



Glebe Parent Newsletter

Friday 10th September 2021



Welcome to the first Newsletter of the 2021-22 academic year. It was so lovely to see everyone back last Thursday.

Thank you to everyone for your support and kind wishes regarding my injury – I have been overwhelmed with the concern, kindness and sympathy from you and the children. Your children have been wonderful in their approach to it, inquisitive but concerned and just really kind and thoughtful. Explaining what an Achilles' tendon rupture is to a four-year-old is a challenge though!

Mrs Penney's Proud Cloud

Once again, the children have shown how resilient they are by returning to school with positivity. The atmosphere around school is great - buzzing with energy and purpose. Let's keep our fingers crossed that this year will be a full, uninterrupted year of being in school.

Welcome

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome our new families – we hope your time with us will be happy and successful.

I would also like to introduce our new members of staff: Miss Kielty who is teaching in Year 6, Miss Gordon who is teaching in Year 5 and Mr Nagah who is joining us as a 1:1 LSA. I am sure you will make them feel welcome.

Baby News

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mr Vandorpe who became a father for the first time during the holidays. Baby Millie and her mum are doing well and we are all excited to have another baby added to the ever-expanding Glebe family! We have already had a visit from Millie and I can tell you that she is absolutely beautiful.

Attendance

This brings me on neatly to attendance. I fully understand that many of you have been unable to travel over the last 18 months or so and will have had holidays booked for them then to be cancelled and rebooked. However, the DfE directives for schools on authorising term time holidays and absence has not changed. Therefore, it is vital that, with the disruption the children have had, the children attend school for the 190 days of the school year. As a parent I know that children become unwell and so sickness absence is unavoidable at times which is why the other absences, such as term time holidays, should be avoided and cannot be authorised.

Congratulations

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Tom Young who has been working tirelessly throughout the last two years to complete his Facilities Management apprenticeship. I am delighted to announce that Mr Young has passed and his new title will be Site Manager, whilst Mr Budden's title will be changing to Senior Site Manager. Mr Young is a huge asset to the school and I am so pleased that his hard work has paid off.

Lunchbox Reminders

Just a reminder that we are a **Nut Free** school so ask that you do not send your child into school with anything containing nuts, including Nutella in sandwiches.

Children are only permitted to bring in fruit for a morning snack, no cereal bars or biscuits. We also ask that you do not send your child into school with chocolate bars in their lunchbox.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Goodbye

We say good bye and good luck to Miss Connolly (Year 6 LSA) – not to be confused with Mrs Connolly, (no relation) who is our SENCO. Miss Connolly will be taking up her university place in the next couple of weeks and we thank her for her hard work during her time with us and wish her every success in her degree.

Weekly Highlights

These will return next week as we are in the process of replacing the staff iPads.

On that note, please could you return any permission forms regarding the use of your child's image so we have up to date consent information? Thank you

Curd Corner

We are still collecting lots of items to recycle and raise funds for the Glebe Gardeners through Terracycle. This year, the range of items we can collect is bigger than ever. Although some items can now be recycled at supermarkets, we would be really grateful if you could save them for us as it helps to raise valuable funds. Please see the attachment for the list of items we collect. Please try to empty items as much as possible, but there is no need to wash anything other than to rinse out cheese packaging. We will continue to collect L.O.L. Surprise dolls and packaging until the end of September when we will leave that scheme.

There are collection points at the front entrance and beside the bike and scooter stands, but children can also bring bagged items directly to 1C in the mornings on their way to class.

In addition to the Terracycle items, we also take any make of printer cartridge, including expired and unused ones, and any original toner. This scheme alone raised nearly £180 in the last school year! Ickenham Library are also kindly hosting a cartridge collection box for us.

Our stamp appeal for the RNIB raised over £25, which was fantastic. This year we will be supporting the London Air Ambulance by collecting used stamps for them. Stamps and cartridges can also be dropped off at one of the Terracycle points or brought to 1C.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Curd

Information from the London Borough of Hillingdon Covid-19 available for parents and carers and people who are work with children and young people

The NHS in North West London have produced a range of leaflets and guidance for parents, carers and people who work with children and young people on Covid-19 and how to access local emergency services at this time.

Dr Mando Watson, Consultant Paediatrician at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, said: "We know parents and many people who look after children are worried about the affect Covid-19 will have on their children, so it's important that they have trusted information from a trusted source such as the NHS to guide them.

"We have produced a range of materials that give guidance on the effect of Covid-19 on children and young people and what to look out for plus information on vaccinations.

"If children get sick or are in an accident and need to use emergency services, it's also important that they know that the NHS has services specifically designed for children and young people and that all the A&E Departments at our hospitals in North West London have taken steps to ensure the safety of patients during coronavirus."

[Click here to view all the information.](#)

[Advice for parents during Coronavirus](#)

- [Is it serious?](#)
- [How to help my unwell child](#)
- How to access local emergency services - [Hillingdon, West Hounslow and Ealing](#)

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Mrs Penney 😊