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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mental Health & Wellbeing-Moving More (Article 24)



One of the most important things we can do to help protect our mental health is regular movement. Our bodies and our minds are connected, so looking after ourselves physically also helps us prevent problems with our mental health. Exercise releases “feel good” hormones that reduce feelings of stress and anger. It also helps us feel better about our bodies. It can improve our sleep too. If it involves other people, like being part of a team, a class or group we see regularly, that can also boost our mental health.

Despite these benefits, so many of us struggle to move enough. We know there are many different reasons for this, so this Mental Health Awareness Week we want to help people to find moments for movement in their daily routines. For further reading and tips, please visit: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/explore-mental-health/blogs/why-movement-mental-health-awareness-week>

Safeguarding- Minecraft (Article 19)

Minecraft is a very popular game where children explore an online world. They can use ‘building blocks’ to customise the world and create new parts to it. Minecraft can be a good way for children to be creative and try out new things, but there are some risks you should be aware of too.



- **Inappropriate content:** There may be violent content, or content that might not be age-appropriate for your child. For example, some users recreated the TV show ‘Squid Game’ (rated 15) in Minecraft, meaning other users could see its violent contents without watching the show
- **Contact:** Strangers might try to talk to your child. This could be harmless, but some adults could use platforms like Minecraft to try to make contact with children, build relationships with them and later cause them harm
- **In-game purchases:** Users can use ‘Minecoins’ to make purchases in the game. These are bought through the app store on the user’s device
- **Bullying and griefing:** ‘Griefing’ is where someone intentionally ruins the game for others.

Please see attached some useful information regarding its safe use.

Picture News (Articles 17 and 12)

Through the weekly Picture News assembly, children learn about our world, develop independence, resilience, respect and unlock their own drive and passion for learning. The weekly Picture News is shared on our website: <https://www.glade.redbridge.sch.uk/newspictures>

Please spend some time asking your child about what they have learnt and discussed during their Picture News session. Each week, there is a link to British Values and the UN rights of a child. In the story this week, children learnt that an all-girls football team has won a league dominated by boys’ teams, after going unbeaten for an entire season.

This week’s question asks children: ‘Is it fair to judge others based on first impressions?’



British Values

Democracy

We each have a voice that we can use to share our opinions and desires. It is important that we use our voice to stand up for the things we believe are important, as this can lead to meaningful change.

Protected Characteristics

People can be underestimated because of their sex. However, when given equal opportunity, we all have every chance of success.

Sex, Sexual Orientation, Age, Disability, Gender Reassignment, Marriage and Civil Partnership, Pregnancy and Maternity, Race, Religion or Belief

UN Rights of the Child

We have the right to be heard and taken seriously. When making choices on our behalf, adults must ensure that they listen to us and take our views seriously.

12 RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS

Article of the Week- Freedom of Association (Article 15)

Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights. Article 15 is about the right of association which is having the opportunity to gather with others for different purposes.



Year 3- Ancient Egyptians

Last week, children in Year 3 had an amazing day learning about Ancient Egyptians. They took part in a variety of activities in the morning, including embalming, designing canopic jars for the Pharaoh's organs, soap carving, hieroglyphic bookmarks on papyrus and much more. In the afternoon, there was a banquet and role play, where the Pharaoh made an announcement! Children looked brilliant in their Ancient Egyptian costumes.

The children learnt so much and were buzzing all day. We also had feedback from parents saying how excited their children were and how much they talked about it at home. Thank you to our parent volunteers who supported us throughout the day.



Learning Outside the Classroom- Gold Award

I am delighted to inform you that Glade Primary School has received national recognition for its commitment to taking learning outside the classroom (LOtC) and has been awarded the Gold LOtC Mark by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom.

Being awarded the Gold LOtC Mark is a fantastic achievement for all the staff here as it shows that we have really put in the work to ensure our children have access to vital opportunities to learn outside the classroom.

A special thank you to Ms Willers for her excellent leadership of Outdoor Learning and guiding the quality mark process.

