



**Glade
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RESPECT RESILIENCE TEAMWORK

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Newsletter ~ 11th March 2022

Last Week's Attendance...

for the whole school was **94.5%**.

The class with the winning attendance was Kestrels Class ~ but it was really close!

Congratulations to Bella Potter (Kestrels Class) and to Eleanor Sayers (Owls Class) for having 100% attendance during the weeks beginning 21st and 28th February, and for winning the £5.00 gift card 😊

Owls Class Attendance for last week = 93.6%

Woodpeckers Class Attendance for last week = 84.2%

Swallows Class Attendance for last week = 92.2%

Swifts Class Attendance for last week = 97.6%

Robins Class Attendance for last week = 94.9%

Blackbirds Class Attendance for last week = 97.4%

Skylarks Class Attendance for last week = 95.3%

Kestrels Class Attendance for last week = 96.6%

Herons Class Attendance for last week = 94.4%

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

Owl Class Stars = Jaxson Meen and Melissa Willin / Luna-Faye Reid and Nevaeh Thompson

Woodpecker Class Stars = Oliver Parlour and Emily Randall / Reuben Hayward and Louis Buckingham;

Swallows Class Stars = Lukas Vainavicious and Iris Rebelo / Phoebe Donovan and Marcel Paszek;

Swifts Class Stars = Annabelle Donovan and Artur Majchrzak / Matilde Louraco and Hector Arnold;

Robins Class Stars = David Dos Santos and Oscar Parlour / Lily Bramhall and Ziva Brooks;

Blackbirds Class Stars = Vivian Bojang Knapikova and Ocean Meen / Rudi Smith and Lacey Royal;

Skylarks Class Stars = Damien Wardley-Mitson and Miszel Trybula / Karol Poplawski and Kornelia Filipczuk;

Kestrels Class Stars = Sebastian Harrington and Oliver Melnis / Bella Potter and David Kielbasa;

Herons Class Stars = Oscar Bell and Lilly Taylor / Chloe Potschul and Kenzie Parham.

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,

Our children have been producing some absolutely beautiful work across the curriculum and our staff have been busy changing the displays around the school – we change these regularly throughout the year. We know that you haven't been able to see these for a while so Mrs. Potschul has put together some photos for you to have a look at...please have a look at these further through the newsletter.

The children in Skylarks Class have been making purses (they have been sewing, many of them for the first time) and they have been doing an amazing job...please see Ms. Hodges' information and photos later in the newsletter for more information.

We will soon be hosting our 'Aspirations Week' and we really hope that this will become an annual event at Glade. We want to open the children's eyes to the world of work, the variety of roles there are beyond school in society, and some of the skills and attributes which are needed to be successful in these. It would be great if some of our older children could start to think about the things they really enjoy and are good at, and what they need to be able to do by the time they finish their educations to ensure that they end up with a job that they get paid for that they really enjoy (it would also be really good if some of the children decided they would like to be something other than 'a Youtuber'! 😊). Please see the information from Mrs. Wilderspin, on behalf of our School Council later in the newsletter, and please do get in touch if you would like some more information about this.

I'm just finishing checking our Spring Term Interim Reports and these will be on their way out to you soon – please look out for them at the end of school on Monday 14th March. All parents and carers should have a Parents' Evening appointment booked now with their child's class teacher – please do get in touch with Mrs. George or Mrs. Prior in the school office if this hasn't happened yet.

Last week we held a virtual information session for parents and carers of children in EYFS and KS1 on phonics, and one for parents and carers in Years 5 and 6 on the KS2 SATs...this week we've held a virtual information session for parents and carers in KS1 on the KS1 SATs...we really hope that these have been useful to you; if you have any feedback for us on these then please do contact Mrs. Peck (KS1 and English and phonics lead), Miss Goody (EYFS Lead) or Mr. McDonald (KS2 Lead) on Class Dojo to pass this onto us.

