



GLENBROOK

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Year 5 trip to BBA

Yesterday Year 5 were lucky enough to attend a Science and Art event run by some year 9 pupils and the Ignite Project at Bluecoat Beechdale Academy. We learned lots about the environment, installation art and spent some time in a Science lab learning about acids, alkaline and the Ph scale. We all had a wonderful time and were wowed by some of the science experiments we did; including using dry ice and mixing chemicals together to make them change colour. Mrs Barber

Sport Event

On Friday 17th March, elite athlete Meghan Beesley will be visiting Glenbrook to work with the children on fitness circuits. Meghan has competed around the world and is looking forward to representing Great Britain at the Tokyo Olympics in 2020 in the hurdles event. Your child has learned about Meghan during an assembly and is aware of the fitness circuit challenge that they will complete next week. It is an intense 20-30 minutes of cardio! They will have received a letter home regarding this as well as a sponsorship form which they can choose to complete. Children may wear PE kit all day.

British Science Week

It is also British Science week. We are running a Science coffee morning on Thursday 16th March. Please come along and join us. We are welcoming some special visitors in school on Tuesday 14th March who are going to run exciting investigations in every class. It promises to be an action-packed week!! Please see separate letter.

Autism Awareness Week

Next week is Autism Awareness Week. As a school, we are participating by having an assembly, workshops in classes and a Onesie day on Wednesday 15th March. All staff and children are invited to wear Onesies to support Autism awareness.

Achievement Assembly

The following children were praised in our achievement assembly today:

Friday 10th March 2017	Year Group
Thomas Whittaker	Year 1 Doves
Danish Basharat	Year 1 Quails
Michelle Dorgbefe	Year 2 Penguins
Elton Harvey	Year 2 Flamingos
Leyton Bradley	Year 3 Kingfishers
Daksh Dass	Year 4 Falcons
Ellie Roebuck	Year 4 Merlins
Gracie Gough	Year 5 Eagles
Jack Swinton	Year 6 Ravens

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

Attendance Lottery

Last week's attendance lottery winner for Foundation was Travaze Gray, KS1 was Tia Learmouth and KS2 was Tony Jepson.

Best Attendance

I am impressed by the attendance figures for Miss Lyle's class; they achieved 98.6% last week. Well done, everyone!

Best wishes,

Samantha Eyre
Headteacher

'Glenbrook Primary and Nursery School is celebrating after a recent Ofsted report rated it 'good' - three years after it became an academy.

Head teacher Samantha Eyre said it has been an incredible journey for the school in Wigman Road, Bilborough, after moving into a new building in September, 2016.

The former Glenbrook Primary and Nursery School was rated as 'requires improvement' by Ofsted in 2013. Shortly after, the school was closed and a new academy with the same name was opened in its place in 2014.

Based on an inspection carried out on February 7 and 8 - the school's first since it became an academy - the regulatory body said that the school's leadership has high expectations which has "driven up the quality of teaching throughout the school" and praised its support and development for helping disadvantaged children and helping teachers improve their skills.

Overall [Ofsted](#) rated four out of five categories as 'good' but said that Glenbrook Primary's early years provision 'requires improvement'.

Headteacher Samantha Eyre said: "It has been an incredible journey for the school since it became an academy.

"Glenbrook has a strong teamwork ethos and all stakeholders have united with the sole aim of raising the standard of education and aspirations for our pupils.

"Improvements have been rapid and sustained. Pupils are strong ambassadors for the school and have played a huge part in the changes. They are very proud to attend Glenbrook and wear their uniform.

"Changes to Glenbrook have been significant and we are now housed in an amazing new school building. This has been a balancing act, managing [the building project](#) whilst accelerating the progress the pupils make.

"It is a privilege, as the Headteacher, to be part of this remarkable journey to good and I very much look forward to the next chapter in the school's history."

In the report lead Ofsted inspector Roary Pownall said: "The school has improved quickly, and is continuing to do so, because the Headteacher has created a positive climate where both staff and pupils value hard work, success and equal opportunities for everyone.

"This is reflected in the school's motto, 'Include, Improve and Inspire'.

"As a result, pupils try hard in lessons, behave well and are cared for by staff who ensure that they make good progress.

"The headteacher's insistence on high standards, and a determination to eradicate any under performance, have driven up the quality of teaching across the school in all subjects.

"Teaching is now good overall. While small pockets of less effective teaching remain, leaders are attending to them effectively and systematically. "However, the report highlighted the school's teaching in the early years and the quality of teaching in key stages 1 and 2 as areas in which the school could 'improve further'."

