



# GLEBE

## GLEBE PARENT NEWSLETTER



I hope you have all had a good week.

### **STEM Week 2025 - Get Involved!**

We are excited to announce that STEM Week will be taking place at our school during the week beginning Monday 17th March 2025! Throughout the week, children will take part in a range of exciting activities designed to inspire curiosity, problem-solving, and a love for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths.

To make the week even more special, we would love to welcome visitors from STEM-related professions to share their expertise with our pupils. If you, or someone you know, works in a STEM field and would be interested in speaking to the children about your job, leading an activity or running a workshop, please get in touch with us.

We look forward to making STEM Week a fantastic experience for our children with your support!

### Mystery Guest

Last week's mystery guest was....  
Sir Lewis Hamilton! Well done to everyone who guessed correctly.



### Attendance

No. of sessions missed this week  
(SESSION = 0.5 DAY)

1M	3
3ME	6
4W	7
RP	7
2C	7
1S	8
6L	9
6K	9
3G	10
1G	10
6A	11
RB	13
5I	13
4JL	14
2F	15
3D	18
4V	18
5IP	18
2J	20
RW	29
5M	31

Whole School

# 276

sessions missed out  
of a possible 5,830

FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2025

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Year 1 Trip to the Compass Theatre

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Compass Theatre this week! Each class walked up to the theatre and enjoyed learning all about the different parts of the stage. They had the opportunity to create their own tickets, play some fun games in the studio, experiment with different lights and sound effects, try on different costumes and then go onto the stage to show their friends! They had a wonderful time and learnt lots about the world of theatre!

A huge thank you to our parent helpers and staff at the Compass Theatre.



A photograph of two children in a field of yellow flowers. One child is holding a magnifying glass over a small object, while the other child looks on. The image is partially obscured by a dark red banner at the bottom.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## 3G's Class Assembly

On Thursday morning, I had the pleasure of being invited to 3G's class assembly. It was an absolute joy –not only to see their amazing performance, but also to witness how much they are growing in confidence. It was clear that they had worked incredibly hard, delivering their lines with clarity and enthusiasm.

The assembly kicked off with a scene from Ug, complete with some fantastic wigs, as they demonstrated their knowledge of the Stone Age. They spoke confidently about how to deal with emotions using Zones of Regulation, thoughtfully explaining how they can recognise and regulate their feelings—such an important life skill that they are already mastering. The performance was topped off with a fantastic, catchy song that had me humming all day, and they ended with a heartfelt Valentine's message for their loved ones.

It was a fantastic performance, and I have no doubt that Miss Gilbert is incredibly proud of how well they did. A huge well done to 3G, and a big thank you to Miss Gilbert and Mrs Solanti for their hard work in making it all come together.

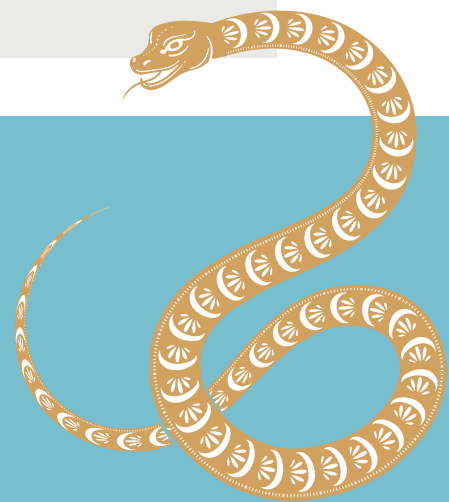
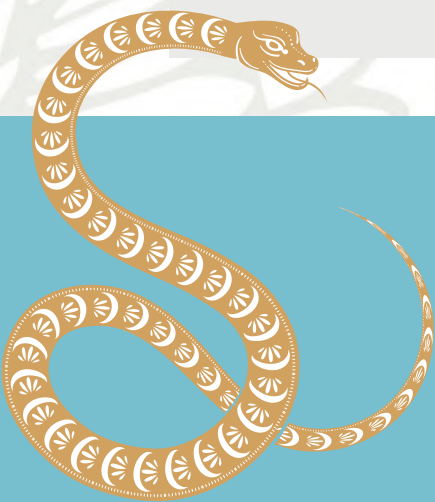
Mrs Long

A photograph of two children in a field of yellow flowers. One child is using a magnifying glass to look at something on the ground, while the other child is holding a small white flower to their mouth.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Reading Explorers' Library Trip

On Monday, the Reading Explorers group went for their visit to Ickenham Library, where the theme this time was Chinese Lunar New Year. They discussed the events associated with this celebration before learning about the Year of the Snake (much to their excitement!). They had a workshop in which they were able to create different types of origami snakes and decorate them, before choosing a new book from the library to bring home. The children had a wonderful time and look forward to their next visit soon.



