- Article 24

Welcome back! Although it is great to have a break, routine is very important as it keeps us grounded!

People are creatures of habit; routines offer a way of promoting health and wellness through structure and organisation. Having a reliable routine can greatly improve your health. People who do not have routines in place, may suffer from stress, poor diet, poor physical condition and ineffective use of time. Routines can be fun and do not need to be boring. The health benefits will make you wonder why you did not start your routine earlier! With the children back in school, it may be time to think about your own routine, no matter how busy you are, you should build in some personal time. Visit www.visionrci.org.uk for a wide range of leisure and cultural services available to our community.


This week we are also sharing the Government scheme to support families in the current economic crisis. Please follow the link to find sources of help and support that you may be eligible for. Help for Households - Get government cost of living support

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>



Safeguarding- Article 19 and 34

'Harmful sexual behaviours' (HSB) can be defined as: sexual behaviours expressed by children and young people under the age of 18 years that are developmentally inappropriate, may be harmful towards themselves or others, or be abusive towards another child, young person or adult. This definition of HSB includes both contact and noncontact behaviours. It can sometimes be difficult for parents and professionals to understand what is healthy and expected sexual behaviour for children.

As part of our INSET day, on Monday, all staff at Glade participated in HSB training, delivered by Barnardo's.

If you are concerned about any aspect of your child's sexual development or behaviour, it is important to seek support at the earliest opportunity. For further information on HSB and to watch videos offering support and advice, please visit:
<https://swgfl.org.uk/helplines/harmful-sexual-behaviour-support-service/>

Picture News- Articles 17 and 31

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 a robot named Ai-Da has become the first robot to speak in the House of Lords in Westminster, London. The robot spoke to the House about Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the future of arts, fashion, and music.

This week's question asks children: 'Will robots make the world a better place?'



Black History Month at Glade Primary (Articles 2, 12, 14 and 30)

At Glade, we follow a rich broad and balanced curriculum, where children are able to access learning about different people, different parts of the world, traditions and culture and celebrate the contributions and achievements of all in society. We constantly aspire to support our children to be confident global citizens who understand the importance of appreciating and celebrating diversity.



Over the last few weeks, we adapted the national theme for Black History Month 2022, which is 'Time for Change: Action Not Words' and celebrated the achievements of a number of amazing black people, who have brought about important changes in society. Studying the lives of these people has also inculcated in our children important values of respect, resilience and speaking up against racism and prejudice.

Here is a gist of what different year groups have been studying:

Nursery and Reception	For Black History Month, Nursery learnt all about Mae Jemison, the first African-American female to go into space. Mae Jemison is a trained dancer and took a poster from her dance school with her on her space mission: children shared what they would take. Mae wanted to be a scientist. The children also talked about what they want to be when they are older. They also learnt that Mae is afraid of heights so they talked about what things they are afraid of. Children in Reception read Handa's Surprise. They looked at a range of fruits that grow in Africa and used pastels to draw the fruits. They really enjoyed tasting these fruits.
Year 1	In Year 1 children looked at the book 'Coming to England' by Dame Floella Benjamin. Children explored what it means to be a migrant and the ups and downs of a migrant family's journey. They also learnt about the valuable contributions Dame Floella Benjamin and other migrants make to British society.
Year 2	Year 2 have been researching the life of Mary Seacole, who was a nurse at the time of the Crimean War in 1853-1856. They looked into her life during Black History Month because she overcame many prejudices and obstacles, of every shape and form, to reach the battlefields of this war.
Year 3	Year 3 celebrated the life of Elizabeth Cotten through their book, 'Libba.' As they have been learning about the values and importance of families in PSHE, they explored what it would have been like for Libba as a young girl, whose brother had to leave their hometown in order to earn a living. They then wrote letters as Libba, to her brother Claude, expressing her views and emotions. In History, they analysed various primary and secondary sources to learn more about Benjamin Zephaniah and his significant contribution to literature. They then wrote their own speeches advocating freedom and persuading peers to develop their pupil voice (Article 12).
Year 4	Children in Year 4 looked at a number of influential people from Black and Asian minority groups: Lolita Roy, Princess Sophia Duleep Singh and Lenny Henry.
Year 5	Year 5 explored the Bristol Bus Boycott and contributions by activist Roy Hackett. Roy was a shining beacon of light, who had the determination, along with others, to selflessly battle and overcome adversity. It helped pave the way for the UK's Race and Relations Acts of 1965 and 1968. The children realised how ordinary people can make a difference when they come together to take action against social injustice.
Year 6	In Year 6, as part of their immersion in Caribbean folk tales, children learned about Windrush. They are learning to play steel drums in Music lessons and will learn some Caribbean dance styles. They also learnt about the life of the amazing Harriet Tubman, who so very bravely supported so many people to achieve their freedom.