As you know, we are continuing to ensure that the school building is well ventilated at all times. We are telling the children not to wear their coats in the classrooms as they won't feel the benefit of them when they go outside...please remember that children are welcome to wear or bring in extra layers of clothing if they need them – sweatshirts, cardigans etc.

Please be aware that we have been informed by Pupil Asset that from Monday 14th March 2022 parents will not be able to make payments on their app. This will go on until after the Easter Holidays. You will still be able to pay by phoning Mrs. George or Mrs. Prior in the school office, or by using a web portal. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this.

As always, many thanks for all of your encouragement and support. Please don't hesitate to phone the office and speak to either Mrs. George or Mrs. Prior if you have any worries or concerns ~ if necessary they will then inform the appropriate member of staff.

Once again, a huge thank you to everyone continuing to support Team Glade with all of our efforts to keep everyone as safe as we can.

All best wishes,

Miss M 😊

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Skylarks Class:

Last half term, Skylarks completed a Design Technology project to create a "Bendy Bag".

We evaluated existing bag designs, looking at specific design features and discussing how effective they were. We then planned our own bags to specific design features, using maths skills and creating annotated patterns.

Then came the tricky part! Pupils learned how to cut out their pattern and sew it together. For many pupils, this was the first time any of them had used a needle and thread.

At the start of the session, everyone felt a little apprehensive, including me! However, Skylarks showed real determination and resilience, overcoming difficulties and setbacks along the way, including many unthreaded needles and tangled threads.

Everyone completed the task and some pupils discovered they were experts at sewing neatly...a few pupils were inspired to do more sewing at home.

Here are some pictures of pupils concentrating hard on the sewing task and some examples of finished bags.



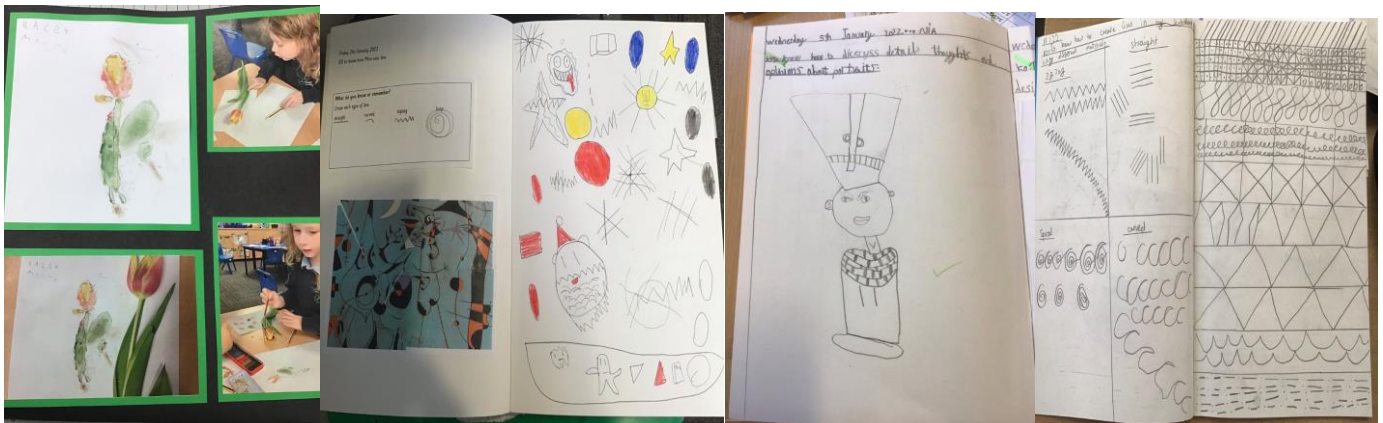
Art Update

As art lead at Glade, I am very proud of the work the children have been producing and thought that it would be lovely to share it with you too!

