

GLEBE NEWS

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KS2 Christmas Lunch

If you have submitted a form for the KS2 Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 12th December, please pay and book the meal before midnight on Tuesday 11th December.

After School Clubs

All After School Clubs have now finished with the exception of Gardening Club, finishes on Tuesday 11th December and Film Club which will break for Christmas on Thursday 13th December.

Toy Raffles

Don't forget that this will be continuing next week. Thanks to the School Council representatives and other members of Year 6 who have given up their play times to sell the tickets. Don't forget that your child can enter only 1 raffle or all of them! The categories are Craft & Creative, Science & Tech, Games & Collectibles and Early Years



In school this week

It has been another incredibly busy week in school this week with some fantastic things going on.

EYFS and Year 2 Christmas Plays

It's all been about the nativity in school this week. The children from Nursery, Reception and Year 2 entertained pupils, staff and their families with 3 excellent performances this week. I was so proud of all of them for learning the words to the songs and scripts as well as British Sign Language signs to visually support the song lyrics. The children looked adorable and there are clearly some stars of the future here at Glebe. I am in awe of the staff for preparing the children so well – each of the plays was very ambitious. Thank you to the families for providing such outstanding costumes and for helping your children to learn their words. As ever, I was staggered by the levels of confidence in the children to stand up on a stage to perform to a room full of people.

Sports News

Game Changers - SPOILER ALERT

We only went and won it!! I am so proud of the children who represented Glebe so brilliantly both in terms of their sporting knowledge but also with regards to their behaviour. Please see below a message from the producer of the show:

I hope everyone from Glebe enjoyed being part of the show, and Joe and Archie were just brilliant!

We were all routing for them in the gallery!

Even if they hadn't won - which was an incredible sporting comeback - they were both an absolute credit to the school. Polite, enthusiastic and fully entered into every challenge the show presented them with. Alfie was a fantastic captain and I think they both enjoyed being part of the team with him.



Choir

Our fabulous choir have started their busy festive period with a concert at Pentland Field School last Friday and another performance outside Coopers Estate Agents as part of Ickenham's Christmas festival tonight. They continue next week with performances at Lysander House, Marks and Spencer in Uxbridge and the Tudor Club. Thank you to Mrs Folland who gives up a large proportion of her lunch breaks to working with the choir and thank you to everyone who accompanies them to these events.

Our budding artists will have their Santa's House designs in the windows of Coopers over the Christmas period. The Glebe Gardeners will also have their 'All That Glitters...' festive tree on display in St Giles during the Christmas Festival.

The Living Nativity at London Zoo

On Monday, Year 1 children and staff braved the rain to visit the Living Nativity. It is one of the best trips we offer at Glebe as the children enjoy it so much. It has everything – the children get to see the zoo animals, meet the main 'characters' in the nativity, e.g. Mary, the Wise Men, the Shepherds (and the camels) as well as having a special audience with Father Christmas who gives the children a gift bag. This year was no exception and the children were beautifully behaved as always. Thank you to the staff for organising it and accompanying the trip and to the parents who helped.

Year 5 Trip to the British Museum

Classes 5Es and 5V enjoyed a trip to the British Museum on Wednesday to visit the Viking exhibits as well as the Greek and Roman artifacts. The children were very well behaved and interested in all they saw during the day. 5M will be visiting the museum today. Thank you to the teachers for arranging the visit and to the staff and parents for accompanying the children.

Philosopher's Corner: Would you rather live in a democracy or in a dictatorship run by Father Christmas?

Our production coordinator Lewis will be in touch with the £200 prize for the school to spend on sports equipment.

Congratulations again to the boys and their excellent supporters in the audience who were really spurring them on, particularly in that all-important final round!

Emma

Without wishing to sound as though I am making an Oscar winning speech: I'd like to thank Alfie Hewitt for choosing Glebe to compete with him and the staff and parents who accompanied the children on the trip – Mr Wilkinson, Mr Sheehan, Mr Meyrick, Mr Dwyer and a special thanks to Mrs Long who does an incredible job and has turned Glebe's sporting fortunes around since she took over leadership of P.E. We may even name the MUGA after her! Please don't let the fact that I've ruined the ending prevent you from tuning in to watch the show which airs on **Saturday 22nd December at 5pm on Sky Sports Mix** (which is available without subscription on Freeview and on Sky Channel 121). It will be shown at other various times throughout the festive period.

Next Week at Glebe

- **St. Giles** – We are making 3 trips to St Giles next Tuesday (so please avoid the roads around Ickenham for our annual "bringing Ickenham traffic to a standstill" day)! Due to the numbers of children and the size of the church, we have agreed with Reverend Felicity to bring just two year groups at a time to the church. I will update you in next week's newsletter about how the carol services went.

- **Christmas Dinner** – Next Wednesday 12th December is Christmas dinner day.

- **Christmas Parties** – These will begin in earnest next week and into the following week. I have it on good authority that a special guest will be making an appearance at some point during the week of 17th December. Please look out for Class Dojo messages with dates and details for specific year groups' parties.

Coming Up:

- **FOG Panto** – Disappointingly it is not members of the FOG committee performing themselves! But they have kindly paid for the theatre company to come in to perform to the children on Tuesday 18th December. Again, due to pupil numbers, we will have two performances to make sure that all pupils have a good view of the action.

- **Christmas Fayre** on Wednesday 19th December – for those of you who are new to Glebe, we hold this during school hours, with each year group being responsible for a stall. We have set it up in an entrepreneurial style, with each year group having a start-up amount of £25 and the year group who makes the most profit wins. Each year group has an opportunity to spend around 20-30 minutes at the fayre which includes games, tombola, food and other attractions. We will send texts nearer the time with further details but we ask all the children to bring money in small denominations so it is easier to spend at a number of stalls. 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. The children are also invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school that day if they wish.