

Newsletter ~ 31st January 2025

Last Week's Attendance...

for the whole school was 92.8%.

The class with the winning attendance was Ravens Class.

Congratulations to Kaya Trybula (Swans) and Zak Burton (Finches) for winning the £5.00 gift cards for having 100% for a whole week.

Owlets Class Attendance for last week = 92.1%

Swans Class Attendance for last week = 89.6%

Robins Class Attendance for last week = 94.4%

Blue Jays Class Attendance for last week = 91.8%

Flamingos Class Attendance for last week = 88.3%

Finches Class Attendance for last week = 95.3%

Ravens Class Attendance for last week = 96.4%

The national average for attendance is 96%; if a child isn't at school this will negatively affect their academic progress and their relationships with other children.

One child who has achieved 100% attendance each week will win a £5.00 gift card.

One child who has achieved 100% attendance each half-term will win a £10 gift card.

At the end of the school year, one child with 100% attendance will win a £20.00 gift card.

Our Stars of the Week

Owlets Class Stars = Daniel Broatch and Emily Munteanu

Swans Class Stars = Payton Gorvett and Kaya Trybula

Robins Class Stars = Guney Toprak and Logan Sills-Green

Blue Jays Class Stars = Corey White and Nevaeh Thompson

Flamingos Class Stars = Ruby Clark and Iris Rebelo

Finches Class Stars = Rocco Garner and Anya Garner

Ravens Class Stars = Lily Bramhall and Julia Cisowska

Star of the Week certificates are awarded for exemplifying our Core Values (Respect, Resilience and Teamwork) and for showing excellent Behaviours for Learning.



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Message from Miss McCarthy:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Some of our children in Years 3 and 4 had a fantastic time competing in a sports event in Newmarket last week, you will see a photo and their write-up, together with some quotes from the children further on in this newsletter; a huge thank you to those parents who provided transport for the children, enabling this event to happen, and also to Mrs. Peck and Miss Hodges who volunteered to accompany the group on Tuesday evening.

Do you sometimes worry about your children's mental health and emotional wellbeing?

Do you sometimes find parenting difficult, and worrying?

YOU ARE NOT ALONE, and we have access to support, we have **FREE** access to a range of materials from the Solihull Approach to Parenting!

Their courses include the following:

- ❖ 'Understanding your child's feelings' (6 months to 19+ years);
- ❖ 'Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing' (6 months to 19+ years);
- ❖ 'Understanding your child with additional needs' (6 months to 19+ years);
- ❖ 'Understanding your teenager's brain' (preteen to teenager);
- ❖ 'Moving up to secondary school for children with additional needs' (preteen to teenager);
- ❖ 'Understanding your relationships';
- ❖ 'Understanding your own trauma';
- ❖ and more...

We have a group of parents and carers which meets (usually on a weekly basis) to use these materials, working through them at their own speed...to find out more about how children develop, reasons why they might behave the way they do, and what we can do as adults to best support the children in our lives.

The parents and carers who have already been coming to these sessions have said they find them really useful, and enjoyable and interesting! Please phone or message the school office if you are interested in joining the group, or in finding out more about it.



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Just a reminder that we do still have some vacancies for local governors on our Academy Council...we meet once each half-term (once every six to eight weeks) and in return for gaining your thoughts and voice as part of the management of the school, you would gain an overview of how the school runs, e.g. the school finances, staffing, future plans etc. Please let me, Mrs. Hawkins or Mrs. Brooks-White (in the office) know if you would like more information about this.

Also, a reminder about our School Uniform...a list is included further on in this newsletter. CoGS (our Community of Glade School) does provide the 'Uniform Exchange', which they publicise in advance and have out on our playground once a fortnight at the beginning and end of a school day. I know that if you can't find an item of clothing in the size you need, if you mention this to them they will keep an eye out and get a message to you once one becomes available.

In terms of jewellery, only watches and small stud earrings are permitted. For safety reasons, all earrings do need to be removed for P.E. lessons please or covered with micropore-type tape (this needs to be brought in from home please...some children keep their tape in their book bags). If a child's hair is long enough to be tied back then it needs to be tied back for P.E. please – again, this is for safety reasons.

Please check the 'Dates for your Diaries' at the end of this newsletter for events which might be of use to you, or any events involving your children.

As always, many thanks for all your encouragement and support; please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Hawkins or Mrs. Brooks-White in the school office if you have any questions or concerns, and they will ensure that the right member of staff gets back to you.

With all best wishes,

Tracey McCarthy
(Headteacher)

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Year 3 and 4 Suffolk School Games:

What a fabulous evening we had on Thursday!

Nine pupils from Years 3 and 4 attended the Suffolk School Games Sportshall Athletics Competition at Mildenhall Hub. Our school joined together with pupils from Kennet Primary School to enter the competition. Pupils had the chance to compete against other schools in events such as relay races, obstacle courses, long jump and speed bounce.

