



# Glebe Parent Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021



I hope you have all had a good week.

## Mrs Penney's Proud Cloud

This week it had to be Year 2 in the proud cloud as they had their Phonics Screening Checks (that had been delayed from June this year due to Covid).

I am delighted to report that **92%** achieved the pass mark or higher in the screening check. I don't have local or national averages yet, but I think this percentage is high and should be comfortably above the national average (pre-Covid national average was 82%).

This is an exceptional achievement as these children missed 4 months of Reception and 2 months of Year 1 due to Covid.

A huge well done to the children, their parents (who supported them so effectively with phonics during the school closures) and the staff at Glebe who have worked tirelessly to ensure the children were able to achieve what they were capable of despite the disruption to their learning.

## Key Christmas Dates

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December: pm: Nursery and Reception party
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December: am: Christmas services  
pm: Year 4 Christmas party
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December: am: Christmas fayre\* – children only  
pm: Year 4 Christmas party
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December: am: Christmas Panto – via video to keep mixing of different year groups to a minimum  
pm: Year 6 Christmas party
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December: **School finishes 1 hour earlier (2.20 & 2.30)**

## \*Christmas Fayre (15<sup>th</sup> December)

Please don't forget to send your child in with coins in **small denominations** (no higher than 50p please) next **Wednesday** for the children to spend at the fayre. We will be keeping to Covid restrictions and only one year group at a time will be visiting the stalls. Year 6 prefects will be running the stalls to avoid lots of year groups mixing in the hall.

Pupils in Nursery, Reception and Years 1 & 2 are asked to bring in up to £3 and children in KS2 can bring in up to £5.

## Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported us with the book fair last week. We managed to raise an incredible **£1400** so it means we have been awarded over **£800 worth of free books** which will be going into classrooms' book corners and for the personal reading books.

Thank you once again. This is an amazing achievement and we're very grateful!

## Glebe's Christmas Lunchbox Appeal

You still have time to drop off your filled lunchbox as a Christmas gift for refugee children on Monday morning as they are being collected during the day on Monday.

Thank you to those of you who have already donated and for your generosity – it is greatly appreciated.

## Christmas Lunch

The children really enjoyed their Christmas lunch on Wednesday, even those who opted for a packed lunch on the day enjoyed their cracker, wearing the hat from their cracker and listening to the Christmas songs. Some of the children were very keen to read out the jokes from their crackers – which, unsurprisingly, weren't very funny!

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Webster, Mrs Fairbank and Mrs Smith – our kitchen staff and the all our meal time supervisors who worked so hard to make the lunchtime special.

## Thank You

Reception would like to say a quick 'thank you' to both Mrs Pandey and Samantha the manager at the Co-op in Ickenham for organising and donating some bars of chocolate and sprinkles for their Christmas fair chocolate stirrers. Thank you to all the parents who donated too. The Reception team really appreciate it.

## Philosopher's Corner

What makes Christmas what it is? Would it still be Christmas if certain things were missing?

## Christmas Toy Raffle

I would like to say a huge thank you to Ms Melendez, Mia in Year 5's mum, who works for Hasbro and has donated a range of toys and games for us to raffle.

We have gone through the toys and games and have separated them into age-appropriate groups and will be hold 3 separate raffles; one for children in Nursery and Reception, one for children in Years 1 and 2 and one for the children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Tickets will be on sale from next week and will cost 25p each or a bargain price of £1 per strip (of 5 tickets).

Please don't forget that everything we raise goes straight back into school to enhance your children's experiences.



**Nursery & Reception**



**Years 1 & 2**



**Years 3 - 6**

### Online Safety

Please see the letter attached with this newsletter from LGfL DigiSafe about a Facebook Live session for parents on how to keep your children safe whilst using phones, games and devices during the holidays.

The live drop-in session will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm on the [@LGfLDigiSafe](https://www.facebook.com/LGfLDigiSafe). You can sign up by heading to [facebook.com/LGfLDigiSafe/posts](https://facebook.com/LGfLDigiSafe/posts) where you can click 'Interested' / 'Going' on the post to receive a reminder when it is about to go live.

You may wish to visit the [parentsafe.lgfl.net](https://parentsafe.lgfl.net) website where you will find many of the resources that will be presented to you on the evening.

### Digital Leaders

We are excited to announce that we will be recruiting digital leaders within year 6. Applications have been handed out today and short listed pupils will be invited to a short interview.

Digital Leaders are children with a passion for technology who want to share their knowledge with others and promote the use of all things digital throughout the school. Being a Digital Leader is a fantastic opportunity to take on responsibility, learn new skills, develop and demonstrate leadership skills.

### FOG News

FOG has been looking for Class Reps and whilst most of the class positions have been filled through Class WhatsApp groups and word of mouth, we are still falling short for the classes mentioned below. Hence, anyone who is interested to nominate themselves for this, please can they email their details (First & Last Name, Class, Email and mobile no.) to [friendsofglebe@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofglebe@outlook.com). FOG shall reach out to them separately once their nominations are accepted.

Vacant Class Rep Positions:

1A 5V 5LV 6K

**I wish you all a lovely weekend.**

**Mrs Penney ☺**



# Nursery

We read the story of Stickman



In Nursery this week we have been learning about Christmas.



We fed the reindeer and looked at the subitising patterns on the carrots.



We have been decorating Christmas trees

The all day children made snowmen and Angels



We played with the winter wonderland small world toys



We have been using Christmas play dough cutters



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# Reception



This week in Reception we have looked at the text 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels'. We have learnt about materials and recycling in topic and the days of the week in maths. We have also been busy preparing for the fair!