Here are some examples of drawing from reception to Year 6, that I collected recently to show progression across the school.

As you have been unable to visit the school and see some of our wonderful work on display, I've also included some of our communal displays on the next page. Hopefully, you will be able to come and see them soon. I think you will agree that they are fabulous!

Mrs. Potschul (Glade Art Lead).

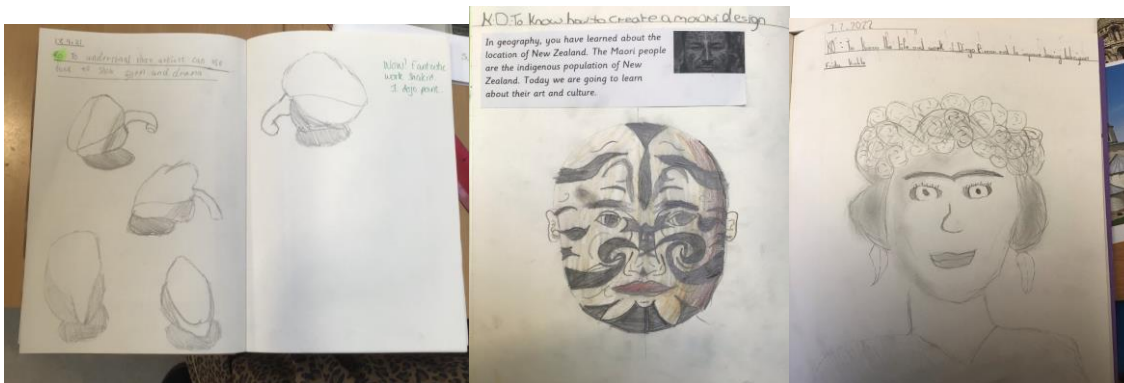


Kacey, Reception

Anani, Year 1

Nia, Year 2

Matilda, Year 3



Shakid, Year 4

Finley, Year 5

Florence, Year 6



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Owls, Space



Blackbirds, Space in Art



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School Council News:

School council elections have taken place and the results are in!

We would like to thank all the candidates - you did a great job! There were some very good speeches and the vote in all classes was very close. When the results were announced it was so lovely to see classmates applauding the winners.

Big congratulations to our new school councillors who are...

Woodpeckers –	Alfie Briston
Swallows –	Joshua Butlin
Swifts -	Anya Garner
Robins –	Sophia Potschul
Blackbirds –	Mikus Grandans
Skylarks –	Kornelia Filipczuk
Kestrels –	Bella Potter
Hérons –	Wiktoria Lach

Glade Academy Aspirations Week:

Later this month, in school, the children will be learning about the world of work.

To make the learning extra interesting, we would really like to share some of your experiences with the children.

Would any of our Glade parents/carers/family members be willing to do a short video, presentation or video call to tell the children about your job and the skills you need to carry out your duties (e.g. maths, English, computing, people skills, science, art etc - the list is long!).

If you would be willing to help please contact the school office and I will get back to you for a chat.

Many Thanks,

Mrs Wilderspin



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Dates for your Diaries:

January 2022:

February 2022:

Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February: Spring half-term holiday.

March 2022:

Monday 14th March: Spring Term Reports

April 2022:

Monday 4th April to Tuesday 19th April: Easter Holiday.

Wednesday 20th April: Staff Training Day (no children in school).

May 2022:

Monday 2nd May: May Day Bank Holiday (school is closed).

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June: Summer half-term holiday.

June 2022:

Friday 10th June: School Class Photos

July 2022:

Thursday 14th July & Friday 15th July – Breckland School Transition Days for Year 6 students

Tuesday 19th July to Thursday 21st July – St Benedicts Transition Days for Year 6 students

Monday 25th July to Wednesday 31st August: Summer Holiday.

September 2022:

Thursday and Friday 1st and 2nd September: Staff Training Days (no children in school).

Monday 5th September: Children start back at school.