



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



Thank you to everyone who supported the MacMillan Coffee Morning today. The Fundraising Pupil Leadership Team enjoyed organising this and serving you. We raised **£64.85** through cakes sales and donations. Thank you for your generosity.

In school we work hard to encourage our children to have a growth mindset and do this through our Growth Mindset characters. This half term we are focussing on Perseverance. If you ask the children they will tell you that this is my favourite character. The children always amaze me with how they take on the characteristics and display it.

I was really impressed on Thursday when I carried out my learning walk across school and I heard a Year 5 child talking to their peers about resilience and perseverance and encouraging them to not give up! Amazing Glasshouses children!

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Miss Nicola Thornber

Headteacher



COLLECTION FOR THE HARROGATE FOODBANK

We will be making a collection for Harrogate Foodbank as part of our Harvest celebrations.

The items they are particularly short of are as follows:

- ❖ Long life juice
- ❖ Pasta Sauce
- ❖ Toiletries
- ❖ Washing up liquid
- ❖ Chocolate
- ❖ Sugar
- ❖ Tinned Sponge Puddings



**Feeding the
Community**

If you would like to make a donation, please send it into school next week.

CLASS NEWS

CLASS 1

Class 1 have had another fantastic week.

We made a really healthy vegetable soup this week, and we really enjoyed eating it. We continued the vegetable theme by using a variety of vegetables to print pictures.

In Geography, we have been learning the names of the seven continents and five oceans.

We encourage children to become independent as soon as they start in Reception. We would therefore ask that you leave your child with the Teacher/T.A. at the Class 1 entrance and do not bring them into the school building yourself. It is a safeguarding requirement that all visitors to school are signed in at the Office and given a visitors pass, so parents are not permitted into the classroom without following this procedure.

CLASS 2



We've been busy this week writing our magazine articles and the children have worked so hard on them! Y3/4 children have been adding lots of detail by using expanded noun phrases while the Y2 children have focused on making sure they use capital letters and full stops. The children have all learnt a lot about the habitats we explored on our field trip and have included many of these facts in their articles in a fun and engaging way, just like real children's magazines!

In maths we have started to move onto addition and subtraction using formal written methods and we will continue to learn about these in more detail next week.

CLASS 3

Despite the four-day week, we have achieved so much!

The children have developed their reasoning, investigating patterns when rounding decimals. We have also begun our weekly arithmetic to really secure the mental calculations.

In literacy, Class 3 have drafted and formed a local wildlife magazine article. We are going to be doing our final piece on Monday – creating a book full of wonderful pieces of writing.

Shown below is a photo of our recent STEM session, where we have studied levers and pulleys, ready to design our own futuristic farm machinery for the 2019 Farmvention competition.





Special Recognition Awards



CHAMPS of the Week

Class 1 - Tom

Class 2 - Leo

Class 3 - Ryan

Star of the Week

Class 1 - Aura

Class 2 - Imy

Class 3 - Georgia

Maths Maestro of the Week

Class 1 - Liam

Class 2 - Teddy

Class 3 - Max

Reading Champion of the Week

Class 1 - Alice

Class 2 - Layla

Class 3 - Reuben

Writing Whizz of the Week

Class 1 - Isla

Class 2 - Thom and Peter

Class 3 - Lily K

Sports Star of the Week

Class 1 - John

Class 2 - Bob

Class 3 - Rebecca

Hot Chocolate with the Head



Pupil Leadership Team News

Fundraising Team	This week we held a Coffee Morning to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support. A big thank you to parents for baking cakes and raising awareness for MacMillan. We enjoyed the cakes, buns, etc and hope to do another one next year.
Sports Leaders	This week we talked about the PE Board and PE lessons and how to make them better.
Eco Team	The Eco Team talked about the Green Flag and Green Schools awards. We are trying to reach the next Eco award.
Health & Safety Team	This week, the Health & Safety Team have planned World Mental Health Day. It will be taking place on Thursday 10 th October this year.
Digital Leadership Team	This week we discussed the idea of doing a PowerPoint presentation on E-safety for the whole school and we went through the book 'Goldilocks, A Hashtag Cautionary Tale', which is a book about thinking very carefully about what you post on social media.



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

AUTUMN TERM (2 September – 20 December)	
1ST HALF TERM (2 September – 25 October)	SWIMMERS: Mr Caswell's Class (every Wednesday) 4 September - 23 October inclusive (8 weeks)
3 October	National Poetry Day
3 October	3:00-3:30pm (PARENTS) Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar Workshop with Mrs Wilkinson
4 October	2:45pm Harvest Assembly with Rev Mike & Food Bank Collection – all welcome
Date?	Years 5/6 Campfire and Sleepover TBC
9 October*	1:30pm Nidderdale Swimming Gala (Nidderdale Pool)
6 – 12 October	Fire Safety Week
11 October	1:00pm onwards – Flu Vaccinations/Screening (whole school)
18 October	3:30-5:30pm Halloween Disco - PTFA Event
22 October	3:00-6:30pm Parents Evening
25 October	School closes for half-term
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
11 November	Time? Remembrance Service TBC
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	9:00am Road Safety Assembly with Lauren Doherty (Whole School)
6 December	3:30-5:30pm Christmas Film Night (pyjamas & hot chocolate) - PTFA Event
11 December	10am Nativity Play for the Community and School
12 December	9:30am & 2:30pm Nativity Play for Parents
13 December	Time? PTFA Christmas Fair TBC
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

*NB, those not competing in the swimming gala on 9 October will not be swimming this week

Attendance

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

PLATINUM 100%	GOLD 97%⁺	GREEN 95-96%	AMBER 90-94%	RED Below 90%
Class 3 – 100%	Whole School – 99.1% Class 1 – 98.1% Class 2 – 98.9%			

Winning Class this week with **100%** is **Class 3**. It doesn't get better than that!!

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.

IMPORTANT NOTE: On dress-down days, clothing must still be appropriate for the school environment; no crop tops, short skirts, etc

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

We would like to begin with a great big thank you to all who supported our events in the summer term.

We are a newly formed band of 7 parents who were “winging it” a bit last term, but with your help and generosity we managed to raise almost £1000. Our aim is to at least double that total this year.

Our summer events were May Day, Summer Disco, Sports Day and the end of term BBQ. Considering the weather wasn't kind to us on two occasions we still managed to have a laugh and raise some cash.

We all remember what a washout May Day was, but the children bravely danced in the rain and had a great time throwing wet sponges at their teachers. Thank you Mr Thompson and Mr Caswell! Again, the rain came down on us for the BBQ and a lot of it was spent huddled together under Liz's village of gazebos. However, for those of you who attended, we hope you'll agree that because the company was good, the food was delicious and the drinks were flowing, a great night was had by all!

We are pleased to announce that most of the money raised so far will be given to school to fund class trips in the spring/summer terms.

Autumn term events will be a Halloween Disco, Children's Nearly New Sale, Christmas Film Night and of course, the Christmas Fair. Keep an eye on the school calendar for dates and times.

All families are invited to join the PTFA and any help or input is appreciated. Anyone wanting to help at an event or come along to a meeting (which are mostly in the pub), please get in touch with your details. If you have any fundraising ideas, please let us know.

We are:

John Lees/ Jack's dad everybodyknowsjohnjustspeaktohimintheplayground.com (no email yet!)

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