

## Glade News

### Issue 7 Friday 20th October

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Half-term has arrived very quickly after a busy start to our school year. So far we have held meet the teacher worshops and story cafes, had a successful residential trip with our Year 5 and 6 pupils, completed a collection for Harvest Festival and raised nearly £300 for Macmillan through our Coffee Morning. We have introduced music tuition for singing, piano, violin and recorder, started half-termly newsletters so you know what's happening at school and changed our homework to a "Take Away" format, with some truly amazing pieces of work showcased!

Everyone at Glade is working hard to ensure that our school continues to grow and improve and we are impressed with how hard are pupils are working and appreciate the support provided by our school community.

Next half-term, as well as Parents'/ SEN meetings, we have poetry competitions, EYFS/Year1 Nativity Performances, musical performances and R.E. Christmas celebrations to look forward to. There will also be opportunity to find out more about our academy conversion through parents' consultations, which we hope you will be able to attend.

The future looks bright for Glade. Let's continue to work together to secure the best for our pupils.

### Stars of the Week

<u>Owls:</u> Mariana Simeos/ Tyler-John Ford <u>Blackbirds:</u> Joana Graca/ CJ Wandera

<u>Woodpeckers:</u> Dante Cutting/ Migle Vasyliute <u>Swallows:</u> Christopher Abraham/ Florence Garner

Swifts.

<u>Kingfishers:</u> Jack Taylor/ Samuel Macgregor-Canon

Robins: Miya Hamilton/ Jacob Ball
Skylarks: Konrad Minda/ Freya Hodder
Herons: Maja Lisewska/ Polly Pickard
Kestrels: Oliver Adams/ Lillie Stokoe
Headteacher Award:

Marley Parks for making a huge effort to be a special friend towards someone who was lonely.

Oliver Trybula for looking after people in our school community.

#### Team Points

The winning team for this half-term were yellow!
Well done everyone!



## Keep your child's mind engaged over half-term!

Over the past two weeks, teachers have been setting targets for where pupils need to be at the end of this school year. I am pleased to hear so many of our children have made a great start and are working hard.

We don't want them to dip after half-term so, please don't let the reading or Learn It practice slip!

We have high aspirations for all our pupils and want them to keep on learning!

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#### Last week's attendance: 95%

## This is "good" attendance and better than last week.

Owls: 94.8% Satisfactory

Blackbirds: 91.3% Unsatisfactory Woodpeckers: 91.1% Unsatisfactory

Swallows: 96.6% Excellent

Swifts: 95.1% Good Kingfishers: 95.9% Good Robins: 93.3% Unsatisfactory Skylarks: 98.6% Excellent Herons: 98.6% Excellent

Kestrels: 92.6% Unsatisfactory

#### Dropping children off in the morning

Please understand that there is not opportunity for teachers to have lengthy conversations with parents whilst children are being dropped off. They are busy getting ready to teach children!

If you need to relay more information, please write a note in the child's diary or make an appointment to speak to the teacher.

We don't want to lose precious learning time!

Thank you for your understanding.

# D Unsatisfactory (Below 94%) C Satisfactory (94% - 95%) B Good (95% - 96%) A Excellent (Above 96%)

#### Harvest Festival

Our local Vicar came to talk to the children about Harvest Festival and collect all the donations. Thank you to all for your kindness. We are hoping to take part in the Shoe Box appeal this Christmas. Visit here to find out more! https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/ what-we-do/operation-christmaschild/

#### <u>Pupil Progress Meetings</u>

Over the last two weeks, Class Teachers have been holding meetings with Mrs Vincent, Mrs Close and Miss Prentice to talk about how well their pupils are learning and to set targets for what they will achieve at the end of the year. We have high aspirations and want to encourage our pupils to reach their potential. As a result, your child could find they are meeting greater levels of challenge in class to help them to develop their learning. Please reassure your child that challenge is good and making mistakes is an important part of learning. We consider all types of learners when planning our lessons so we can make sure our learners are supported but also stretched a bit, too!

#### SEN Meetings

All children are special and have their own needs and mostly these needs can be met through teaching in the classroom. Sometimes, however, children need some extra support. It might be that they need some extra short lessons through an "intervention programme" or some extra support from a professional like a Speech Therapist. By placing them on the Special Needs register, we can follow their progress closely and provide a plan and support to help them succeed.

If your child is identified as having Special Educational Needs, you are able to attend a separate parents' meeting where you have a 30 minute slot to talk about your child's strengths and draw up a plan of how to support learning. After half-term, teachers will be contacting parents of pupils to make these appointments. Some pupils may have recently been added to this register and will be spoken to by Class Teachers about what this means.

Please be reassured that being on the SEN register does not mean a child is any less capable of making progress. We will continue to aim high for all our pupils.



Years 4, 5 and 6 are very excited to be in their new classrooms after our big move!

