

#### GLEBE PARENT NEWSLETTER



I hope you have all had a good week.

### Save the Children Fundraiser Change of Date

Please note this event will now take place on

Monday 11th December between 3.30pm - 5.30pm in the school hall.

All proceeds will go to Save the Children to support their work with the children caught up in the conflict in Gaza.



# Weekly Attendance %

25	99
6L	98.5
2P	97.7
3МЕ	97.3
5V	96.9
5G	96.8
2M	96.7
4JL	96.6
4W	96.4
6K	96.2
1L	95.9
1C	95.6
3R	95
3V	94.7
6A	94.3
51	92.4
1A	92.1
4J	92
RG	91.5
RB	91.1
RP	88

**Whole School** 

95%

# PROUD PAGE

I am delighted to announce that following a visit from the Environmental Health Team on Wednesday, we were given another 5-star rating.

A huge thank you and well done to the kitchen staff - Mrs Fairbank, Mrs Smyth and Miss Colley who are supervised by Mrs Webster - for all their hard work. They keep the kitchen and all the appliances pristine and I am so pleased their hard work has been recognised. As you will know, these checks are done without warning so it is testament to the kitchen team that they maintain high standards of cleanliness and hygiene on a daily basis.

# HIGHLIGHTS Reading Explorers' Library Trip

On Wednesday, a small group wrapped up warm and visited the library. With the weather becoming more wintery, the activity was perfectly suited, as the children thought about the upcoming winter season and produced a winter scene with whatever was to hand - tissue paper, colouring pens and pencils.

Miss Quirk, Mrs Longhurst and Mrs Godfrey were very impressed with the effort and thought that the children put into creating very different pictures. There was lots of talk about hoping it would snow, what colour Santa's sleigh is, how to build a perfect snowman as well as sharing resources and co-operating with friends.

A few children were very happy as they applied for their own library card so they can take out books on our visits. The library card not only lets children take out books for free it also provides access to hundreds of audio and digital books too. For more information on how to apply for a card or get a replacement please contact the library to help.



# MR DWYER'S SPORTS NEWS

### **Football Matches**

On Wednesday afternoon, I took the 2 Year 6 teams to a fixture against Sacred Heart held at Wealdstone FC. The red team took a 2-0 lead before Sacred Heart pulled one back. Luckily, thanks in no small part to some fantastic goalkeeping and defending, the boys managed to hold on to secure a well-deserved victory. The pink team did the opposite, with Sacred Heart taking a 2-0 lead early in the second half. However, the boys didn't give up and kept peppering the opposition goal; with 3 minutes to go the scoreline remained 2-0 but thanks to the boys' never say die attitude they scored 2 goals in 2 minutes to draw level! It was a shame there wasn't another 5 minutes to play as I think they would have nicked the win. As you can see, it was dark by the time the final whistles went hence the poorquality photo! The boys all represented the school impeccably; well done to: Abdulrahman, Louis, Dhiren, Thomas, Jack, Joseph, Ethan and Zak (the red team) and Freddy, Rishaan, Kaylan, Harry, Josh, Veer, Noah, Anvit and Dylan (the pink team).







### **Key Information & Dates**



#### Nasal Flu Spray

Don't forget that next Friday (8th) the immunisation team will be in school to administer the non-mandatory nasal flu spray to those children whose families have signed up.

Please note, without a booking, your child will not receive the flu immunisation nasal spray at school.

https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/CNWLLon/pr/CNWLi2324flu/102380



Monday 4th December - Ye

Tuesday 5th December

Friday 8th December

- Year 4 Trip to Shakespeare's Globe (return @ 3.45pm)

- Nursery Christmas performance - 10am

- Year 2 Christmas performance - 2.15pm

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Wednesday 6th December - Nursery Christmas performance - 10am

- Year 2 Christmas performance - 2.15pm

Thursday 7th December - Christmas Dinner Day (please book via The Pantry)

- Flu Immunisations [NOT mandatory] (Reception - Year 6)

Monday 11th December - Save the Children fundraiser for the children of Gaza on the playground after school 3.30 - 4.30pm

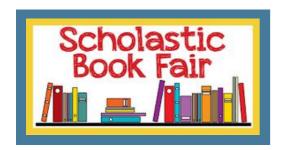
Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Fayre - during the school day, children only Thursday 21st December - Term ends - school day finishes 1 hour early

Please note: There is no training day after Christmas. The spring term starts on Monday 8th January 2024





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#### **Scholastic Book Fair**

We had a huge response to the book fair this week. Thank you to everyone who came to support it. I don't have final figures yet but up until this morning (Friday), we had sold £1000's worth of books.

A huge thank you to Mrs Everett and Mrs Holding, who reliably informed me that this is at least her 15th year of book fairs!

# **UPDATES**







**Spelling Shed** 

4J 5G

**Doodle Maths** 

2S 5V

### **UPDATES**

### **Governor News**

The Governing Body's Annual Statement to Parents/Carers for 2022-23 is now available on our website. This outlines, amongst other things, progress towards the boards strategic priorities.

