



# Glen Park Weekly Newsletter

Success for all, through learning together.....

Welcome to the new school term! We hope that you are refreshed and feeling positive about the opportunities that the new year offers. A special welcome to the new families who joined us this week. Thank you very much from all of us for the messages, cards and generous gifts given to us at the end of term. They are much appreciated.

On Friday, we said a fond farewell to Mrs Bushe who has started her maternity leave. Everyone at the school is looking forward to meeting the new addition to her family.

As we start a new and busy term I'd like to take the opportunity to say thank you to all the parents and friends who give their time to school as volunteers helping the children in school, you really make a big difference to the children's learning. Thank you too for the generous financial donations from parents and grandparents that enable us to do more. They make a real difference.

The children have settled back into school routines well and are focussing on their new topics. Topic overviews will be sent out to parents and carers next week, providing information on what your children will be learning and covering through the spring term. Copies of these will also be available to view on the website.

## Head Teacher Awards

On the last day of term before the Christmas break, we held our Head Teacher's assembly where the whole school community came together to celebrate the achievements of individual children across the school. Below is an overview of who received an award in each class.

**Foundation Wrens** - Jackson MacDonald

**Foundation Robins** - Daniel Lintern

**Y1 Chaffinches** - Harry Bygrave

**Y1 Sparrows** - Presley Woodrow

**Y2 Skylarks** - Jack Hardy

**Y2 Swallows** - Lillie-May Fairhurst

**Y3 Blackbirds** - Jack Rolfe

**Y3 Nightingales** - Ellis Smith

**Y4 Woodpeckers** - Angus Carmichael

**Y4 Kingfishers** - Ellie Cullum

**Y5 Puffins** - Reggie Williams

**Y5 Kittiwakes** - Fabien Coley

**Y6 Buzzards** - Emma Burstow

**Y6 Barn Owls** - Lois Kimber



**Phase 1 Outstanding Achievement Award** - Luca Docking

**Phase 2 Outstanding Achievement Award** - Alfie Bromley

**Phase 3 Outstanding Achievement Award** - Mikolaj Dobrogowski

**Outstanding Contribution to Sports Award** - Enzo Coley

We are extremely proud of the children and their achievements and it was lovely to bring the school together to celebrate the awards. Pictures of the children will shortly be on display in the main reception area.

## Active Travel Project

We are excited to announce that pupils at Glen Park Primary will be joining Sustrans and Plymouth City Councils Active Travel Project. We aim to boost levels of physical activity through enabling more children to safely walk, scoot or cycle to school. We will be working with pupils and staff to put Active Travel on the map through a series of educational and practical sessions, this term alone there will be smoothie bike sessions, route planning skills and a rewards scheme for children braving the winter weather and getting to school through pupil power. In order to make the school cycle and walking friendly we need your support to make the school grounds safe through considerate parking. Ensuring children have space and good visibility on school grounds, we would appreciate your support by parking considerately in the allocated parking bays. You may notice our child friendly bollards, that have had really positive feedback at Chaddlewood Primary school to help reduce bad parking and spread the message that we all play a part in creating a safe space for children to get Active.



## Learner of the Week Awards

A big well done to all the children who were nominated as learners of the week in their class last Friday, we are very proud of them all.



**Foundation Robins - Issac Box** (For trying so hard to follow instructions and having a good week).

**Foundation Wrens - Maisie-May Hayman** (For having a great first week back with lots of smiles!)

**Year 1 Chaffinches - Kasper Biedulski** (For surprising the adults in Year 1 with his creative skills in art)

**Year 1 Sparrows - Jack Taylor** (For always having a positive attitude to learning and giving 100% to his learning in the classroom)

**Year 2 Swallows - Luke Taylor** (For improvements in his concentration and working so hard on his handwriting)

**Year 2 Skylarks - Arianna Brewer** (For her dedicated focus on every task. No detail is too small!)

**Year 3 Blackbirds - Luke Aldous** (For always having an amazing attitude to learning, and trying to do the best that he can in all lessons).

**Year 3 Nightingales - Benjamin Bloodworth** (For showing great enthusiasm towards our work on Mega Cities).

**Year 4 Kingfishers - Ollie Bance** (For his great listening and applying what we have learnt and discussed in independent work).

**Year 4 Woodpeckers— Jasmine Rolston** (For being enthusiastic with her learning and giving 100% effort towards her work).

**Year 5 Puffins – Jack Fee** (For showing great motivation in his attitude to his work and quietly supporting others)

**Year 5 Kittiwakes – Pearl Temlett** (For trying really hard in class and being a great role model for a new member of the class)

**Year 6 Buzzards - Isabella Kingdom** (For showing great motivation to share her prior knowledge and achieving 100% on her quiz).

**Year 6 Barn Owls - Ellie Mercer** (For always having a positive attitude and applying a 'can do' attitude).

## Premier Sports Clubs

We still have a small numbers of places available for our Year 1 & 2 Premier Sports Gymnastics club which will be taking place on Thursdays this term. Each club will cost £12.00 for 6 sessions. To secure a space for your child, please contact the school office.