Recorder Festival

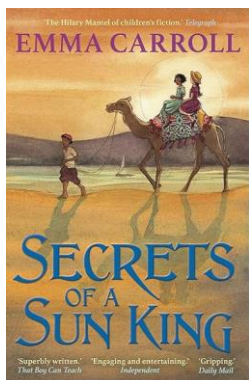
'Touch the Sky', and they certainly did that, was the solo piece played by our 9 recorder players at the Redbridge Music Service Recorder Festival at Sir James Hawkey Hall on Tuesday 21st May.

Well done to Aarav, Joshua, Leo, Theresa and Yaa in Y5 and Isaiah, Amalia, Anika and Maryam in Year 4 for your hard work in learning your pieces and performing beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Robinson for practising and preparing and children for the festival.



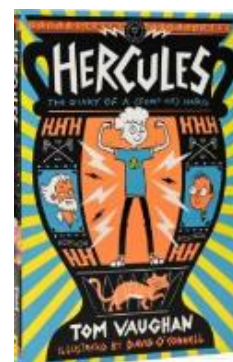
Book Recommendations

As children (and some parents) have requested book recommendations, each week, one class teacher and a child from the same class will suggest books that they have enjoyed.



Mr Miah 3A- 'Secrets of a Sun King' is perfect as it combines the excitement of an adventure story with fascinating historical elements about ancient Egypt. It's written in a way that is engaging and accessible for all readers, with themes of courage, friendship and perseverance that are relatable and inspiring for everyone. Plus, it provides a wonderful opportunity to learn about ancient civilisations in a fun and engaging way.

George 3A- Hercules - The Diary of a (Sort Of) Hero by Tom Vaughan starts out with a boy who wants to be cool. Then, he has these super imaginative ideas that he wants to create. On his quest to be cool, he decides to fight a pond monster, catch a runaway cat and other things. When his birth dad turns up, he seems to be the real Zeus! I would recommend this story to anyone who liked Diary of a Wimpy Kid and is into Greek Mythology. I hope Mr Jonny Walker has read this book too.



What Is Going On At Glade?

School Council Visit to Palace of Westminster

Year 5 and 6 School Councillors had a brilliant day at the Palace of Westminster, where they received a guided tour of Parliament. They stood in the House of Lords and House of Commons and learnt about the roles of Lords/ Baroness and MPs and how laws are made.



It was a beautiful day- we ate our packed lunch sitting in Victoria Tower Gardens South.

It was a delight to visit central London. I was in awe of the historical buildings. Jayden 6B

It was amazing to see how politicians work in the House of Commons and House of Lords. Oliver 5J



It was inspiring to ask our desired questions. Mya 6JM



The last member of the Royal Family to lie in state in the hall above was Queen Elizabeth II in 2022.

I enjoyed creating 'The British Socialist Party' Jessica 6JM



We created our own political parties and presented to rest of the group. My party was called 'The Health Party'- Adam 6B



At the end of our visit, we met Apsana Begum- Labour MP for Poplar and Limehouse, who talked about her experience and how she became a Member of Parliament. She then answered questions asked by our School Councillors.

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Phonics and Early Reading

At Glade, we consistently work on promoting pupil voice (Article 12), as we know that children have the power to bring about crucial changes, thinking about what they want their future to be like. We make reading and phonics as interactive as possible.

Here are some photos to celebrate Early Reading and Phonics at Glade.



Reading outside is fun.

I like reading to the birds.



Sometimes we read to a reading buddy.



In Reception, we read 'The Gingerbread Man' and made our own Gingerbread Men. We had to make sure they didn't jump out of the window!

