



Newsletter



"Life is about our growth, not our trophies" - Bear Grylls

Latest News



Year 3 Extended Healthy Week!

Year 3 would like to say a HUGE thank you to Nicola Devine for the healthy living dance workshop that she ran with children this morning. Children left the session with a fantastic understanding of how to lead healthy lives, what to fill their body with and how important physical activity is to keep our minds and bodies in tip top condition! Children enjoyed a number of games and even had a chance to learn some choreography! All children left the session with a big, bright smile on their (red) faces!

Disabled Parking

Please can we remind parents not to use the disabled parking spaces at the bottom of Hallam Road, even for a few minutes or after clubs, unless they are a disabled badge holder. These spaces are used regularly by local families who are finding it increasingly difficult to park there when needed. Thank you.

School Council

The School Council met with Mr Samson for the first time this year today to come up with the GJS 'High 5' priorities for the year. The group spoke with great maturity and respect for one another. Improving the benches in the playgrounds, the play equipment, the outside wall space and adopting the British Red Cross as the GJS charity for the year, were all voted for by the School Council in a very productive session. This means our 'Christmas Clothing' day on **Friday 15th December** will be in aid of the British Red Cross and the children will be thinking hard about what fundraising events we can run in the spring and summer term, watch this space!

Homework Club

This is just a reminder that a 'drop in' Homework Club takes place on Tuesday lunchtimes in 6EM for any child who wishes a conducive space to complete any outstanding homework. Mrs Wilkinson is on duty from 12.35pm and there are school Chrome Books and laptops available for the children to use. Anything from TT Rock Stars to subject projects can be done at this time, the children just have to turn up!

NSPCC Workshop

Year 5 and Year 6 were visited by Liz from the NSPCC on Friday. She sensitively talked to the children about different forms of abuse and their rights. All of the children showed wonderful levels of maturity and empathy throughout the session and Liz said that the children were some of the best she had ever spoken to. Feel free to enjoy the Childline website with your child - the toolbox has lots of great games and art activities. <https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/>

Parent Visit

Year 6 would like to thank Mrs Sidhpura for visiting them in their RE lesson this week. Mrs Sidhpura talked about Hinduism and answered lots of their excellent questions. We are so grateful when parents come and enrich the curriculum with their specialisms. If you have a specialism that your child's class or year group may enjoy, do get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Year 5 Trip to Tilford Mosque

Year 5 had a fantastic experience yesterday - we went to a mosque in Tilford. Aligned to our learning about Islam this term we were treated to a tour of the beautiful and fascinating mosque and then there was a Q&A session with a couple of the trainee Imams there. They were full of interesting facts about Islam and Islamic practice and the children had a huge number of questions (which is always a good sign!) We hope that your children came home with interesting things to tell you about the trip - it was an excellent morning.



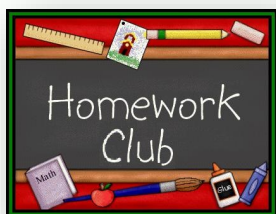
Happy Half Term

We would like to wish everyone a relaxing half term break and look forward to seeing you all again on **Tuesday 31st October** after our next **INSET day on the 30th**.



House Points

Saturn	9707
Mars	9406
Neptune	8878
Jupiter	8298



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

School Disco

Thanks to all those who attended and helped out at the school disco this week. A cracking time was had by all children and we saw some tremendous dance moves.

8th December—School Christmas Fair



School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3AR – Olivia
 3EC – Chantele
 4JA – Niko
 4RH – Evie
 5SD – Grace
 5NM – Thea
 6EM – Ophelia
 6TA – Naomi



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 underlay 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

October	
23rd-27th:	HALF TERM
30th:	INSET DAY
31st:	Y6 Science @ Charterhouse
31st-3rd:	Y6 Bikeability
November	
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
28th:	Y6 Science @ Charterhouse
28th:	Y5 Swimming
28th-1st:	Y4 Bikeability



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