

GLEBE NEWS

Attendance: 3CB | Housepoints: Tavistock | Walker the Bear: RK

Phase Monitoring

Our observations of teaching and learning and general monitoring of standards continued this week in UKS2.

All of our observations over the last few weeks have focused on the teaching of maths and how to strike a balance between teaching the methods to solve calculations as well as giving the children the opportunities to apply what they have learned through reasoning and problem solving. The children in upper KS2 are thriving on the challenge of the new curriculum in maths and many of the concepts the children are expected to know now in Year 5 and 6 would have been on the secondary school syllabus a few years ago. The children in Years 5 and 6 demonstrated a strong work ethic in the lessons we saw and the evidence in their books backs up this judgement. As ever, the Phase as a whole and the individual teachers have been set developments points to help them improve further.

Philosopher's Corner: *Can somebody make you do something, whether you want to or not?*

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Penney



Year 2 Parent Workshop

Don't forget that we are holding our first workshop of the school year next Tuesday evening (5.30 – 6.15) for parents of children in Year 2. The meeting will focus on several things but will be predominantly based around the SATS tests and what to expect. We always try to make our workshops interactive and parents will be given the opportunity to attempt past papers and see for themselves just how challenging the new tests are. As ever, there will be a range of hints and tips about how you can help to prepare your child academically and emotionally in the lead up to the tests in May. As I mentioned in the newsletter a couple of weeks ago, we are holding workshops for all year groups over the coming term.

Lunch Boxes

If your child has a packed lunch you may have noticed more rubbish coming home with them in the afternoons recently. For several years now we have had a policy of the children not throwing their leftovers away at lunch time so parents can see how much their child has eaten that day. In recent months, some of the children have been using the bins provided for the leftovers from the hot lunches to dispose of their half-eaten sandwiches, etc. However, I have spoken with the lunchtime staff and we have reduced the number of bins in the hall and the children with packed lunches are discouraged by staff to throw their rubbish away. We are allowing them to dispose of any drinks that are unfinished to avoid leakages but all other debris should be coming home. As a parent, I always found it useful to see how much my children had eaten during the school day so I could adapt their evening meal accordingly, for example, I could give them an extra portion of veg if they'd 'forgotten' to eat their fruit, etc.!

5ES Class Assembly

We were in for a real treat on Thursday as 5ES used their class assembly to teach us all about rainforests (as part of their Geography topic). It was clear that the children have already learned a lot this term as we were taken on a tour through the layers of the rainforest; heard some brilliant descriptive writing – and we even had some traditional Amazonian chanting thrown in too! Well done to Mrs Smith for putting the assembly together – and thanks also to Mrs Longhurst for her support.

Sports News

Despite the cold weather, the boys' football team beat Warrender 3-0 in the quarter finals of the borough cup on Monday. Thanks to Mr Budden, Mr Dwyer and Mr Keen for training the boys each week and to Mr B and Mr D for cheering the boys on and coaching from the side-lines on Monday and to Mr K for refereeing the match. Well done to the team who really personify the word team – they are such a close-knit group who play together so instinctively. Glebe is really proud of you boys.



Parents Evening

Don't forget Parents Evenings will be taking place on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th February. Please ensure that the slip comes back to school by Monday 4th February, at the latest so we can allocate appointment times. Confirmation of appointment times will be sent out next week.

