



Glasshouses Community Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter

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

I know I always say this, but I cannot believe it is half-term already. We have done so much this half-term; it is hard to say what has been the highlight...but I think it's probably how the children have continued to amaze me with their demonstration of the **CHAMPS** values and the **Growth Mindset** characteristics. This half-term we have focussed on '**C**' - making the right choices and learning about Resilience. I have been really impressed with the feedback from parents...It is great to hear of the children demonstrating this at home too.

Next half-term we are focussing on '**H**' – **Honesty** and the '**Growth Mindset**' characteristic of '**Charlie Challenge**'.

It was great to see so many of you at Parents Evening on Tuesday. The feedback I have received so far about the interim progress report card has been very positive. The interim report card was introduced following your feedback that you wanted more information about how your children was doing at school. You will now receive the usual end-of-year large report and two interim reports, which will be given out at the two Parents Evening sessions. In addition to this, you can always make an appointment with the Class Teacher at any point during the year.

Every term, I like to conduct pupil voice and parent voice questionnaires. The pupil voice questionnaire is one of the most valuable pieces of data I collect as it helps me find out what the children like and what they would like to improve...they are the best people for ideas 😊 I have attached the outcome for you.

The parent questionnaires will be collated and shared after half-term.

Thank you for your ongoing support for the school. I hope you all have a great holiday!

Nicola and Team

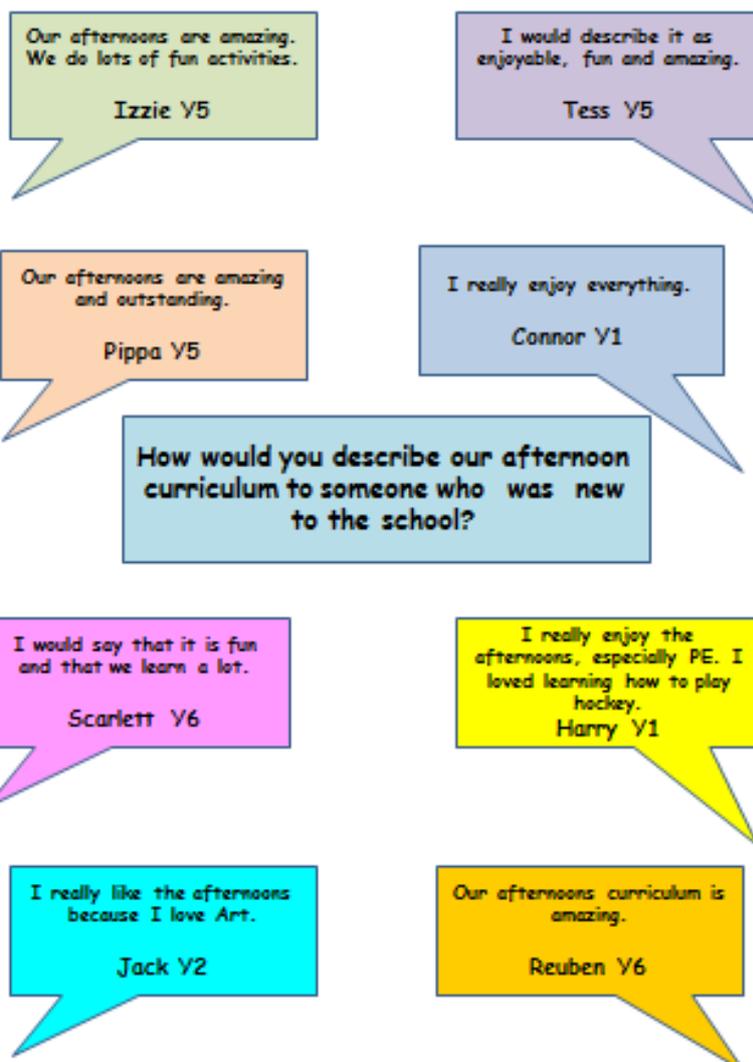
We recently asked for our pupil's opinions on our curriculum. As a Rights Respecting School we value pupil voice.

Article 12

Respect for the views of the child

Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and have their views considered and taken seriously.

- 91% of the returned questionnaires were positive. The other 9% did not make a comment in this box. No negative comments were made when asked about enjoyment of the curriculum.
- Monday afternoon Creative Arts is a particular favourite with comments such as 'It gives us a chance to be creative and express ourselves.'
- STEM was also very popular. One student said 'STEM is really fun and good for challenging yourself.'
- Health and Wellbeing on a Tuesday afternoon was also popular. "I like Health and Well-being because it teaches you how to keep your mind healthy."
- Children enjoyed topic work, which has been mainly Geography this half-term. "Topic work is good because you learn about the world and you learn how to use location devices and grid references."



