

Newsletter

Newsletter 4 Monday 22nd September 2014

Stars of the week

Stars of the Week for last week were:

Blake Agee Kian Moon
Selina Nadzafova Jamie Noakes
Artur Polney Leila Lancaster
Chloe Harrington Luke Maxwell-Clarke
Charlie Berry Rebecca Donnelly
Kasia Starosciak Michael Almeida

Teampoints

Last week's results were:

1st: Red 2nd: Blue 3rd: Yellow 4th: Green



Well done Red. A good start to the term!

Attendance results

Wrens: 94.8% Requires improvement

Owls: 92.9% *Inadequate*Magpies: 96.0% *Outstanding*

Swallows: 95.8 % Good

Robins: 98.7% Outstanding WINNER!

Skylarks: 98.3% Outstanding
Herons: 96.7% Outstanding
Kestrels: 96.7% Outstanding

Last week's attendance: 95.8%

Good

Attendance since September: 96.6%

Outstanding

A brilliant to start to the year from KS2. Well done!

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Bikeability

Congratulations to our brilliant cyclists who have been taking the Bikeability course.

Level 1: Tama, Billy, Jessica

Level 2: Kinga, Hayden, Gracie-Mae, Kaitlin, Chloe, Sidney, Emily, Max, Aymee, Joshua, Reggie, Emma, Skyler, Jamie, Vanessa, Maja, Jack, Kieran, Rebecca, Millie, Martyna

We received great feedback from the instructors on their manners and attitude. The children were a real credit to Glade!

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Coe and join us on **Friday 26th September** for coffee and cake and help to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support. Children are also invited to wear green to school that day, for a **50p** "fine".



Roald Dahl Dress-Up Day

Don't forget Roald Dahl Day on **Friday 3rd October**. Children are invited to come in to school in costume. There are also a number of competitions, as listed on the letter that went home last week. We have lots of Roald Dahl books to give away to the lucky winners.!



Attendance

The School Improvement Committee of the Governors met last week and discussed the issue of changes to the Penalty Notice referrals when attendances are unauthorised. The decision of the committee is that referrals will be made if a child accrues **five** unauthorised absences within a school year.

An unauthorised absence is for one session, either a morning or afternoon. A child that is 15 minutes late for school also clocks up an unauthorised absence.

The new system has no warning period. If a child clocks up 5 unauthorised absences **each parent** will receive a Penalty Notice. This is **£60** if paid with 21 days or **£120** if paid between 21 and 28 days. If not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority begin court proceedings.

An absence is unauthorised if the child is off school for a non-medical reason and it has not been agreed with the school. If parents do not provide a reason for a child's absence, it is recorded as unauthorised.

Non-medical absences will NOT be authorised if the overall attendance of the pupil is lower than 95% for both the current and previous academic year.

This new arrangement replaces the arrangements listed in our attendance policy, which will now be updated.

Parent Support Worker

We are very pleased to welcome Michele Homer to Glade, as our new Parent Support Worker. Her role is to support children and families who may be going through a rough patch or need some pastoral support. Mrs Homer works Wednesdays and Thursdays and can be contacted through the school office.

Hair bands

A few of our girls are coming to school with more and more extravagant hair accessories. Please keep hairbands and ties simple and unobtrusive.



Playground

To make it easier for our younger pupils, we will be designating the front playground (small as it is) as a place for just them. This starts from today, Monday 22nd September. KS2 will play on the back playground and EYFS/KS1 are welcome to go on the back playground if they wish, but if they want a space away from KS2, then they can stay on the front playground. The fencing will be removed with then next few weeks, which will make more space.

Facebook

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Headteachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents/pupils. The Governors consider the use of social media websites being used in this way as unacceptable and not in the best interests of the children or the whole school community. Any concerns you may have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher or Headteacher so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

In the event that any pupil or parent/carer of a child being educated at Glade is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, they may be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the site. All social network sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report contact or activity which breaches this. We also expect that any parent/carer or pupil removes such comments immediately.

In serious cases school will also consider legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly is the issue of cyber bullying and the use by one child or a parent to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network en-

try. We will take and deal with this as a serious incident of school bullying. Thankfully such incidents are extremely rare.