# HIGHLIGHTS

## Dance-A-Thon

The children were primed and ready to go for their dance-a-thon this afternoon. To be honest, I'm surprised they could hear the music over their squeals of delight and singing along to the songs.

There were some spectacular moves on display and their dancing outfits were amazing.

I think it was the highlight of the school year, let alone just this week.

A huge well done to the School Council reps for thinking of such a great idea, to Miss Monique for organising the timetable and to you all for your generous donations to this fantastic cause.



# MRS LONG'S SPORTS NEWS

## Netball

All good things come to those who wait - and what a performance it was! On Wednesday, two netball teams took to the court against Harlyn and delivered their best performances of the season. One team won 9-6 and the other team won 12-0.

From start to finish, the players demonstrated incredible skill, teamwork, and determination. Their hard work in training truly paid off, with fantastic shooting - some players barely missed the net! It was a joy to watch them put their training into action with such confidence.

We are incredibly proud of every player for their effort and sportsmanship. A huge thank you to all the parents for their continued support - your encouragement makes all the difference!

Well done, everyone!



# MR DWYER'S SPORTS NEWS

## Football

On Wednesday, the A Team had their semi-final match against Coteford. Whilst Glebe had the majority of possession and the better chances, it was safe to say that the first half won't live long in the memory. Glebe improved in the second half and with about 15 minutes to go Elliot put the boys 1-0 up; before Fletcher doubled the lead with about 5 minutes remaining. The boys are through to the final, to be played on the main pitch at Hayes and Yeading, where they will be playing Sacred Heart. Well done to: Harry, Daniel, Ethan, Elliot, Fletcher, Georgie, Oscar and Blake.



# MR DWYER'S SPORTS NEWS

## Football

On Thursday, the B Team had an away match against Whiteheath. It's fair to say that Whiteheath started quicker than Glebe and went 1-0 midway through the first half, some fantastic defending and saves from Tommy in goal kept Glebe in the game and, just before half time, Luka equalised. In the second half, Glebe were by far and away the better team and seemed to do everything but score! It looked like the game was destined to be a draw but with a minute or two left, Billy popped up at the back post to drill in ball into the back of the net. Glebe had done it, 2-1! A huge well done to: Harrison, William, Billy, Luka, Tommy, Oliver, Louis, Gunnar and Neal.



# MR DWYER'S SPORTS NEWS

## New Age Kurling

Today, we took some of our Year 3 and 4 children to a New Age Kurling Competition at Pield Heath House School. We braved the inclement weather and made the trip on the U1. The children had never played New Age Kurling before but they all took to it like ducks to water and finished second in their group to progress to the 3rd place playoff.

It was wonderful to see all of the children cheering each other on and encouraging each other, even when mistakes were made, so we were all absolutely delighted that we won the 3rd place playoff and walked away with bronze medals - an incredible achievement in its own right, but made even more impressive by the fact this was the first time any of the children had played! Thanks to Miss Baker, Mrs Barton, Mrs Kataria and Mrs Verity for their support and the trip and an enormous well done to: Aarav, Leo, Sebastian, Trinity, Zahra and Teddy - we are so proud of you all!



# REMEMBER



## Key Information & Dates



### **Parent Consultation Evenings**

Please don't forget to book an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher/s. Our meetings are on Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th.



### **Cup Final**

As you will have read in Mr Dwyer's section, the Glebe boys football team have made it to the final of the first championship of the year. The final will be held at Hayes Stadium and we hope many of you can come to cheer the boys on. We don't yet have a date but will let you know in plenty of time when the final will be played.



