



Friday 23rd November 2023



AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,
The term is flying past, and the nights are getting dark at 4pm already!

WELCOMES

We have received lots of new pupils to our school this Autumn and hope you will join with us in giving them the warmest welcome and best wishes for their time with us at Glapton Academy.



Arslan, Blessing, Amanta, David, Alex, Timothy, Tessa, Fiona & Fabio

READING ROCKETEERS REMINDER



Don't forget to record your weekly reading in your child's partnership book. Please record in the book and pop on your initials for your younger children. Children in KS2 can sign off two of their reads and as long as their grown up signs off three more. Children can pop the total onto their weekly pages and each week 7 or more reads are recorded each 7 will be added to

a running total to collect tokens.

20 reads = 1 token and tokens can be collected to exchange for items in our bookshop.

THE BIG AMBITION

The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

It really is a chance for children to tell policy holders what they think is important before the general election.

Children aged 6 and over will be completing the survey in school

lessons. Please find a leaflet attached with a QR code to scan to take part and complete on behalf of any children aged 5 or younger.



INTERNET SAFETY ASSEMBLY



KS2 children were thrilled to welcome Lillian Greenwood MP and representatives from Google for an Internet Legends Assembly. During the assembly, the pupils took part in a fun, interactive learning journey where they had a set of tasks to solve a media literacy mystery. Lillian Greenwood MP helped to unveil a vital clue to solve a final challenge with the children.

Through cracking the code, they reminded themselves of the best ways to stay safe online.

Be Internet Legends focuses on five internet safety pillars:

- Being **Sharp** about what they share
- Being **Alert** to scams and phishing attacks
- Being **Secure** by creating strong passwords and looking after their personal information
- Being **Kind** to others online
- Being **Brave** by talking to trusted adults when they come across something they're not sure about.

DROP-INS & OTHER PARENT SESSIONS

Our first Drop-in event for our new reception pupils had the best turn out ever with someone visiting for virtually every child. Parents & Carers enjoyed watching their children in phonics and then joining in with them for lots of fun in the classroom afterwards. Look out for future dates in your child's partnership book or in class letters on the website and on Class Dojo.



We have also held a parent & carer phonics session, parent & carer reading information session and a SATS information session. All were really well attended which was hugely appreciated by the staff providing the sessions.

Elm, Birch, Hazel & Cherry have all enjoyed sharing their class assemblies with parents this term.

Look out for your child's assembly date in their partnership books.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



The children enjoyed a lovely assembly celebrating the harvest with Penny Carrier. Penny is the 'Children and Families Team Leader' for Clifton Parish and supports our school with lots of our Christian celebrations.

We were able to send a wonderful contribution of food to the Clifton Foodbank thanks to your generosity. We received a sincere letter of thanks from the foodbank and are passing those thanks directly back to you.

PARENTS/CARERS EVENING

We have held our first parent and carer evening for all our pupils from Saplings through to Y6.

We hope you found them really useful and informative.

If you didn't manage to attend staff will continue to try and make contact with you for either a face to face or telephone consultation.

We aim to have touched base with 100% of parents before the end of term.



ART CHALLENGE DAY



We came off timetable and held an 'Art Challenge Day' at the beginning of November.

Children had time to practise skills, be positive about art, and demonstrate resilience and perseverance whilst also having fun.

The children were inspired by the work of Piet Mondrian, Georgia O'Keeffe, John Everett Millais and art from The Saatchi Gallery.

THE BOY WHO CRIED WOLF



Lakeside Arts (University of Nottingham) are getting excited about their upcoming Christmas Show – The Boy Who Cried Wolf. This is a family theatre show, suitable for ages 3+, full of festivity, songs and a few baaarmy sheep!

They are also offering a family the chance to WIN tickets to the show...all you need to do is design your very own festive jumper and you could be in with a chance! Pop into Lakeside

Arts to pick up your colouring competition sheet or use the one attached to this letter. Get your little elves involved and let their creativity run wild! Just make sure to submit your masterpiece to lakeside-marketing@nottingham.ac.uk by Wednesday 6 December.



PRIME SOFT DRINK BOTTLES

From January 2024 PRIME bottles will not be permitted to use as water bottles.

They are hard to identify owners and are causing upset in classrooms.

Please make sure your child has an alternative bottle for 2024.

