



GLEBE

GLEBE PARENT NEWSLETTER



I hope you have all had a good week.

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas at Glebe! We have been treated to Christmas shows from Nursery and Year 2. this week - more on this in the highlights section. We will also be starting Glebe's Christmas party season shortly.

Next Wednesday (13th) we will be holding our Christmas Fayre which is run by the children during the school day. There are more details on page 9 .

Weekly Attendance %

5I	98.2
3R	98
5G	97.9
5V	97.2
4W	96.8
6K	96.6
4JL	96.2
6L	95.9
2S	95.7
3V	95.7
1L	95.6
RG	95.4
2P	95
4J	94.1
RB	93.8
2M	93.7
1A	93.6
3ME	92.7
6A	92.5
1C	87.4
RP	78.4



FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2023

Whole School

94.3%

PROUD PAGE

Ben Mason

You may remember that several weeks ago, I reported that one of our past pupils, Ben Mason, was going to South Africa with the England Learning Disability cricket squad. They were playing in a tri series tournament with Australia and South Africa.

The English team won all 6 matches on their way to the final of the tri series. Ben gained his first England cap playing against South Africa, taking two wickets in that game. He then went on to play a further two more matches including the final.

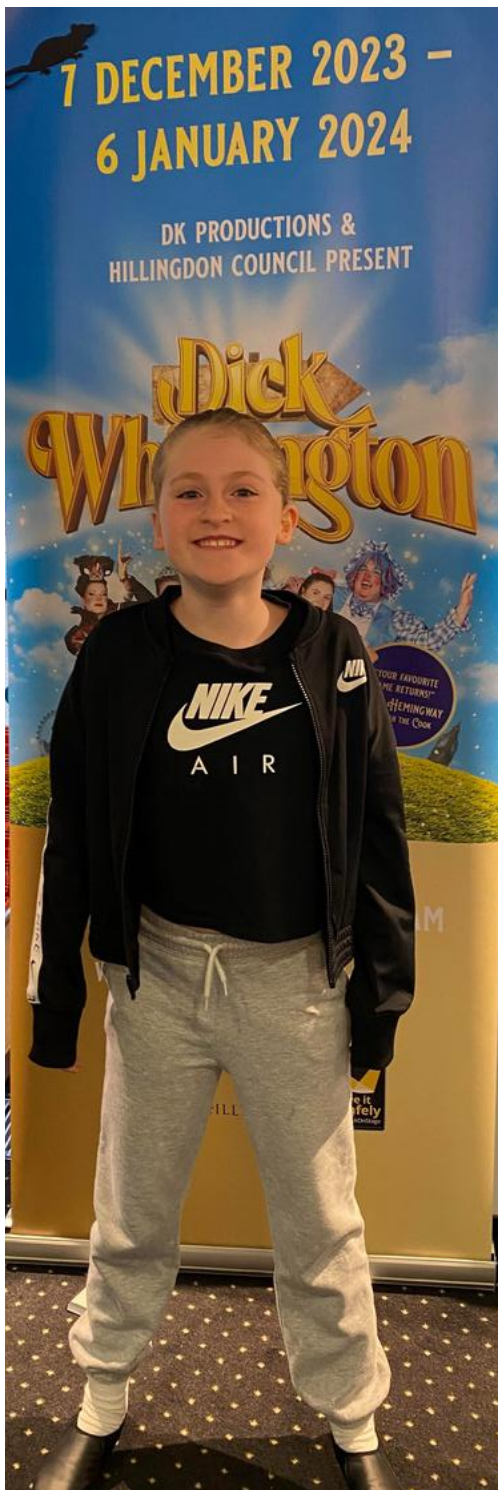
England went on to win and were crowned champions!



I am sure you will join me in congratulating Ben and his team mates on their phenomenal achievement.

PROUD PAGE

Lucy Driver



Lucy, from year 5, will be appearing in 11 shows of the classic panto, Dick Whittington at the Compass Theatre between from 7th December to 6th January.

We wish Lucy and her fellow cast members a very successful run.



