



Glebelands News

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Happy Weekend all!

I hope that everybody had a restful half term. Everyone has certainly come back ready and raring to go. This week started with Year 5 visiting The National Space Centre in Leicester. They had a brilliant day and have come back with lots of new knowledge!

On Wednesday, we met as a whole-school to have an OPAL play assembly. These assemblies are based around our lunchtime provision. We celebrate what is going well, talk about what is going to happen next, think about how to manage the new activities and also ask the children what they would like to see next. We are hoping to get hold of some marine plywood (or similar) that we can paint with chalkboard paint! If anyone is able to help with this, we would be grateful for the support. We are also looking to create some welly storage near the classrooms too. As ever, if you have any old toys at home that you think could be repurposed here, we would be happy to accept them.

This week, we started trialling a cold lunch option. This has been very popular and we would welcome any feedback from the children/yourself as to how they are finding it.

Parking

Unfortunately, parking seems to have become an issue again. There are yet again a number of cars parking illegally on the yellow lines, on the roundabout and outside the school gates at pick up and drop off times. Please can we ask that you park and stride where possible as there have been a number of near misses this week. This is very disappointing as the parking had dramatically improved. We are all responsible for keeping our community safe and this takes a concerted effort from all to park in appropriate places. Thank you for your help with this.

World Book Day—Thursday 5th March

The dressing up theme for this year is 'Heroes and Villains'.

Book Fair

The Book Fair is in school Wednesday 4th March until Tuesday 10th March. Children are invited to enter a 'design a bookmark' competition for the chance to win a £5 voucher to spend at the school book fair. Forms for this have already been sent home and entries will close on 4th March. Children will also be given a World Book Day voucher. These can be used in any participating shop or can be used towards the cost of a book at the Book Fair in school. Please remember that the more books we sell, the more commission we will receive to buy books for the school.

Glebelands People

These are posted on our school website the weekend after the children have been awarded their stickers in assembly, so please take a look!

Extra Curricular Clubs

As the nights are now lighter, any children with walk home permissions will be able to leave these clubs without an adult collecting them. As always, any children attending Glebelands X-tra Afterschool Club will still need collecting by an authorised adult. Please can we ask that you all regularly check and update contacts on Arbor so that anyone collecting is known to us.

School Meals

Please find next week's menu attached.

School Attendance

Please find the class weekly attendance figures below:

PANDAS	94.00%	AXOLOTLS	86.92%
KOALAS	98.62%	DALMATIANS	95.00%
SWALLOWS	97.67%	ROBINS	97.14%
PUFFINS	93.79%	ARMADILLOS	96.90%
OTTERS	96.43%	GIRAFFES	91.38%
SHARKS	97.59%	KINGFISHERS	94.64%
FOXES	92.41%	CHAMELEONS	92.58%

Overall weekly attendance for the whole school 94.70%.

Phonics

We want to keep you up to date with the sounds we have been focusing on each week as this will help you to support your child at home.

FS: Our new GPC is oo eg moon, spoon, zoom

Year 1: Our new GPC is: ow eg blow, grow, snow

Questions of the week

We are aware that sometimes it is tricky for children to talk to parents about their learning from the week or that sometimes you get the answer "nothing" when asking children what they've learned at school. Therefore, we are going to provide a prompt question for each year group every week, that you can ask your child and get them talking about their amazing learning.

EYFS: What African animals can you name?

Year 1: Can you tell o'clock and half past times?

Year 2: What are the similarities and differences between London and Nairobi?

Year 3: What is an adverbial of place?

Year 4: How many subordinating conjunctions can you name?

Year 5: What are Ordinance Survey maps and how do we use them?

Year 6: How do you make a burrito?

Glebelands House Standings

Shooting Stars - Yellow: 843
Blue Lightning - Blue: 957
Sparkling Spaceships - Green 645
Inferno Fire - Red : 707

Online Behaviours

Recently, we have had a number of online safety issues reported to us; these have often happened on popular apps such as What's App, TikTok and Snapchat. All of these apps are age-restricted (13+) and as such, no primary school child should be using them.

Please see the attached fliers which give more detail.

Dates

3 March—Year 2 Reading Café 09:00
4-9 March—Book Fair
5 March—World Book Day—Heros and Villains
5 March—Mrs Lack's Class Assembly 14:50
13 March—Mother's Day Present Room
17 March—Y6 trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum
18 March—Voice in a Million
19 March—Mr Cowling's Class Assembly 14:50
25 March—Foundation Stage trip to Church Farm
27 March—Last Day of Spring Term
13 April—Training Day (no children in school)
14 April—First Day of Summer Term
1 May—Class Photographs
4 May—Bank Holiday (No children in school)
8 May—Miss Barham's Class Assembly 14:50
19 May—Mrs Brooking/Mrs Thomas' Class Assembly 14:50
25-29 May—Half Term
12 June—Miss Green's Class Assembly 14:50
19 June—Father's Day Present Room
29 June—Miss Nightingale/Ms Collingswood Class Assembly
6-8 July—Year 5 Residential to Caythorpe Court
17 July—Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 09:00
17 July—Last day of the school year

1 September—Training Day (No children in school)
2 September—Training Day (No children in school)
3 September—First Day of Autumn Term
26-30 October—Half Term