CLASS NEWS

CLASS 1	<p>Class 1 has had a fantastic week learning all about the Hindu festival of Diwali. We have been learning about the story of Rama and Sita. We have also had a go at making Rangoli patterns from chalk and from coloured rice. We have also been learning about traditions and special rituals to do with Diwali.</p>
CLASS 2	<p>What a fun final week we've had working in mixed-age groups on a Newsround-style report about the local habitats. This really showcased our learning from this half term and I couldn't be more proud of Class 2! The children all persevered and challenged themselves by learning new presentation skills and working cooperatively together. The final reports were fun and informative.</p> <p>I'm looking forward to next half term which we will kick-start with a visit from a falconer, which will help inspire us with our new fiction writing focus.</p>
CLASS 3	<p>I can hardly believe it is the end of half-term already. The children have made a fantastic start to the new year and have worked incredibly hard in their Maths, English and our new afternoon curriculum. After half-term, we will be studying rocks and fossils – a really scientific learning adventure to sink our teeth into!</p> <p>Have a fab half-term week.</p>

Pupil Leadership Team News

Sports Leaders

A massive congratulations to everyone for collecting over 300 stickers for Aldi's Get Set to Eat Fresh project. We have won some new sports equipment and also have a chance of winning £20,000. Thank you for all your contributions and let's hope we win that prize money!





Special Recognition Awards



CHAMPS of the Week

Class 1 - Eleanor

Class 2 - Josephine

Class 3 - Izzie

Star of the Week

Class 1 - Marley

Class 2 - Oliver

Class 3 - Reuben

Maths Maestro of the Week

Class 1 - John

Class 2 - Thom

Class 3 - Ewan

Reading Champion of the Week

Class 1 - Charlie

Class 2 - Harry

Class 3 - Scarlet

Writing Whizz of the Week

Class 1 - Ollie

Class 2 - Leo

Class 3 – Tess

Sport Star of the Week

Class 1 - Darcie

Class 2 - Seb

Class 3 - Olli

Hot Chocolate with the Head

Aura, Emily and Reuben

Attendance

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

PLATINUM 100%	GOLD 97%+	GREEN 95-96%	AMBER 90-94%	RED Below 90%
	Class 2 – 99.1%	Whole School – 94.7% Class 1 – 96.9%		Class 3 – 88.6%

Winning Class this week with **99.1%** 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%. **IMPORTANT NOTE: On dress-down days, clothing must still be appropriate for the school environment; no crop tops, short skirts, etc**

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)
4 November	School starts – all children to be in school by 8:55am
8 November	10:30am Remembrance Service (School Hall) – all welcome
9 November	1-3pm Nearly New Sale at Memorial Hall, Pateley Bridge – PTFA Event
12 November	1:30pm-3:30pm District Grand Final (swimming) – the Hydro
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)
6 December	3:30-5:30pm Christmas Fair - PTFA Event
11 December	10am Nativity Play for the Community and School
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

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.***

PTFA UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who supported the Halloween disco, we raised just over £200, and a spooktacular time was had by all! We are looking forward to the Christmas film night already.

We recently received a very generous grant of £250 from the Mayors Fund, which we are delighted to say will be spent on fundraising equipment over the next year. We have already purchased a more robust Bluetooth party speaker for school events and plan to spend the rest on some giant garden games for the next summer BBQ and possibly a bingo machine.....

We have also been asked to fund a whole school bird of prey experience at a cost of £205, which we have all agreed is an excellent use of funds.

Our next fundraising event is the baby and children's nearly new sale at Pateley Bridge Memorial Hall, on Saturday November 9th, from 1-3pm.

Please have a look over half term for anything you can donate to our stall, or if you find you've loads of great stuff to sell, book a stall with Lisa (ljley@yahoo.com) for £10.

We ask that donations be brought to school office on Friday 8th November. Just one or two small things from each family that we could sell for at least 50p, could potentially help us raise £60 on our stall, so all donations, no matter how small, will be very gratefully received!

If you don't have anything to donate and still want to support us, we are also looking for cakes and biscuits for the refreshments stall. These do not have to be homemade! Again, please hand any goodies into the office on the 8th. Finally, please come along on the day and grab a bargain. (Entry £1)