



# Glen Park Weekly Newsletter

## New Library Challenge for children

Over 5,300 children took part in the Summer Reading Challenge this year and Plymouth Library Service are keen to build on this success to keep children visiting libraries and reading for pleasure. The 'Findalots Library Challenge' will launch in all Plymouth libraries during National Libraries Week (8 to 13 October). Aimed at 4 to 11-year-olds, all children who sign up will receive a special Findalots library card and an activity journal. Each month they will be encouraged to read and take part in activities that aim to show off the full library offer. They will need to visit the library every month to collect stickers and other prizes for taking part. Children can sign up for the challenge from Monday 8 October at any Plymouth Library.



A big thank you to everyone who supported the recent Book Fair. I'm very pleased to tell you that we managed to raise £449.00 through book sales during the week. This means that the school will receive £179.00 of free books for our library. A big well done to the competition winners who were drawn on each day of the fair: Ellie Mercer (Puffins), Harriet French (Blackbirds), Fabien Coley (Woodpeckers), Jessica Tilley (Barn Owls) and Josh Windspear (Woodpeckers)

## Piano/Keyboard Lessons with Mrs Carr

Mrs Carr, our music teacher who visits the school weekly, currently has a couple of spaces available for piano or keyboard lessons at Glen Park. If you are interested, please contact the reception desk for a letter.



## Update from the Friends of Glen Park

The Friends of Glen Park will be holding their AGM meeting on Thursday 18th October at 3.30pm in Little Buddies. This is a great opportunity for parents to get involved in the fantastic fund raising work that the group do for the children across the school.

## Coffee morning and afternoon

The Friends will be holding a coffee afternoon on Friday 12th October at 2pm in the Buddies Bungalow and a coffee morning on Monday 15th at 9am in the same venue. They would love to welcome any parents who are interested in finding out more about the work that they do. Just turn up to find out more!

## Fundraising update

We were delighted to hear this week that the friends have received a further £1000 match funding from Mrs Beer who works at the HSBC and who supported the summer fair. The final total raised through the Marathon Day held in the summer term was £1155, a fantastic amount! A big thank you to everyone who supported the event.

## Christmas Dates

I know its only October but.....



**Friday 7th December** - Friends of Glen Park Christmas Fair

**Friday 14th December** - Phase 2 (Y2-Y4) Christmas performances (9.30am & 1.45pm)

**Monday 17th December** - Phase 2 Christmas performance (9.30am) & Phase 1 (EYFS & Y1) performance (2pm)

**Tuesday 18th December** - Phase 1 Christmas performances (9.30am & 2pm) & Phase 2 performance (10.30am)

**Wednesday 19th December** - Carol service at St Marys Church (10am)

**Thursday 20th December** - Children's Christmas lunch

**Thursday 20th & Friday 21st December** - Friends Secret Santa

Further details about the events will be provided nearer to the time.

## Learner of the Week Awards

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



**Year 1 Chaffinches – Joshua Swiggs** (For amazing improvement in Read, Write Inc. Keep it up!)

**Year 1 Sparrows – Jenson Brewer** (For always having a fantastic attitude to learning and a smile on his face!)

**Year 2 Skylarks – Lucy Diamond** (For her quiet 'do my very best' approach in every lesson, with great results!)

**Year 2 Swallows – Onur Cetinkaya** (For his fantastic perseverance in literacy and for writing a great letter)

**Year 3 Blackbirds – Jude Dorrall** (For showing great perseverance in numeracy and always having a go at any task put before him)

**Year 3 Nightingales – Jessica Julian** (For her brilliant enthusiasm and effort even when she is faced with a challenge!)

**Year 4 Kingfishers – Emily Rawlins** (For her enthusiastic and attentive approach to all activities. A great start to Year4!)

**Year 4 Woodpeckers – Ava Parry** (For her hard work in literacy when using fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases)

**Year 5 Puffins – Tyler Howe** (For working extremely hard to produce a super story and quietly and conscientiously doing his best)

**Year 5 Kittiwakes – Emillie Butler** (For writing a fantastic version of 'Buffalo Nation', using all of the grammar skills we have learnt)

**Year 6 Buzzards – Finley Dorrall** (For showing his continued enthusiasm to learn and sharing his clear understanding in grammar)

**Year 6 Barn Owls – Alfie Collins** (For developing a really positive attitude towards his learning and being a great help in the dining hall)

## Dates for the diary—Autumn Term



**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October** – Tempest Individual photographs

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – Y6 Residential visit to Hindhead

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October** – Half Term

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October & Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Parents Evening

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Y4 visit to the Eden project

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November** – Fire Brigade talk for Year 2 and Year 5

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November** - Friends Foundation & KS1 Disco

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Flu Vaccinations (Foundation – Year 5)

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November** - Friends KS2 Disco

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Foundation stage visit to Pennywell Farm

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**—Last day of term 2

## Individual School Photographs



A reminder that Tempest Photography will be visiting the school on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October to take individual photographs. If you wish to have your child's photograph taken with a younger pre-school sibling, please come to the drama hall from 8.30am on the morning.

Siblings in school will have their photograph taken together during the school day. If you have any questions please contact the school office.