Please find it at the bottom of the webpage of the Governor Information section in the About Us tab or follow the link below:

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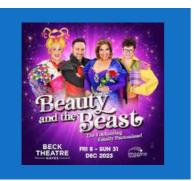
### **Friends of Glebe**



#### **Bags2School**

Please return your full bags to the main entrance by 9am on Monday 4th December.

Please note: no school or work uniforms are accepted



#### **Beck Panto Tickets**

Please don't forget that you can still purchase tickets for the pantomime at the Beck Theatre from our FOG team.

### What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms.

### **PUBLIC SERVERS**

WHAT ARE

THE RISKS?

Joining a public network (called a server) lets your child potentially interact with strangers through text chat. Some servers focus on building, while others are dedicated to role-playing – encouraging direct player interaction. Anyone can join public servers and connecting to one is relatively simple. Public server IP addresses (and therefore someone's location) are easy to find with search engines.

#### GRIEFING

Some people in Minecraft delight in purposefully damaging or destroying another player's creation. This is called fyriefing' and is a form of bullying: it intentionally spoils someone else's experience in the game by deleting hours of their work and forcing them to start from scratch. Many public servers treat griefing as a severe offence and frequently ban offenders. TNT THT THT

#### **ADDICTIVENESS**

Minecraft's gameplay is relatively simple, and the outcome (when a child has built something new, for instance) can be extremely gratifying. This can make the game highly addictive. It's easy to lose track of time while playing Minecraft, causing committed young players to forget about other activities like homework or enjoying family time.

#### SCARY ELEMENTS

The visual design and gameplay of Minecraft is purposefully child friendly, so there's nothing too untoward in the game. However, some of the 'baddies' that can be encountered might prove a little too scary for very young players. In the game, certain enemies come out at night and are accompanied by audio – such as zombie moans and skeleton bone rattles – that may unnerve young ones.

#### ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

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After initially buying the game, players can make optional extra purchases for cosmetic items and other bonuses. Minecraft Realms is an optional online subscription (requiring regular payments) that lets users run a multiplayer server to play with their friends. Most games consoles also need an active subscription to enable online play – so online gaming can quickly become an expensive hobby.

### Advice for Parents & Carers

#### RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

There are a lots of Minecraft content creators who release helpful videos about the game on YouTube and Twitch. Not all of these, however, are suitable for children. Watching these content creators' channels yourself first is a safe way to find appropriate Minecraft videos to share with your children. This also helps you learn more about the game itself, and how your child plays it.

#### **CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE**

Selecting 'Creative' or 'Peaceful' mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of moaning zombies or creepers damaging your build.

#### HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for your child to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given the necessary joining details. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – to ban someone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft.

#### **ENCOURAGE BREAKS**

It's easy for the hours to fly by while your child is playing
Minecraft, so reminding them to take regular breaks is essential.
This is a useful way for them to learn good time management, which
they'll benefit from as they get older. It will also teach them to play
their favourite games in moderation – limiting addictive behaviour and
allowing them to manage their day better.

#### TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone needs to have contact with a stranger online. Talking to your child about online safety, therefore, is essential — as is having a plan in place for dealing with any hostile or difficult strangers. Ensure that your child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online, and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

#### Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming–related projects including game development and writing non–fiction books.





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MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER 3:30PM-5:30PM

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### RECEPTION



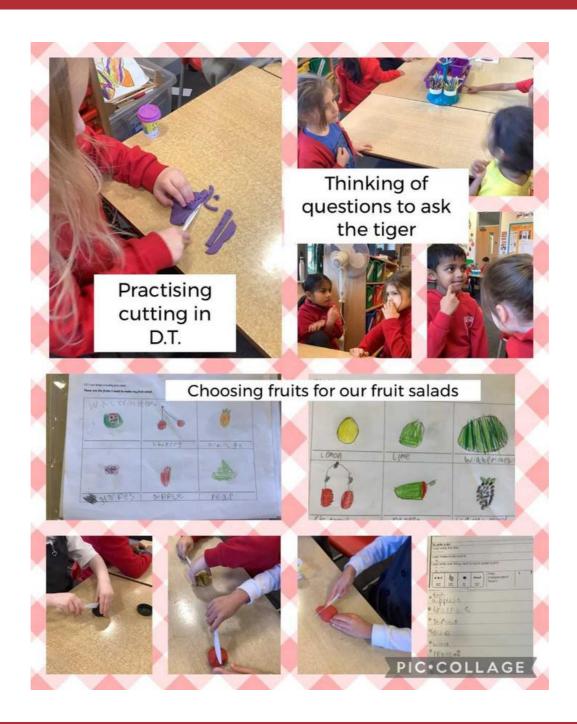














Year 2 have been rehearsing for their performance next week.





2M enjoyed their visit to The Florence Nightingale Museum.











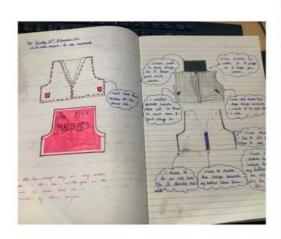


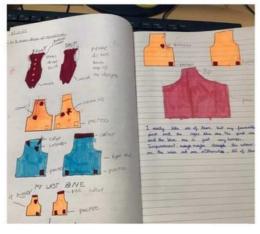
















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# Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

**Mrs Penney** 





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