

Learning and Achieving Together



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Newsletter 19 – Thursday 11th February 2016

Welcome to our final newsletter of this half term, and what a productive time it has been! This week a special visitor came into school to meet with teachers and children to learn more about how we teach reading. She was so impressed with the reading strategies pupils were applying and praised the progress they made over their school journey as 'inspirational'. Wow!

As you are aware, Reading is high on our agenda. Please support your child at home by listening to them read at least three times a week. Children who read to an adult at home regularly make better progress. Don't forget to sign your child's personal organiser every time. Thank you.

Boccia Tournament – Glenbrook are winners!

On Tuesday afternoon a group of children took part in a Boccia tournament at Ellis Guilford School competing against ten other schools. The children played brilliantly, working as a team to become overall winners of the heat. Well done to Joshua Anderssen, Chelsea Cooney, Malachi Hepburn-Murphy, Mia Blackwell, Lillie-Louisa Atkin and Emmanuel Anderssen. What a fantastic result! We are looking forward to the final which will take place on 1st March.

Text Messaging Service – stay up to date!

Our text messaging service is changing. From today you will no longer be able to send or reply to text messages to/from our school.

If you would like to receive text messages from us, and are not at the moment, please contact the school office to amend your details.

SATS

Year 6 pupils will take their end of Key Stage 2 assessments between 9th May and Friday 13th May 2016. It is vital that every pupil in Y6 attends for the whole week as these assessments form an important source of information for your child's secondary school.

Head lice

It is vitally important that children with shoulder length hair must have it tied back securely with a bobble in a ponytail as we have had several cases of head lice recently. Please take the time to check your child's hair over the half term and seek advice from the pharmacy, if necessary.

Volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers who give up their free time and come into school to help with swimming, reading with the children, trips and much more. We value your help which enriches the lives of our pupils at Glenbrook. If you would like to support us by volunteering, please contact the school office.

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INSET DAY

Don't forget INSET day is tomorrow when we break up for half term. Staff are reviewing the school's vision and values in the morning. In the afternoon we will be learning more about the International Primary Curriculum. **We return to school on Monday 22nd February at 8.55am.**

Coffee Morning

Thank you to all parents and carers of pupils in our key stage 2 classes who joined us for word level work lessons and the coffee morning. Staff would like to say a big thank you for attending. Pupils really enjoyed the time you spent with them as they proudly showed their fabulous word skills.

Lottery Attendance

The winner of the attendance lottery for this week is Lena Pajak and Jaydon Willbye for the foundation year group. Well done!

Best attendance

I am very impressed by the attendance figures for Miss Cairns' class; they achieved 99.3% last week. Well done!

Best wishes,

Samantha Eyre
Headteacher

Notices

Food Bank

Due to ongoing organisational restructuring, CRA Nottingham has decided to change its opening days for the food bank. Commencing from February 2016, the food bank centre will open twice monthly. This will usually be the first and the third Saturday of every month between the hours of 10am and 12pm. Please be aware that this is temporary as they hope to conclude the restructuring exercise soon.

Free Workshop

Nottingham Youth Performance Academy in Aspley, Nottingham will be holding a '**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**' workshop in February half term 15th-17th February, 10am to 2pm every day. This will consist of acting, crafts, singing, games and dancing. It will take place at Nottingham Girls Academy and is open to all abilities for girls in years 3, 4, 5 and 6. This is a free workshop. To book places please contact NYPA on 0115 7483410 or email admin@nottinghamgirlsacademy.org or visit the website at www.nottinghamgirlsacademy.org

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