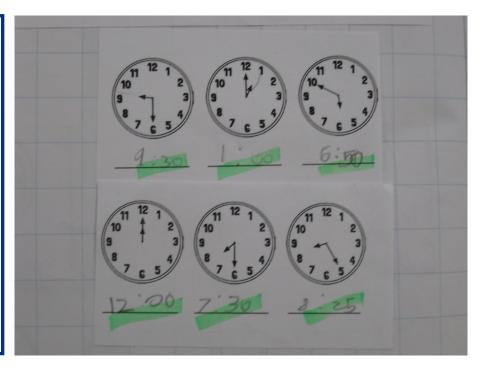


After reading
Traction Man, Year
2 have been
writing persuasive
adverts to go on a
toy box they have
made!

Children in Year
One have been
practising telling
the time to the
nearest 5 minutes
using an analogue
clock, like this
these ones.

Green Pen means
Great Work!

Well done Chloe Potschul!





Playing a game like this or Snakes and Ladders helps Year One, Woodpeckers, with their counting!

Board games are great for teaching children lots of important learning skills, as well as taking turns!



Base Ten help Year One find pairs of numbers that make ten.

Older children need to find pairs of numbers that make 100, 1000, 1,000,000! But this is starts with being able to work with numbers to 10. Does your child know their number bonds?



Raquel from Woopeckers has made an amazing shelter!
Perhaps parents could help children build a real den in the garden or at the Country Park over half-term!



As well as enjoying the texture of sand, EYFS children can practise writing their name!

May May May May May May May

June June June June June June

July July July July July July

August August August August August

Does your child know how to write the months of the year? Do they know the order of the months and how many days in each month?

30 days has September,

April, June, and November.

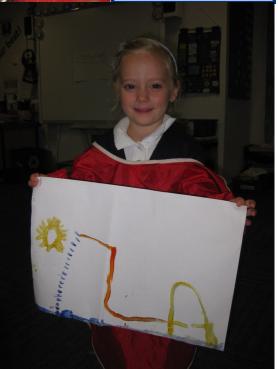
All the rest have 31,

Except February, it's the one.

Which only has 28 days clear,

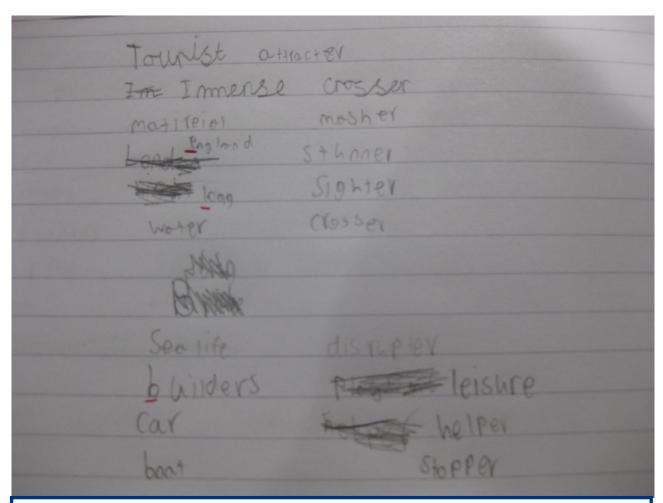
And 29 in each Leap Year!

Year 3 have a fantastic exhibition of Stone Age artefacts after reading Stone Age Boy in class! Why not visit Brandon Heritage Centre or The Ancient House Museum, Thetford over half-term?



Scarlett in Owls Class is very proud of her painting of a slide.





Alfie O'Connor, Herons, has written a fantastic Kenning—a poem where clues are given to describe a particular noun. Here is his draft poem and the finished version typed out. Can you guess what Alfie's poem is about?

Tourist-Attracter
Immense-Crosser
Material-Masher
England's-Stunner
Long-Sighter
Water-Crosser
Seal-life-Disrupter
Builders'-Leisure
Car-Helper
Boat-Stopper

What am I? By Alfie O'Connor, Herons

Try writing your own Kenning over the holiday. We would love to see some about school life at Glade!

## What's going on over half-term?



Do you have a child with a diagnosis of Autism? Why not get involved with our local support network. A problem shared is a problem halved!



#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES!

- Wednesday 25th October BINGO NITE @ Mr. G's Bowling Alley, Brandon. Eyes down for 7:30pm (Prize win bingo).
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November- Coffee Morning @ The Red Lion, Thetford for 9:30am.
- Friday 1st December- Coffee Morning @ Rocco café lounge, Mildenhall for 9:30am.

We hope to see you soon. But if you would to chat with others from the group, why not visit us on https://www.facebook.com/groups/5734713994 25280/

### Night Safari

Date: 21 October 2017 Time: 19:00 - 21:00

Location: Brandon Country Park, IP27 0SU

### **Pumpkin Fest**

Date: 25 October 2017 Time: 11:00 - 15:00

Location: Brandon Country Park, IP27 0SU



#### **Autumn Adventure!**

Date: 21 October 2017

Time: 14:00 - 16:00

Location: Brandon Country Park, IP27 0SU

Explore the wonders of fungi, foliage, fruits and seeds on a guided stroll of discovery, learning and craft-making around the

Suitable for 5 years and above

Tickets: £5.00 each, includes parking

Our kitchen are running a competition to design a Superhero Pig!