BEHAVIOUR & ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

The children worked hard to keep to all the school rules all day every day during this week and everyone who did just that will be invited to a big Thank-you club on Friday afternoon. Thank you for always making the right choices.

The Anti-Bullying theme this year was 'MAKE A NOISE!' We will make a noise to say 'NO' to any form of bullying. Our school slogan created by our own children is:

Stand Up
Stand Strong
Stand Together



The children carried out teamwork challenges to really show their mutual respect for each other and had great fun at the same time.

FESTIVALS



Festivals we are looking at this term include Harvest, St Andrew's Day, Guru Nanak's Birthday and of course Christmas.

Y6 RESIDENTIAL

53 Y6 pupils have had a fantastic time on the Y6 residential at Willersley Castle. They have had a jam packed 3 days experiencing archery, climbing walls, obstacle courses, fencing, zip-wires, scavenger hunts, aero ball, long evening hikes and campfires. They had their energy levels topped up with fantastic food and loved the experience with their friends.



Massive thanks to Mrs Oliver, Mr Payne, Mrs Ralph, Miss Shenton and Mrs Webster for looking after them all so well.

CHILDREN IN NEED



Thanks to your Spotacular children and your generosity £277 was raised for children in Need this year. Your money goes directly to the charity and will be used to support initiatives and resources to help families to flourish in their local communities.

THANK YOU GLAPTON FAMILIES!

Children showed off their costumes in our celebration assembly with lots of them having the opportunity to have a dip in Mrs Hurst's prize tub for being Chance Card or Marvellous Manners winners. Harrison is showing off his prize and his Pudsy Ears in our recently re-opened library (after the flood)



STORM BABEL RECOVERY



After the terrible flood on October 20th the Trust have supported us with lots of preventative measures for any possible future extreme weather incidents.

Industrial size humidifiers were put into place alongside water pumps. Work took place over the holidays including the replacement of areas of vinyl flooring & barrier matting and carpet tiles. Drains have been

pumped and unblocked across the whole site and new and extensive drainage gully's installed on playground and near to flooded classrooms.

So far so good!

OTHER TRIPS & VISITS THIS TERM.

| Year Group | Term 1 |
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| F2 | Police visit with squad car Autumn walk |
| Y1/2 | Farm Visit Christmas experience church visit |
| Y3/4 | Viking Day Dovedale River walk Christmas experience church visit |
| Y5 | Leicester Egyptian museum Clifton field trip Nottingham Trent University |
| Y6 | National Holocaust Centre Nottingham Trent University Church Visit Singing at the Clifton OAP home |



STAFF NEWS



Huge congratulations go to Mrs Warman who is expecting her first baby in the spring term.

Don't worry, she will still be helping to look after the school when we come back after Christmas.

Rick Holland is a new, experienced class teacher who will be taking up post and teaching Cherry Class after the Christmas holidays.

Miss Gibbons has decided to leave us and concentrate on her young family for a little while. We are currently recruiting a new teacher for Beech Class and will keep you informed when decisions are made.

SANTA CLAUS



Mrs Hurst has just been contacted by Santa Claus who has confirmed he WILL be visiting Glapton Academy this year. He will be in his grotto from 3.30pm to 4.45pm on TUESDAY 19th December!

Tea, coffee, mince pies, music and some Christmas stalls will be available to keep your grown-ups busy while you visit SANTA. We will send more information when Santa rings again.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Some Important dates for your diaries.



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| Y4 to Church Christmas Experience | 4 th December |
| Y1 to Church Christmas Experience | 6 th December |
| Y6 Choir to Clifton OAPs | 6 th December |
| KS2 Concert | 12 th & 14 th December 1.30pm for 2pm |
| EYFS F2 Nativity | 13 th December 1.30pm for 2pm |
| Saplings Christmas Sing along. | 14 th /15 th December 10.30am |
| KS1 Nativity | 15 th December 1.30pm for 2pm |
| Church Christmas Assembly at school | 18 th December |
| Christmas Parties pm | 18 th December |
| Christmas Jumper/Christmas Lunch Day | 19 th December |
| Santa & Stalls | 19 th December 3.30pm – 4.45pm |
| Maths Christmas Cracker Day | 20 th December |
| Thank you Club & Break up for Christmas | 20 th December |

School re-opens for children on **MONDAY January 8th 2024**. We will remind you again before we break-up for the holidays.

Yours sincerely,

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