

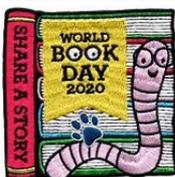


Glen Park Weekly Newsletter

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

World Book Day 2020— Thursday March 5th

World Book Day is a initiative that aims to celebrate both books and reading, especially among younger members of our societies. We are currently planning a day of different activities to celebrate the day for your child to enjoy. An activity will be sent out at half term for the children to work on before the half term holiday as part of their Learning Log task. On the 5th March, there will also be the opportunity for parents to come into school to view some of the work undertaken by the children and take part in some reading activities with their child. A family reading challenge will also be launched on that date. Look out for the activity which your child will bring home just before the half term break. This year, we won't be asking the children to dress up on the day, but rather be focusing upon widening the range of texts that they read and celebrating the opportunity to share a story. More details will be provided shortly.



Young Carers Awareness Day

A big thank you to everyone who supported our cake sale last week to celebrate Young Carers Awareness Day. We are delighted to tell you that Mrs Cutler managed to raise £157.30 for the charity. A great effort by everyone involved!

Smoothie Bike Challenge!

Last week the children in Foundation and Years 1 and 2, had a visit from Claire Harris from the Councils Active Travel Team. The children had the opportunity to take part in a Smoothie Bike Challenge. A smoothie bike is a static pedal powered bike with a blender attached to make fruit smoothies. The activity is aimed to teach the children a number of key ideas: firstly that we don't need electricity for everything, secondly it helps to promote cycling and finally it encourages the children to eat fresh fruit. Each class had the opportunity to create a smoothie of their choice before having a taste. As you can see from the pictures, some smoothies were more successful than others!



Children's Mental Health Week 3rd - 9th February

Set up by children's mental health charity Place2Be, the week shines a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health. This year's theme is **Find your Brave**. In yesterday's assembly we explored the concept of 'bravery' and about how this can be about sharing worries and asking for help, trying something new or pushing yourself outside your comfort zone. This week the School Council will be leading some work on creating 'Worry Boxes' for the children to use across the school when they feel like they may need some extra support or somebody to talk to.



This term in our Jigsaw work we will be exploring the theme of 'Dream & Goals'. This week work we will be recognising and celebrating children across the school who:



- **Have a positive attitude**

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 - Kieran Kowalski (For his improved focus in all lessons and for showing a positive attitude towards his learning)

Foundation Wrens - Theodore Cusack (For his excellent knowledge about Space during our learning this week)

Year 1 Chaffinches - Elliott Davy (For showing a very mature and conscientious attitude towards his learning)

Year 1 Sparrows - Callum Evans (For demonstrating a fantastic work ethic and producing an amazing Big Write this week)

Year 2 Swallows - Lexi-Mae Baker (For working hard to improve her strategies for multiplication)

Year 2 Skylarks - Isla French (For working so hard on her handwriting and AR quizzes)

Year 3 Blackbirds - Evie May (For performing a piece of poetry with great expression and knowing how to use pause for effect)

Year 3 Nightingales - Leon Coplestone-Hole (For showing great improvement in his confidence to quiz and working hard in all lesson)

Year 4 Kingfishers - Brooke Webb (For her excellent effort in numeracy, providing clear explanations for her answers)

Year 4 Woodpeckers - Evie-May Bullock (For writing a fantastic twisted tale in literacy and independently applying what she had learnt)

Year 5 Puffins - Logan Conlon (For showing a very mature approach to all areas of his learning: showing an excellent depth of knowledge)

Year 5 Kittiwakes - Joey Warren (For working really hard to write the introduction to his newspaper report, including all the taught skills)

Year 6 Buzzards - William Ford (For his fantastic independent writing using all of the skills he has learnt to create tension and atmosphere)

Year 6 Barn Owls - Georgia Howell (For showing greater determination to write using imaginative sentence structures)

Dates for the diary—Spring Term

- Tuesday 11th February** - National Safer Internet day
- Tuesday 11th February** - Pop Up Uniform Shop (3.30pm)
- Friday 14th February** - Non Pupil day
- Thursday 27th February** - Friends KS1 Disco
- Monday 17th—Friday 21st February** - Half Term
- Tuesday 3rd & Thursday 5th March** - Parents Evening
- Thursday 12th March** - Friends KS1 Disco
- Monday 9th March** - EYFS Balanceability training
- Thursday 12th March** - Plymouth Raiders workshop
- Friday 27th March** - Friends Doughnut Sale



A reminder that the school will be closed on Friday 14th February for a staff training day. Therefore the last day of term will be Thursday 13th February. Buddies still have a small number of childcare places available at Holiday Club on the 14th. Please contact Mrs Keating via the school office to book a place.