### **Musician of the Month**

To enrich the children's experience of music, we are very excited to introduce 'Musician of the Month'. Each month the children will be given an opportunity to listen and respond to a new genre of music. From Nursery to Year 6 we will be exploring how music makes us feel, move and reflect on our own experiences. The children will be discussing what instruments they can hear alongside learning about musicians all over the world. We hope you can join in with our adventure by listening to the music at home. Each month you will find a poster in our weekly newsletter, which will include a QR code for you to access the music. In the month of February, we will be listening to the Music of Reem Kelani.

# REMEMBER



## Key Information & Dates



### Spring Term - 2025

Tuesday 11th February - Parent Consultation Evening: 4pm - 7pm

Thursday 13th February - Parent Consultation Evening: 4.30pm - 7.30pm

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*Half Term: Monday 17th - Friday 21st February*

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**Monday 24th February - Training Day: School closed to all pupils**

Thursday 27th February - 3D Class Assembly at 9.15am - parking on playground from 9.05 but not before for health and safety reasons

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**Thursday 6th March - World Book Day - children can dress up as a book character**

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Monday 10th March - Reception Spring Show for parent: 10am

Tuesday 11th March - Reception Spring Show for parent: 2.30pm

Wednesday 12th March - Reception Spring Show for parent: 10am

**\*\*Please note there will be no parking available on site for any of these performances\*\***

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Tuesday 25th March - Year 3 trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum

Wednesday 26th March - Year 3 trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum

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**Friday 4th April - End of term: school finishes 1 hour early (2.20/2.30pm)**

# UPDATES



This week's winners are

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4JL



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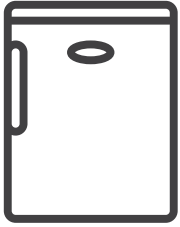
A quick reminder that we will stop collecting dental items (toothbrushes, floss packs, etc.) in the Terracycle collection from Wednesday next week. Please drop off any you are saving by then.

Thank you for all the plastic chocolate and sweet tubs that have been dropped off for the collection in support of Macmillan. The last day to bring these in is Thursday next week.

Thank you for your continued support.



# CAN YOU HELP?



## **Under Counter Fridge**

Are you or any you know able to donate an under counter size fridge as Nursery's has broken?

If you are, please let Mrs Fitzwater in Nursery know.

## **Loose Parts**

We are still in need of loose parts to help us with our OPAL project. If you can supply any of these items, or can direct us to a company who can, please let us know.

- Astro turf cut offs
- Boards, panels
- Crates (eg bread crate, milk crate, grocery crate)
- Briefcases
- Buggies/ Pushchairs
- Cable drums
- Carpet samples/squares
- Fabrics
- Foam pipe covers and noodles
- Guttering (not metal)
- Hoses
- Keyboards
- Metal pots/pans/trays (especially catering sizes)
- Nets
- Old, small household appliances (Microwave, fax machine etc)
- Pallets
- Phones
- Piping
- Planks and decking
- Plastic chairs with no legs
- Plastic road barriers
- Plastic trugs/ water carriers/ watering cans
- Ropes
- Wheels (eg small children's bike wheels)
- Sand pits (large)
- Sand bags
- Small wheely bins
- Sofa and Chair cushions
- Steering wheels
- Suit cases
- Tarps
- Traffic cones
- Tyres (car, go-cart, bike etc)
- Waterproof cot mattresses
- Large wooden blocks and cut offs



# Do you need mental health support?



## At Glebe:

- Mrs Sheldon is our Pastoral Child and Family Support Worker
- Mrs Penney is our Senior Mental Health Lead

Both are available to chat if you need someone to talk to or to signpost you to additional specialist support

## Local support is available from:

- your GP
- in a mental health crisis/emergency - A&E



## National help and support:

- Mental Health at Work - Your first stop for better mental health at work: [mentalhealthatwork.org.uk](http://mentalhealthatwork.org.uk)
- Samaritans - Confidential support for people experiencing feelings of distress or despair: [samaritans.org](http://samaritans.org)
- Mental Health Foundation - Provides information and support for anyone with mental health problems or learning disabilities: [mentalhealth.org.uk](http://mentalhealth.org.uk)
- Rethink Mental Illness - Support and advice for people living with mental illness: [rethink.org](http://rethink.org)