It was a truly fantastic evening. Our pupils showed great teamwork, working together with the children from Kennet as though they had known them all their lives. They supported each other with (very loud!) cheering, tried hard in every event and had a great time.

Here are a few of their comments about the event:

MMA: I love sport and liked the chance to race competitively.

EE: If we have the opportunity again, I'd love to go! The best part was meeting other pupils and working with them as a team.

OG: It was lots of fun.

KR: I thought it was brilliant. I loved it.





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Glade School Uniform:

Uniform list:

- Grey or black trousers/skirts (or shorts in summer term)
- Sky blue shirt/polo shirt (with collar)
- Glade Academy logo jumper or cardigan (purchased from www.corporatetiger.co.uk)
- Black, grey or blue socks/tights
- Blue chequered summer dresses/playsuits (in summer term only)
- A warm, waterproof coat
- Book bag

P.E. Uniform:

- EYFS/KS1: Black shorts and white t-shirt
- KS2: Black shorts and Glade Academy team colour t-shirt (purchased from www.corporatetiger.co.uk)
- Plimsolls or trainers (both with adequate tread for grip) for outdoor work
- Plain black tracksuit or Glade Academy tracksuit (purchased from www.corporatetiger.co.uk)
- Swimming trunks or shorts/swimming costumes (not bikinis); all children must have a swimming hat (KS2 children attending school swimming lessons)
- Children must have a drawstring labelled bag to keep their PE kit in



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It is also recommended that children bring a hat to school during the summer months and a hat, gloves and scarf during the winter months.

Jewellery

Children must not wear any jewellery for Health and Safety reasons...watches, and stud or very small sleeper earrings are the only types acceptable and for safety reasons these must be removed for PE and swimming activities. Please note, staff cannot remove or put ear studs etc. back in if the child cannot manage it.

Footwear

Children should wear low-heeled, plain black shoes; shoes with platform soles, high heels or open toes are not permitted. Shoes should be plain black with no other markings and suitable for your child to run about in the playground. For PE lessons, children should have a separate pair of plimsolls/trainers. In bad weather boots/wellies may be worn to travel to and from school to be changed into normal school shoes on arrival.

Hair

All children, girls and boys, are required to tie hair up where it is long enough to do so; hair must be tied up in PE. In swimming, we require that all children wear a swimming cap. Children should not have extreme hairstyles including dyed hair, Mohicans, mohawks, completely shaved heads, tramlines or hair with shaved sections as these can serve as a distraction to other children and undermine the overall smart appearance of our pupils. These fashion hairstyles should be kept for school holidays.

Please make sure ALL uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name.



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Dates for your Diaries:

February:

Monday 3 rd	9am: Star of the Week Assembly.
Tuesday 4 th	2pm: EYFS Parent Workshop.
Wednesday 5 th	2pm: How to Stay Safe Online – Parent Workshop; 5.30pm: EYFS Parent Workshop.
Thursday 6 th	2pm: Owlets Parent Café.
Friday 7 th	9am: Flamingos Class Sharing Assembly; 2pm: Blue Jays Parent Café.
Monday 10 th	9am: Star of the Week Assembly; 2pm: Ravens Parent Café.
Tuesday 11 th	2pm: Swans Parent Café.
Wednesday 12 th	2pm: Finches Parent Café.
Thursday 13 th	Team Colour Day (the team which has scored the highest number of Dojo points this half-term will be able to come to school today wearing non-uniform, so long as they wear something of their team colour). 2pm: Flamingos Parent Café.
Friday 14 th	Our School Council's Dress in Red Day (all children can come to school in non-uniform today, provided that they wear something red). 2pm: Robins Parent Café.

Monday 17th – Friday 21st Half Term.

Monday 24th 9am: Star of the Week Assembly.

March:

Monday 3rd 9am: Star of the Week Assembly.
Friday 7th 9am: Blue Jays Class Sharing Assembly.





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Monday 10 th	9am: Star of the Week Assembly.
Thursday 13 th	2pm: SEND Drop In for parents with children with SEND.
Friday 14 th	9am: Robins Class Sharing Assembly.
Monday 17 th	Interim Reports go out; 9am: Star of the Week Assembly.
Tuesday 18 th	Parents' Evening.
Thursday 20 th	Parents' Evening.
Friday 21 st	9am: Swans Class Sharing Assembly; 9am: SEND Drop In for parents with children with SEND.
Monday 24 th	9am: Star of the Week Assembly.
Tuesday 25 th	2pm: Ravens Parent Café.
Wednesday 26 th	2pm: Finches Parent Café.
Friday 28 th	9am: Owlets Class Sharing Assembly; 2pm: Flamingos Parent Café.
Monday 31 st	9am: Star of the Week Assembly; 2pm: Robins Parent Café.

April:

Tuesday 1 st	2pm: Blue Jays Parent Café.
Wednesday 2 nd	2pm: Swans Parent Café.
Thursday 3 rd	2pm: Owlets Parent Café.

Monday 7th – Tuesday 22nd Easter Break.

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