



# GLENBROOK

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Newsletter 20 – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017

What a week it has been! Our wonderful OFSTED news has now soaked in and we are delighted! We are a **GOOD** school. We have celebrated our successes and have now re-focussed on our end of year assessments. Please continue to help us by supporting your child at home with any homework, reading regularly with them and ensuring good attendance habits. Pupils who arrive at school prepared have a much better day; this means bringing in book bags, home school diaries, PE kits, water bottles and completed homework.

You can purchase water bottles and new home school diaries from the school office. It is really important that pupils have their diaries in school so we can communicate our targets with you and also monitor reading habits. Thank you.

### Uniform changes

This is advanced notice that governors have made changes to our school uniform policy. From September 2017, all pupils in year five and year six will be expected to wear a school tie as a compulsory school uniform item. This will continue to be voluntary in other years for the time being. This change is to prepare pupils for transition into secondary school.

It would help if you could get your child into good habits by getting them used to wearing a tie this term. It is a very popular part of our school uniform and so this won't be much of a change for lots of pupils.

### Family Cyberwise

Thankyou to the parents that attended Family Cyberwise on Tuesday. The workshop was to learn how to be respectful and stay safe online and to promote positive cyber citizenship. Feedback from the parents tells us that this was a very informative course that they would recommend to others. The pupils and parents took part in games and activities, watched specially made films and used iPads together safely. Mrs Smith

### First Aid forms

We have a new First Aid letter which is in a different format on blue paper, easier to read but more detailed, to inform you of the accident and injury. Please look inside your child's bag, and return the slip as before if your child has first aid. There will be no accompanying head bump letter as all the information needed is within the one sheet. We are also no longer operating a phone call system if your child bumps their head. We will however, monitor your child throughout the day as we do with any first aid injury.

### World Book Day – Bedtime Reading

Today, we enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. This year the theme was 'Bedtime Reading' and children were invited to come to school in their onesies and pyjamas! They brought their favourite bedtime reading books, swapped books with their classmates and all got a free World Book Day book. Happy Reading, everyone! Miss Cairns

### Gareth Baker - Visiting author

As part of our World Book Week celebration, author, Gareth Baker, visiting our school on Tuesday. He ran workshops with most of the children in school including activities such as Fireside stories, creating an alien character and creating a Greek myth. During assembly, he read us all part of his book, 'Moggy on a Mission' and showed us what inspired his writing. It was a fantastic day! Miss Cairns

### Chicks and Ducklings

Glenbrook has welcomed new life as our baby chicks and ducklings have hatched over the past week. All of the children across school (and many members of staff) are fascinated by our new arrivals. They will be with us until next week and we will observe them grow and change. Cheep, Cheep! Miss Cairns

### Breakfast Club

If your child regularly attends Breakfast Club, please remember it needs to be booked and paid for in advance. Children will not be able to drop into breakfast club without prior booking. If you have a booking, your child will need to be dropped off by an adult and must not arrive by themselves.

### Trip to Melbourne Park

On Tuesday, Year 1 pupils went to Melbourne Park to investigate different types of animal habitats. They were met by the Park Ranger who spoke to us about his job and about the variety of animals he sees in the park. He then gave us some information sheets about the insects in the park and we had a go at drawing them. After that, we ventured outside to have a look at the insect habitats in the park and then had a go at making our very own insect habitat. The children really enjoyed this part because as they were building their insect habitat they could see insects already using it! We found worms and beetles already making a home in the habitat we had made.

The children were well behaved and polite throughout the trip and showed the Park Ranger their fantastic knowledge of insects and what living things need. Thank you to all the adults who came on the trip, it was great to have your support. Miss Burgess

### Achievement Assembly

The following children were praised in our achievement assembly today:

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2017	Year Group
Mayla Lancaster	Year 1 Doves
Mya Brailsford	Year 1 Quails
Kaiden Verhage	Year 2 Penguins
Mason Willbye	Year 2 Flamingos
Urte Juskauskaitė	Year 3 Kingfishers
Kathrine Wood	Year 4 Falcons
Charlie Dawn	Year 4 Merlins
Evelyne Brown	Year 5 Eagles
Callum Smith	Year 6 Ravens

Congratulations to all of those children and to their families for the help and support they give.

### Attendance Lottery

The week before half term's attendance lottery for Foundation was Ella Pacey. Ella will receive a voucher. KS1 and KS2 was a rollover.

### Best Attendance

I am impressed by the attendance figures for Mrs Barber's class; they achieved 99.1% last week. Well done, everyone!

Best wishes,

Samantha Eyre  
Headteacher

### OFSTED results

Overall effectiveness	Good
Effectiveness of leadership and management	Good
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment	Good
Personal development, behaviour and welfare	Good
Outcomes for pupils	Good
Early years provision	Requires improvement