HIGHLIGHTS

Christmas Performances

Christmas has officially started now that the Nursery Year 2 children have performed their shows!

As ever, the cute factor was high within both year groups and they took their performances very seriously.

I was so impressed with how confident the Nursery children were and how well they had learned and remembered the lyrics to the songs.

Year 2 performed their nativity exceptionally well – singing, signing and performing their parts so confidently. Their costume were amazing and they clearly enjoyed their time in the spotlight.

A huge well done and thank you to all the staff involved in the productions for their hard work.





HIGHLIGHTS

Christmas Dinner

Our countdown to Christmas continued with our annual Christmas lunch yesterday. Even those who opted for a jacket potato or had a packed lunch enjoyed their cracker, wearing the hat from their cracker and telling dreadful cracker jokes! I am sure they get worse each year!

I once again had the opportunity to show off my combined sellotaping paper hats and singing Christmas karaoke classics skills to the children. Some were more impressed/appreciative than others.

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



HIGHLIGHTS

STEAM Challenge

A couple of weeks ago, four Year 4 children successfully completed a STEAM challenge at another school, taking 1st and 2nd place!

The challenge required them to design, plan and create a rubbish collector using a Sphero BOLT and a very limited amount of resources.

This accomplishment not only highlights their academic abilities across science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics but also underscores their collaborative and problem-solving skills.

Well done to Kian, Kaythan, Erin and Paridhi.



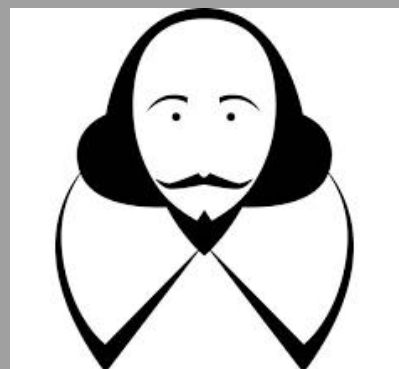
HIGHLIGHTS

Year 4 Trip to Shakespeare's Globe

On Monday 4th December, our class went to visit the Globe theatre. We went by train to London Bridge station and when we got there we started to walk to our lunch room and had lunch. After that, we met a guy called Adam and he told us all we needed to know. He told us all about the theatre and that he performed there. We saw where they perform, the stage was being prepared for Hansel and Gretel. There was a huge circle shaped hole in the middle of the roof and shelter over the seats.

First we looked around and pointed out what was different about the Globe theatre to modern buildings. Then we went inside and sat on the chairs. Next we went to the standing yard where what they call the groundlings would stand and watch. After that, Adam took us two floors down to a room where we did our workshop. We pretended to be Macbeth and posed as a warrior, then kings and queens... Then we got a script of the witches part to act out. After that, we went home on the train. My best bit was going inside the Globe Theatre.

By Annie and Allegra, 4JL



MR DWYER'S SPORTS NEWS

A huge thank you to Lee and Claire (parents of Elliot in year 5 and Erin in year 3) for sponsoring the new football kits.

I'm sure you'll agree that the boys (and Mr Young and I!) looked incredibly smart wearing them for the first time today; there's also a wonderful tribute to Mr Budden on the back of each kit and they have donated the shirt that is framed and hung up in the foyer as well.

Mr Young and I really appreciate not only the financial contribution but also the time taken choosing the best kit and getting it all printed up.



COMING SOON

Christmas Fayre

We will be holding our annual Christmas Fayre on Wednesday 13th December during the school day.

For those of you who are new to Glebe, this is a children and staff only event with each class being responsible for running a stall.

We have set it up in an entrepreneurial style, with each class having a start-up amount of £25 and the class who makes the most profit wins. Each year group has an opportunity to spend around 30 minutes at the fayre which includes games, tombola, food and other attractions.

We ask all the children to bring money in small denominations (no higher than 50p please) so it is easier to spend at a number of stalls. Please do not send your child in with notes as we do not hold the cash in school to give change.

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 in coins.