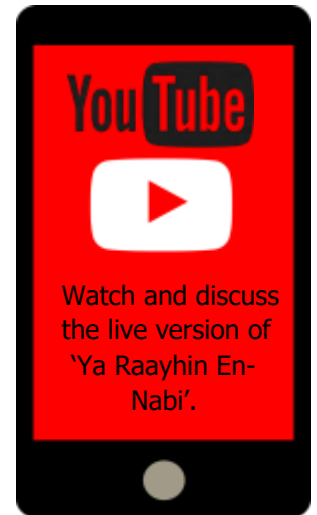


# HOME INFORMATION



## February's Musician of the Month

# Reem Kelani



**About:** Reem Kelani is a British Palestinian musician, born in Manchester, England but raised in Kuwait. Initially influenced by the jazz music her father played on his record player, her interest in Palestinian music was sparked by the music at a family wedding in her maternal home in Galilee in the 1970s.

**Genres:** Arabic, Folk & Jazz

**Active from:** 1990 - Present

**Origin:** Manchester, United Kingdom

Books to read...

If you like Reem Kelani, try...



- Lena Chamamy
- Dhafer Youssef
- Amira Kheir



# SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes -  
more funds for  
your organisation.

1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS  
ARRANGED ON:

Friday 28th February  
9AM\*

FILL ANY BAG WITH CLOTHING AND BRING  
THEM TO SCHOOL  
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING  
AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES

\*PLEASE DO NOT BRING BAGS BEFORE OR AFTER THIS DATE



Valentine's Day

# BAKE SALE

FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

3:20PM

SMALL HALL

CALLING ALL BAKERS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BAKE SOMETHING  
FOR OUR SALE, ALL DONATIONS WILL BE  
GRATEFULLY RECEIVED BY 9AM ON 14TH  
FEBRUARY IN THE SCHOOL HALL  
(No nuts please)



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

## "CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

## SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such plays often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

## YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and suchlike. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

## FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

## PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

## FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives: talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

### ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

### TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember: adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

### BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, false information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

## Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit [OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk](https://OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk) for more.

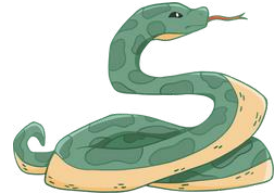


Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/take-news-and-scams>

What's  
on...

# at Ickenham Library

## February



**New on Thursdays from 6 February 4-4.45pm (term-time only)**  
**Story Stars**

Fire up your imagination by listening to an exciting story followed by a fun activity. For 5-7 years

**Tuesday 18 February 11am-12pm**

**Jane Austen 250: Decoupage Delights**

Learn about Jane Austen, her life and books as you take part in the Regency activity of decoupage using pressed flowers and paper to decorate jam jars and shells.  
For 7-11 years



**Saturday 22 February 11am-12pm**

**Sow and Grow Kids: Heart Month**

Share what you love about nature and make some heart-shaped decorations using natural materials.  
For 5-11 year olds



For more information please speak to a member of staff or visit [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/libraries). To book a place scan QR code.

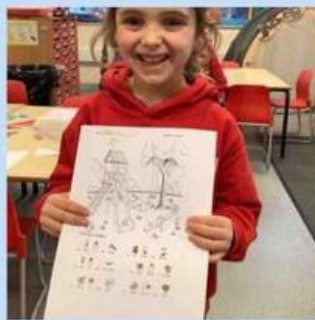


# NURSERY



# HIGHLIGHTS

# RECEPTION



*Positional language and shape*



*Our literacy book is 'What the ladybird heard' by Julia Donaldson*

*We have been learning about farms and farm animals*



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# HIGHLIGHTS

# YEAR 1



Dance-a-thon time!



Trip to Compass Theatre.



