



Newsletter



British Red Cross

'If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive' - Mother Teresa

Latest News

Welcome Back

We trust you all had a pleasant and dry break...! Welcome back to a fun filled and busy term as we build up towards Christmas! We have mufti days, Christmas fairs, Christmas Clothing Days, Carol Mornings, Greek Days, sports events, craft workshops and 10richment weeks all to look forward to.

Value—Autumn 2—FORGIVENESS

Continuing our focus on the school values, this half term, in the lead up to Christmas, we will be focusing our attention on the value of **Forgiveness**. We will continue to focus on this value in our weekly whole school assemblies, our weekly 'circle times' and it will be discussed within the PSHE curriculum across the school. We will continue to encourage children to show their understanding of this value and offer strategies to help them be more understanding at times when showing **forgiveness** is more challenging, such as break and lunchtimes. Once again, the more our work can be reinforced at home, the better. Please find time for further 'home talks' about our values and share your experiences and perspectives on this value, the importance of it and how difficult it can be at times.

10richment Week (4) - Remembrance Week

Coinciding with the lead up to Remembrance Day next weekend, we will be engaging in a number of activities through the week at GJS. We also welcome back Will from ChickenWired who will be running wire sculpture workshops across the school and available after school on Thursday to speak to parents and even share some of his work and packs that will be for sale (with Christmas around the corner). He will be based in the school Art Studio from Monday through to Thursday. Contributions towards this workshop can be paid via Arbor, under the Trips option. We also have poppies and other RBL merchandise available in the school office. We do ask that a donation of 'at least' 20p is given for a poppy with the other pieces of merchandise being sold for £1. The items will be available until **next Friday (10th)**.

Bikeability

Over the past couple of weeks, the Year 6 pupils have taken part in Bikeability. The children learned vital cycling safety skills linked to riding responsibly and how to share the road with other vehicles. We were very proud of their resilience as they rode in all weather conditions, and the responsible and respectful way they behaved in our local area. It is great to know that another generation of young people will be safe on our roads!

Anti Bullying St☆rs

Having met with Mr Samson today, the Anti Bullying St☆rs have reviewed the AB child friendly policy and have reviewed the school charter which is intended to be adhered to by all members of the school community. They can both be found on the school website [here](#). The national Anti Bullying Week takes place from **Monday 13th November** and this will be when the AB Stars run an assembly, launch our annual poster competition and the children will complete our annual anti bullying school survey. The outcomes of which will be shared with parents and uploaded to our website.



House Points

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| Neptune | 1293 |
| Jupiter | 861 |
| Saturn | 793 |
| Mars | 706 |



Safeguarding
Safeguard Lead is:
Mr Samson—HT

Our Deputy Designated Safeguard Leads are:
Mr Maclver- Deputy HT
Mrs Wilkinson—SEnCo
Mrs Munz—Bursar
Mrs Kirby—HSLW

PTA News

We hope you all had a wonderful half term. Only seven weeks now until Christmas and only five weeks until our Christmas fair. This year we hope to be outside under marquees so we are keeping our fingers crossed on the weather. Save the date—Friday 8th December 4.30pm to 7.30pm!

Mufti days for fair donations are as follows:

Friday 17th November—Bottle Tombola

Friday 24th November—Jolly Jam Jars

Friday 2nd December—Xmas Hamper Donations (more details will follow on this)

As always we will need help setting up and running the stalls so please do get in contact with your Class Rep or a member of the PTA to get involved.



School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3AR – Oli W
3EC – George
4JA – Lotta
4RH – Kaitlin
5SD – Ruby
5NM – Emelia
6EM – David
6TA – Millie



Attendance Winners: 3AR – 98%



RESILIENCE Values Champions

3AR – Dylan D
3EC – Lily-Rose
4JA – Leighton
4RH – Reuben
5SD – Archie
5NM – Alfie
6EM – Neera
6TA – Naomi



Summer Anti Bullying Stars Champions: 6TA

Sports News

Cross Country Run @ Glebelands School

Thank you to all the children who have signed up for the Glebelands Cross Country event that is returning this year. It has been confirmed but will be the afternoon of Saturday 18th November.

The year 3/4 event is approximately 800m with the Year 5/6 event approximately 1.5km. Children will need to wear their PE kits but it is suggested that, at this time of the year, they wear an underlayer under their t-shirt and footwear that will be appropriate for uneven and possibly 'boggy' conditions. More details on the exact timings will be going home after half term.



Diary Dates

Autumn 2023

November

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| 6th–10th: | 10R—Remembrance Week |
| 7th: | Y6 Science @ Charterhouse |
| 7th: | Y5 Swimming |
| 13th: | Y4 Greek Day |
| 14th: | Y6 Science @ Charterhouse |
| 14th: | Y5 Swimming |
| 14th: | Parent-Teacher Meetings (late) |
| 16th: | Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early) |
| 21st: | Y6 Science @ Charterhouse |
| 21st: | Y5 Swimming |
| 22nd: | Y6 Born Free Event |
| 28th: | Y6 Science @ Charterhouse |
| 28th: | Y5 Swimming |
| 28th-1st: | Y4 Bikeability |
| December | |
| 4th–8th: | 10R—Human Rights Week |
| 8th: | PTA Christmas Fair |
| 11th: | Y3 Carol Morning |
| 12th: | Y4 Carol Morning |
| 13th: | Y5 Carol Morning |
| 14th: | Y6 Carol Morning |



Inset Days 2023/24

~~Friday 1st September 2023~~
~~Monday 30th October 2023~~
Friday 9th February 2024
Monday 15th April 2024
Friday 24th May 2024