REMEMBER



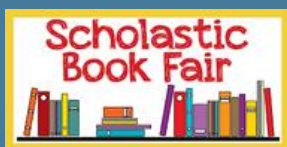
Key Information & Dates



Scholastic Book Fair

We have taken £1100.74 in cash and £577.23 in online sales totalling a whopping **£1677.97** following the book fair last week. Thanks to your purchases, we have a rewards balance of over £1000 to spend on books to refresh our class libraries and the main library too. Once again, a huge thank you to Mrs Holding who ran each of the sales sessions.

Thank you to those who bought books and contributed to this tremendous total.



2023 Poppy Appeal

We have just received confirmation from the Royal British Legion that we raised £206.61 in our poppy sales this year.

Thank you



Key Dates



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
- Christmas Jumper Day

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

COMPETITION TIME

A Message from The Pantry

As part of our commitment to giving a little bit extra back to our diners, we'll be offering a Pantry Prize to one lucky child each month - it's our way of saying, 'Thanks for picking The Pantry!'.

All you have to do is order a Pantry meal every School day in the calendar month, and your child will automatically be entered into the draw for a chance to win.

January might feel like a long way away with Christmas on the horizon, but we've got something for the whole family to look forward to in the new year - a Cineworld Family Ticket for Four!

So, pop those orders in and you could be enjoying a night at the pictures - on The Pantry!



UPDATES

**This week's
winners are**



Spelling Shed

3ME

5V

Doodle Maths

2S

5V

UPDATES

Winter HAF Programme

The London Borough of Hillingdon's HAF (holiday activities and food) winter programme will be delivered from Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th January 2024.

The programme is open to school-aged children (reception to year 11) who receive benefits-related free school meals.

[Winter HAF programme - Hillingdon Council](#)

Friends of Glebe



Beauty and the Beast

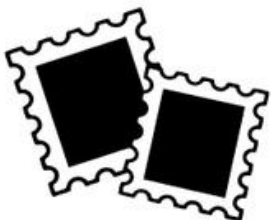
Don't forget if you have bought tickets to this event via FOG, the show takes place tomorrow night at the Beck Theatre in Hayes.

CURD CORNER

Now that the Christmas post is starting, it's a good time to remind you that we collect stamps all year round at Glebe to raise money for the British Hedgehog Preservation Society. Since starting our collections, we've sent off over 5kg of stamps to good causes. You can drop off used British and foreign stamps in the red collection box just inside the front entrance.

We are also taking part in Greene King's "Tub2Pub" scheme again this year to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. You can drop off any clean plastic chocolate, sweet and cracker tubs (with or without their lids) between now and Friday 9th February at the Terracycle drop-off point at the front entrance.

Thank you for your support.



12 Tips for an autism-friendly Christmas

Christmas can be a magical time, but if someone in your family is on the spectrum, there's extra pressure to get it right. These simple pointers may help:

- 1 Have a designated place to relax and retreat, especially if you plan to have a houseful of guests. You could even label it as a 'quiet room'.
- 2 Be clear about when friends, family or neighbours may visit. Write up a schedule and stick it on the fridge or somewhere it is easily accessible.
- 3 Use advent calendars to your advantage – a countdown can be really beneficial to make people aware of upcoming events.
- 4 Some families opt for a one-day Christmas, when decorations and lights are put up and taken down in the same day.
- 5 Alternatively, how about decorating a designated 'Christmas room' to limit the impact of changes to other rooms in the house.
- 6 Look at the world through the eyes of your loved one – what aspects of Christmas do they enjoy? There are no rules – Christmas can be whatever works for you and your family.



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Have some Christmas-free time away from the festivities – this can be helpful to reduce anxiety. A quiet stroll in the park or feeding the ducks could help, if this is what you normally do to relax.

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Father Christmas can cause anxiety. Prepare your loved one by showing them pictures, or perhaps Father Christmas could drop off presents at a family member's house instead.

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Find out about local events, such as autism-friendly grottos and pantomimes. Decide which events your loved one would enjoy and book in advance.

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Christmas dinners can be individual, so stick to what you know will be popular. Who says it has to be roast turkey?