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# YEAR 2



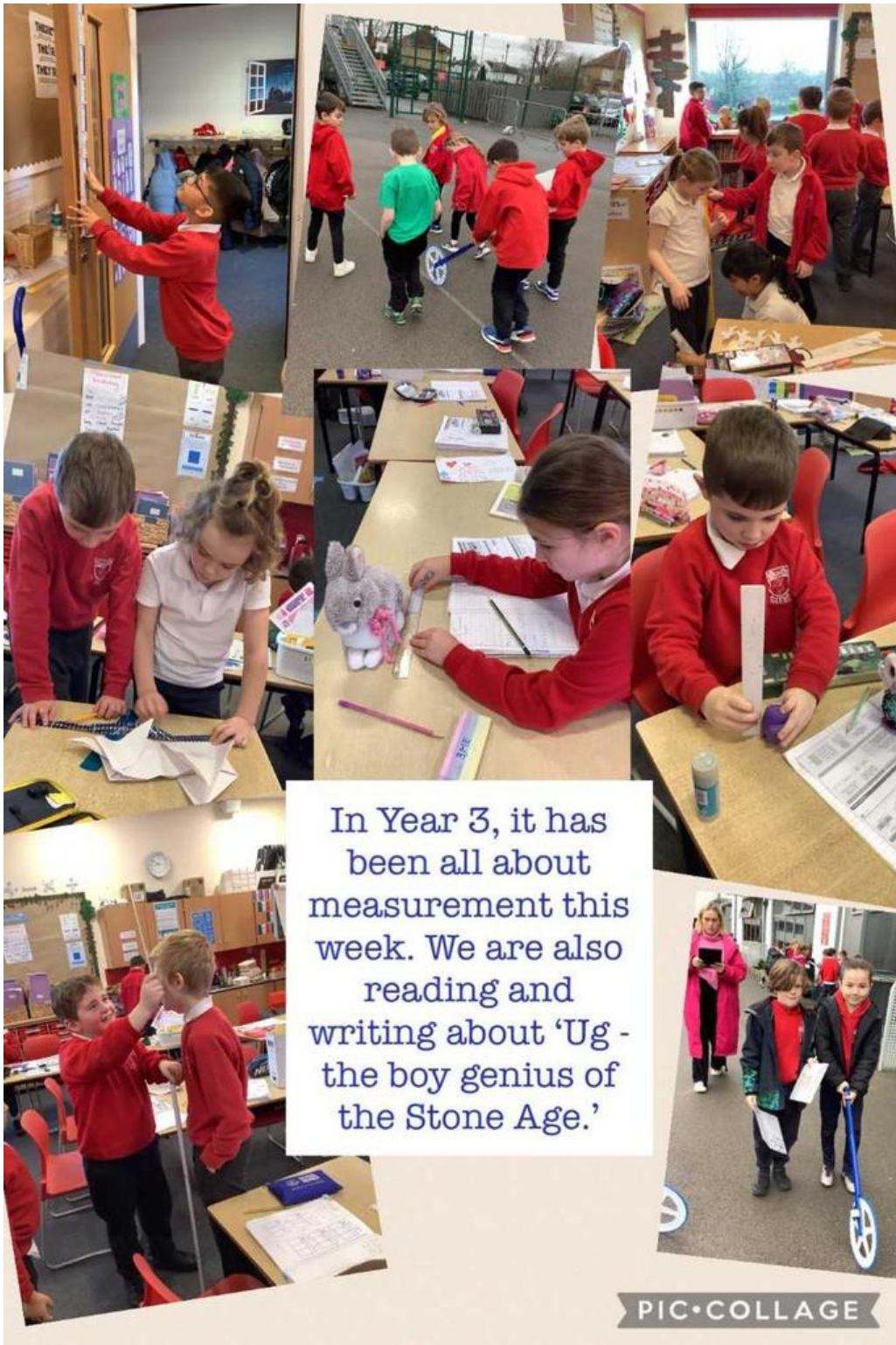
Year 2 have had fun creating their Great Fire of London pieces. We painted the background, then used collage materials.



