



Glasshouses Community Primary School

Learning Together, Achieving Together, Respecting Each Other

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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff, Volunteers and Friends of the School

The end of another busy week at Glasshouses with the 'C' (Christmas) word coming into more prominent focus as thoughts turn towards preparations for, amongst other things, the Christmas Fair...only two weeks away today and the big day itself, only 33 days away...

This week is **Road Safety Week** and today, we were lucky enough to have another inspirational visit from Lauren Doherty during our afternoon assembly.



Road Safety Talks by Lauren Doherty BCAV

- Winner of the Yorkshire Choice Awards 'Volunteer of the Year' April 2019
- Winner of the SIA Rebuilding Lives 'Members Choice' Award July 2019

Road Safety Talks is a registered Charity with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. Registered Charity Number 1184336

Many of you will have heard about Lauren from her previous visits to school but for those of you who don't, Lauren's story, in her own words, is as follows:

In August 2008 at about 4am, after being out with a group of friends, I set off walking back home. I don't know what made me cross the road at the wrong time, but I crossed without looking and I was hit by a van. I am now completely paralysed and need two full time carers to do everything. My accident didn't only have an impact on me; it has had a massive impact on my family and also the driver. My hope is that by sharing the reality of what can happen if you don't take care when crossing the road; it will in a small way help reduce the number of accidents on the roads.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Nicola Thornber
Headteacher

CLASS NEWS

CLASS 1	<p>Class 1 have really enjoyed starting our topic about the Polar regions. We have used maps and globes to locate the North Pole and the South Pole. We have also been learning about which animals live in which polar region.</p>
CLASS 2	<p>The children have worked very hard on their shape poems this week and have been able to include details such as metaphors, similes and more, to really help 'paint a picture' in the mind of the reader. The poems were based on the peregrine falcon the children had the chance to hold when we were visited by the falconer in school. We're excited that we are going to be spending time each week looking at poems and now every child has a poetry journal that will be going home with them every weekend.</p> <p>We've been exploring division in maths and applying our knowledge in class using various different representations, which helps the children deepen their understanding.</p>
CLASS 3	<p>This week Class 3 have done lots of wonderful, different things. Our poem of the week was 'The Highway Man' by Alfred Noyes. The children also celebrated the 30th anniversary of the UN's Rights of the Child. See our celebration photo below.</p> 

We have recently piloted a new initiative in conjunction with Sunflowers Day Nursery. On Tuesdays, Mrs Cryer will visit Sunflowers (in Pateley Bridge) as part of our new transition process. She has agreed with Sunflowers to carry out these transition visits with the 2020 reception children every week from now until Easter, when the children will then start visiting the school. This week was the second of these visits and Mrs Cryer made Cloud Dough with the children, which was a huge success with both the children and adults alike! We are the only school in the area to offer this service.





Special Recognition Awards



CHAMPS of the Week

Class 1 - Heath

Class 2 - George

Class 3 - Reuben

Star of the Week

Class 1 - Ollie

Class 2 - Alexis

Class 3 - Jack

Maths Maestro of the Week

Class 1 - Tom

Class 2 - Emily

Class 3 - Max

Reading Champion of the Week

Class 1 - Harry

Class 2 - Jack

Class 3 - Scarlet

Writing Whizz of the Week

Class 1 - Eleanor

Class 2 - Imy

Class 3 – Lily K

Sports Star of the Week

Class 1 - Charlie

Class 2 - Daniel

Class 3 - Rebecca

Attendance

Our whole school target is set at **98%**.

PLATINUM 100%	GOLD 97% ⁺	GREEN 95-96%	AMBER 90-94%	RED Below 90%
		Class 2 – 95.2%	Whole School – 92.8% Class 3 – 94.3%	Class 1 – 86.2%

Winning Class this week with 95.2% is Class 2.

NB, in order to qualify for a Dress-down Monday, the winning class must have achieved Gold attendance with at least 97%.

Attendance results are announced during assembly on a Friday afternoon.



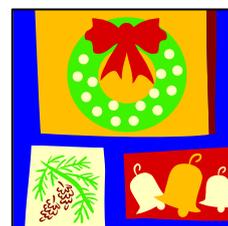
Please see the website for the whole year diary. Below is the diary for the current term.

AUTUMN TERM (2 September – 20 December)	
2nd HALF TERM (4 November – 20 December)	SWIMMERS: Mr Caswell's Class (every Wednesday) 6 November – 18 December inclusive (7 weeks)
11 – 15 November	Anti-Bullying Week
18 – 22 November	World Nursery Rhyme Week
18 – 24 November	Road Safety Week
20 November	3:00pm (PARENTS) Coffee & Chat with the Head
22 November	2:00pm Road Safety Assembly with Lauren Doherty (Whole School)
26 November	1:00-3:00pm KS1 Inter-Schools Football Festival, Glasshouses CC
29 November	PTFA funded trip to Stump Cross Caverns (Whole School)
6 December	3:30-5:00pm Christmas Fair - PTFA Event
11 December	10am Nativity Play for the Community and School
11 December	Bag2School Collection (by 9:00am)
12 December	9:30am & 2:30pm Nativity Play for Parents
13 December	3:30-5:30pm Christmas Film Night (pyjamas & hot chocolate) - PTFA Event
19 December	2:00pm The Selfish Giant (Riding Lights Theatre Company performance)
20 December	7:00pm Carols on the Green (mince pies & mulled wine at Broadbelt Hall after)
20 December	Winter Walk (weather permitting) 2:30 School Closes for Christmas



Glasshouses PTFA Christmas Fair

6th December 2019
3:30-5pm



There will be gift stalls, bottle stalls, an exciting children's tombola, a pop-up café for cakes/coffees/teas and mulled wine galore, and the much anticipated Christmas Raffle and more!

Come along and enjoy the beginning of the festive season with us, get a few gifts, and have fun raising some money for the school and the pupils' benefit. All welcome!

To help us make the event extra special, we are accepting donations to help boost our raffle and tombola prizes and to help stock our stalls. We would welcome donations of toiletries, bottles, small toys, cakes, sweeties, mince pies or anything that you would like to receive in a luxury hamper (who doesn't like a bit of stilton, a Xmas pud or a nice sherry at this time of year?)

Please could we ask that any donations reach us at school by Friday 29th November (although we will gratefully receive items right up to the day before if this date comes and goes before you realise!)

Thank you for all of your support and donations!

SAFEGUARDING

Just a reminder about the morning routines:

8:45am – All Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants will be out in the playground. They are available for a quick chat but they are very busy at this time and their main concern will be to bring the children safely in to school. If you need to speak to the teacher privately, please arrange a meeting at this point.

Please do not share information about collection arrangements, illness, ETC, with the teaching staff – instead, please contact the Office. Tania will take responsibility for letting the relevant staff member(s) know.

8:55am – The children line up in Class lines to be taken into school.

NB - Anyone arriving after 8:55am needs to report to the office and be signed in as late in the register by the accompanying parent/carer.

ABSENCE – **must be reported by telephone or in person before 9:30am**. If you leave a message on the answer phone, please state your name, your child's name, the reason for their absence e.g. they have been sick, they have tonsillitis, they have a hospital appointment, etc (*not just that they are 'ill', 'won't be in today', etc*) and when you expect them to return to school. If you are unsure, you must telephone each day that your child is going to be absent.

Please do use email to report absence as emails are not always picked up early enough and can result in unnecessary telephone calls, etc.