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On Christmas Day, try and keep to a routine that suits your family. If you need to make changes, then prepare in advance, using photos or social stories to explain what is happening.

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Christmas is about enjoying yourself. It's your time, too, so always ask for help from family and friends if you need it.



Wishing you a very merry Christmas and happy New Year!

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISNEY+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.

ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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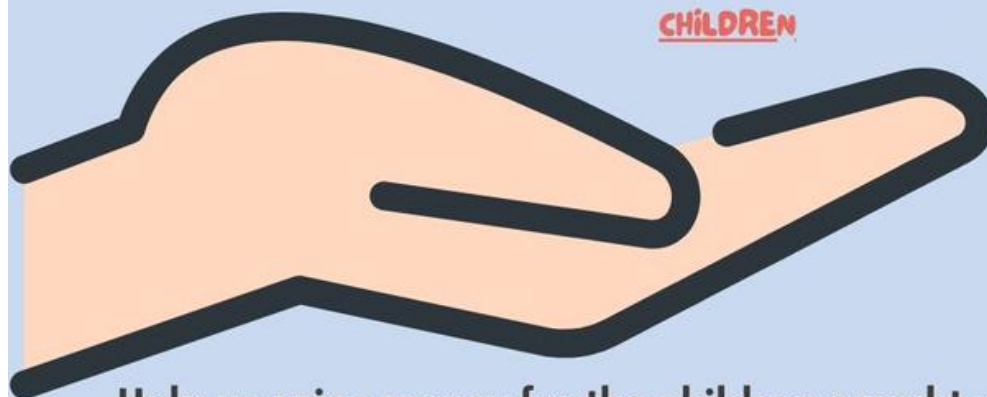


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CHILDREN



Help us raise money for the children caught up in the
conflict in Gaza

GLEBE PRIMARY SCHOOL SUSSEX ROAD ICKENHAM
MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER 3:30PM-5:30PM



Christmas Hampers

Items needed for our hampers:

Rice
Tinned tomatoes
Jam/spreads
Tinned Fruit/Vegetables
Long life Milk
Juice
Tinned Meat
Biscuits
Soup

Tea/Coffee
Minced Pies
Tinned Spaghetti
Christmas sweets
Toys
Books
Socks
Pasta sauces
Tinned/mashed potatoes

Thank you for you support!



NURSERY



HIGHLIGHTS

RECEPTION



HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 1



HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 2

Amazing performance week Year 2!
Well done!



HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 3



HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 4



HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 5

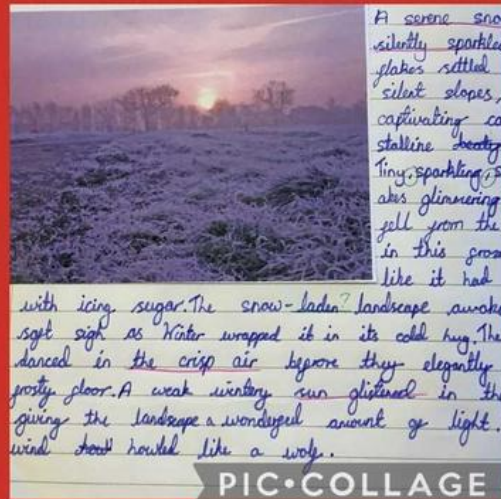


HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 6



**Y6 HAVE BEEN WRITING
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INSPIRED BY A JOHN
LEWIS CHRISTMAS
ADVERT.**



A serene snow
silently sparkled
flakes settled
silent slopes,
captivating ca
stalline beauty
tiny, sparkling, s
akes glimmering
fell from the
in this frost
like it had

with icing sugar. The snow-laden landscape awoke
soft sigh as Winter wrapped it in its cold hug. The
danced in the crisp air before they elegantly
frothy floor. A weak wintry sun glistened in the
giving the landscape a wonderful amount of light.
wind howled like a wolf.

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Wishing you all a lovely weekend. If you are going to the panto at the Beck - I hope you enjoy it.

Mrs Penney



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