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# YEAR 3



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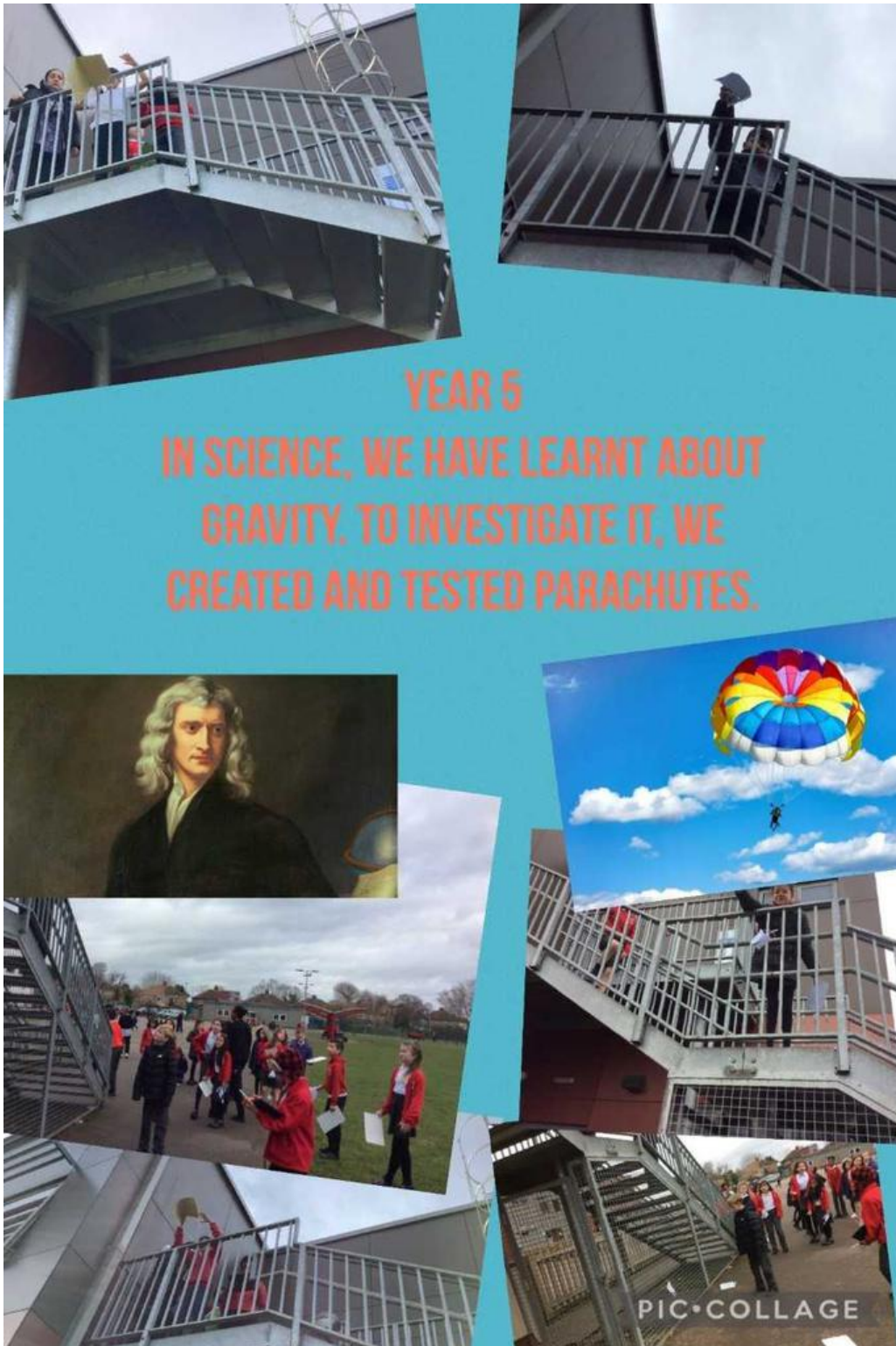
# YEAR 4

This week in year 4, we wrote our speech for Boudicca's rebellion to rally the troops to fight against the Romans!



# HIGHLIGHTS

# YEAR 5



# HIGHLIGHTS

# YEAR 6



## BIKEABILITY



# HIGHLIGHTS

Wishing you all a  
lovely weekend.

Mrs Penney

## Who is our mystery guest?

Clue 1: I started out as a primary school teacher who was inspired to write whilst teaching year 6.

Clue 2: I have now written over 120 books.

Clue 3: I was the Children's Laureate from 2003-2005.

Clue 4: Perhaps my most famous book has been made into a very successful stage play and a film.



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