

GLEBE NEWS

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Non Uniform Day

Thank you for all of the kind donations for our non-uniform day. People have been exceptionally kind with lots of notes and coins being brought in. The money will be counted and sent off as soon as possible to the 'We love Manchester Emergency Fund' <https://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/redcross/manchesteremergencyfund>. During assembly this afternoon we had a short period of silent reflection to remember those who lost their lives or were injured during Monday night's atrocities in Manchester. I think we were all shocked by what happened that night not least as so many people there were young, including many children the same age as those here at Glebe. Those of us with children of our own probably gave them an extra special hug after we learnt of the news. I think we can only begin to imagine the torment those families are going through. It's a particularly difficult issue to discuss with children not least as we would never want to unduly frighten them. The BBC Newsround team put some very good materials which may be worth looking at if you need some support in this: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/40019250> I know there were some children from Glebe who were due to go and see Ariana Grande this weekend at the O2. Hopefully they will have chance to do so in the future. As Muslims around the world start the holy month of Ramadan, I think it is important that we remember that those who would perpetrate such an act don't represent the Islamic faith or the many Muslim families who attend Glebe. Islam is a faith that all of the children will study as they move through the school and I hope they will understand it's a peaceful religion with a long and proud history. Similarly, the way the Manchester community has joined together to overcome these difficulties shows British values at their best and this is why we try to promote this through the school with events such as today.

As a result of Monday's attack, and in light of the current security fears, we have decided to suspend all trips in to central London this term. It means the planned Year 1 trip to St Paul's Cathedral and the Y6 school journey week excursions to The Natural History Museum and London Transport Museum have been cancelled. Alternative activities will be organised and I hope that everyone understands this decision.



Staffing Update

There will be a number of teaching changes in September as people come and go. We will be saying good bye to Miss Hall, who is moving to Bristol. Ms Miller will be leaving as well due to her husband's new military posting. Miss Simmonds has decided to go travelling and Miss Facchin will be heading back to Australia. Also on the move is Miss Webster who is relocating to Leicestershire and Miss Bird is also going travelling but will be returning to Glebe in a year's time. Mrs Went and Mrs Jayasekera will both be returning from maternity leave while we will be welcoming a number of new teachers. Miss Lance, who has been undertaking a teaching placement in year 1, will be joining us on a permanent contract from September. She will be joined by Miss Kavanagh, Mr Meyrick, Miss Baines and Miss Chalk (whose dad also taught at Glebe many years ago). They should all be in school for open day later in the term and I know they are looking forward starting work at the school.

Headteacher Update

I have shown a number of potential candidates around the school this week. The data on the recruitment website suggests that there has been plenty of interest. The closing date for applications is on the 5th June with interviews taking place the following week.

Half Term

Next week is a half term so there will be no school. We start again on Tuesday 6th June at the normal time. Monday the 5th is a training day. There is a training day club being run by The Fun Zone, who also run our after school club. Please contact Craig directly if you want to sign your child up on [07834 532558](tel:07834532558). Enjoy the week off!

Go Wild in June

This June Glebe is taking up the challenge to go wild for the 30 days of June! In collaboration with The Wildlife Trusts we are going to try out 30 Random Acts of Wildness – from making daisy chains, creating wildlife art to cloud watching and writing poems. A Random Act of Wildness is about making time to connect with nature around you, or doing something small yourself to help nature. They are all about experiencing, learning about and helping your local wildlife. They can be simple, small, fun and exciting too. You can use our ideas as inspiration or get creative and make up your own. These Wild Acts can be done at home as well as at school so please encourage your children to get outside in this beautiful weather and explore the wildlife around them. You can find more details at <http://action.wildlifetrusts.org/page/7184/petition/1>



1P Assembly

It appeared that pirates were taking over the school on Thursday morning as 1P prepared for their excellent class assembly. They were able to share some of their learning based around their pirate topic. There was some excellent acting, singing, reading and artwork on display. Clearly Miss Prichard has been using her nautical heritage (she's from Bristol) to inspire the children to put on such a great performance. Thanks to her along with Mrs Weaver and Mrs Durrant for helping the children to do so well.

Year 6 Meeting

Thanks to all of those who attended the meeting on Tuesday which covered the forthcoming school journey and the Science and PSHE work they will cover later this term. Copies of the presentations have been sent home to parents and include all the relevant details.

Sun Protection

Many of the children have been well prepared for the heatwave which we have enjoyed/suffered (delete as necessary depending on your perspective) this week. Typically it appears to be breaking just as half term starts! Lots of children have been wearing hats and drinking lots of water to help keep them cool. I have also noticed the distinct whiff of sunscreen around the school which suggests children are being protected from the strong sun rays of this week.