# Year 1



We made fruit salads!



We cut the fruit ourselves.



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# Year 2



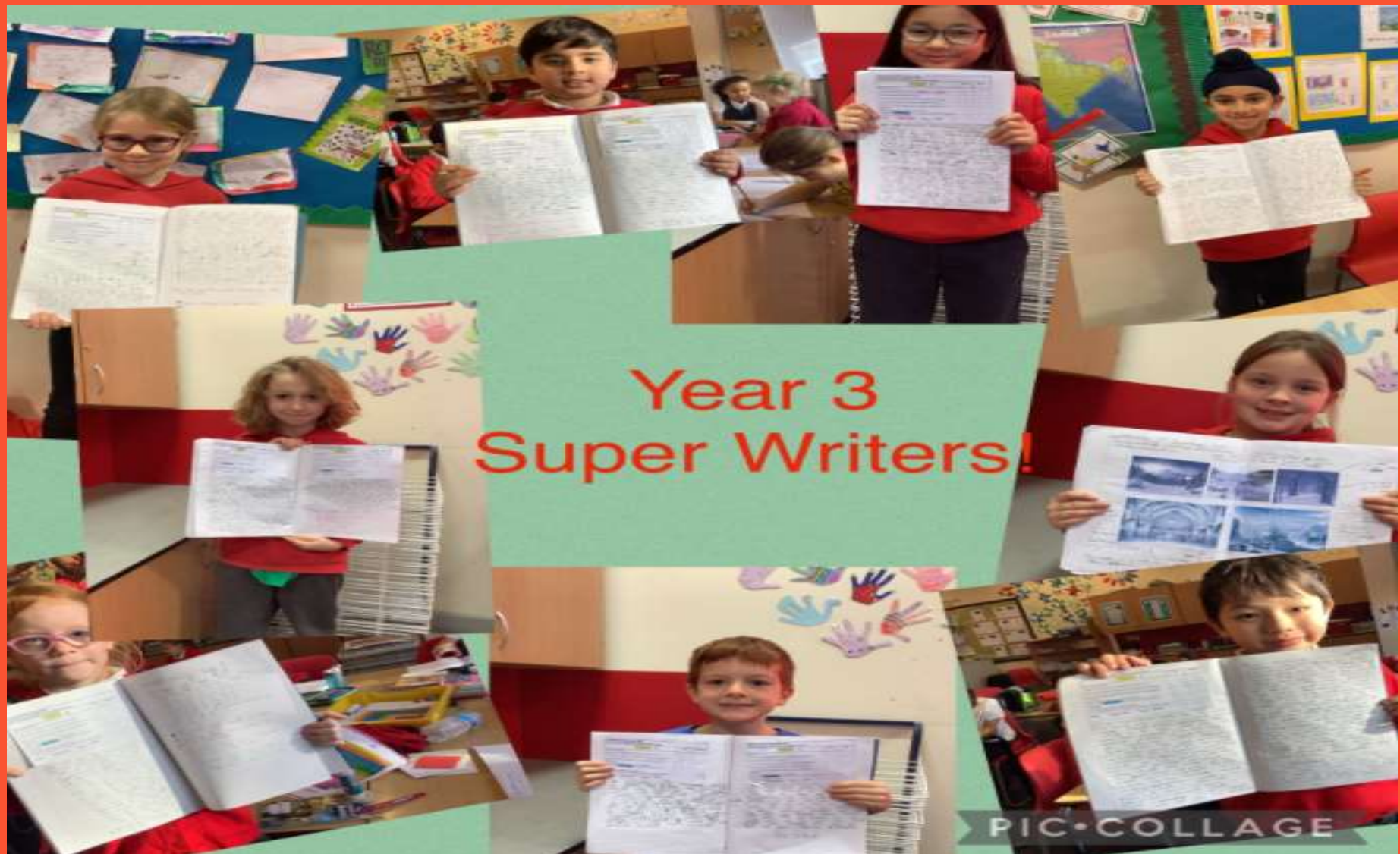
We had our Christmas party on Thursday. We danced and ate lots of pizza!



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# Year 3

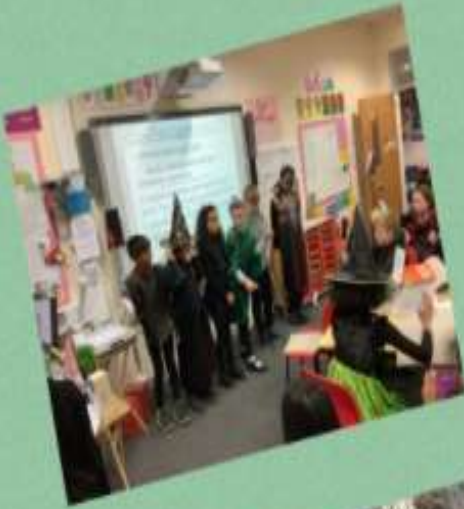


## Year 3 Super Writers!

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# Year 4

*Witching hour  
lasted a whole day  
in year 4! We  
dressed up for our  
Macbeth day and  
practised and  
performed our  
poems.*





# Year 5



YEAR 5 HAS HAD A VERY  
BUSY WEEK. THE  
CHRISTMAS LUNCH WAS  
ESPECIALLY ENJOYABLE.



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# Year 6



Year 6 practising  
their sewing  
techniques