You will be able to view some of the work outcomes on our Facebook page next week and also in our corridor display.

Author Book Signing

We are extremely fortunate to have author, Chitra Soundar, visit us to sign copies of her published books. This will take place on Monday 14th November, from 3.30pm in our school library.

Please come along with your children to purchase your signed copy; it is a great opportunity for you all to meet an author, celebrate culture-rich books and further develop the children's love for reading. See links below for more information on Chitra Soundar and examples of her fantastic work:

<https://www.chitrasoundar.com/>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/authors/s/soundar-chitra/>



Friday 18th November - Anti-Bullying Day / Children in Need (Articles 19 and 24)

On Friday 18th November, we will be marking national Anti-bullying day and Children in Need by inviting children to come in wearing odd/colourful socks to celebrate difference. Pupils are invited to bring in a donation for Children in Need if they wish. During the day, they will be learning about the importance of the values of kindness and respect, as well as finding out about the work of the Children in Need charity.



Parents' Consultations



As notified at the Class talks, this term's Parent Consultation afternoon and evening will be taking place next Thursday 10th November. On this day, children should be collected from school at 1:15pm (Reception and Years 1 and 2) and 1:30pm for Years 3-6.

This time, appointments will be taking place in school so you will have an opportunity to look through your child's books and speak to their teacher face to face. Please use the form sent via ParentMail to book an appointment. Please arrive at school 5 minutes before your appointment to ensure that everything runs to time as much as possible.

Please call the office if you have any questions.



Scholastic Filming

On Monday 31st October, Scholastic publishing, education and media company, came to our school to record the promotion of their books 'Dog Man' and 'Cat Kid'. Thank you to the children who came in during our INSET day and worked with Jonny Walker and the film crew.

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.

Well done to **Years 6** for the highest attendance, last week!



Times Tables Rock Stars

Well done to 4W and 4N for actively playing on TT Rockstars.

Year group	W/B 17.10.22
Nursery	97.71%
Reception	89.31%
Year 1	90.71%
Year 2	95.09%
Year 3	92.71%
Year 4	94.91%
Year 5	89.65%
Year 6	96.27%
Whole school	92.82%

Awards

Congratulations to the following children:

Bronze Merit	Silver Merit	Reading Rockets
RM- Adem, Dawoud, Kacey and Paul	6D- Eliza, Fatima and Gabriella	1C- Kyran, Aaban, Zahra, Dean and Lincoln
1S- Musa and Adam		2M- George
4W- Hadi and Momina		
5A- Zakariya, Mustafa and Subhaan 6D- Melina and Esther		

Special Awards

Muhammad Ibrahim Ahmed - Engagement with History work.

Imiyah-Grace Ryan & Tusem Mercan - Accurate, well presented Maths work.

Stars of the Week- Article 29

Well done to the 'Stars of the Week'



Stars of the Week	
Nursery am- Everly	Nursery pm- Noah
RQ- Abrish	RM- Neel
1C- Ava-Rose	1S - Maria
2R- Grace	2M- Anabia
3H- Safa	3A- Arthav
4N- Ellay	4W- Rajveer
5A- Taylan	5U- Maryam
6D- Michelle	6S- Amelia

Writers of the Week- Article 29

Congratulations to our 'Writers of the Week'

Star Writers	
RQ- Mikael	RM- Sophia
1C- Hassan	1S - Arhaan
2R- Rile	2M- Ruth
3H- Shahmeer	3A- Rida
4N- Tusem	4W- Selin
5A- Khushi	5U- Hamzah
6D- Gabriella	6S- Annie

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs F Hussain
Headteacher