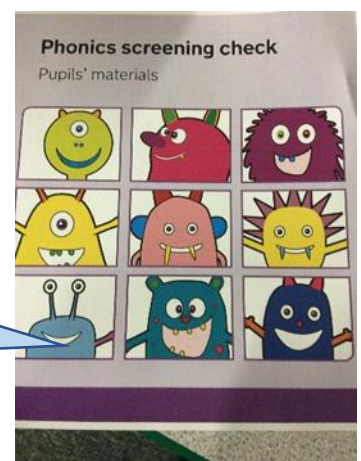


Last week EYFS took their English lessons outside. 'Can we do this again, Mr Ali?'



Last week, Year 1 took their English lessons outside. I know this (ow sound), it's in wow.

Year 1 and 2 have also been practising their alien words. Some of them are very funny!



Safe2Talk

Safe2Talk is a non-judgemental drop-in for anyone who has experienced sexual assault, harassment, or abuse particularly women and girls, but anyone is welcome.

Residents can speak one-on-one with a female police officer or other female professionals such as a domestic abuse advocate to get advice or support with their situation. The drop-in takes place once a month at the Fullwell Cross library (Barkingside IG6 2EA) between 2-6pm.

It is usually the last Monday of each month, but the next one will be on Wednesday 29th May (due to the bank holiday), please note though the main library will be closed for refurbishment but the service can still be accessed by the side entrance.



May Half Term Activities in Redbridge

Book now for events this May Half Term. There's lots on in Redbridge including:

🚲 Cycling

🏊 Water Sports Camps

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🎭 Theatre

...And much more!

Book now → <https://orlo.uk/zOHk0>



Steel Pans

There are a few spaces for participation in the KS2 steel pans club, which takes place on Mondays after school.

The cost is £7 a session, payable half termly (£5 for pupil premium children).

Anyone who is interested to email davida.robinson@glade.redbridge.sch.uk



Attendance (Article 28)

Pupils with good attendance are more likely to do well at school. When pupils miss school, even if the time period is very short, it can lead to gaps in their learning which might make future lessons more difficult for them.

Regular attendance helps pupils to feel part of the school community and enables them to develop good relationships with their peers and other members of the school community. This can have a positive impact on their wellbeing and help them to feel more settled in school.

Congratulations to **1M** for achieving their Attendance Matters- 17 days of 100% attendance. As their reward, they started the week with a non-uniform day!

Well done to **Years 5 and 6** for the highest attendance! Our whole school attendance target remains **96%**.

Year group	W/B 13.05.24
Nursery	81.15%
Reception	96.23%
Year 1	91.67%
Year 2	96.23%
Year 3	95.00%
Year 4	96.50%
Year 5	97.46%
Year 6	97.82%
Whole School	94.91%

Awards

Well done to the following children:

<u>Bronze Merit</u>	<u>Silver Merit</u>	<u>Gold Merit</u>	<u>Bronze Reading Rocket</u>	<u>Star Reader</u>	<u>Free Readers</u>
2M- Ava Rose and Dean	3A- Naila	1S- Lorenzo and Callum	1S- Zayn and Isa	1M- Abrish	4W- Ayaan 4M- Janna and Isaiah

Stars of the Week- Article 29



Stars of the Week	
Nursery AM- Hassan	Nursery PM- Emmett
RQ- Haniya	RM- Ahmed
1M- Afra	1S- Sophia
2R- Aliza	2M- Aren
3A- Millie. K	3S- Eesa
4W- Jack	4M- Alessia
5K- Areeba	5J- Ali
6JM- Paisley	6B - Chenaya

Writers of the Week- Article 29



Star Writers	
RQ- Omar	RM- Sarim
1M- Martin	1S- Phoenix
2R- Faaria	2M- Kyran
3A- Robyn	3S- Iqraa
4W- Maryam	4M- Isaiah
5K- Aiza	5J- Diyen
6JM- Nastia	6B - Petar

Mathematician of the Week- Article 29



Mathematician of the Week	
RQ- Ayman	RM- Everly
1M- Sophia	1S- Zidan
2R- Samuel	2M- Gracie-May
3A- Maryam. B	3S- Jinan
4W- Sofia. C	4M- Alessia
5K- Aadam	5J- Yaa
6JM- Paisley	6B - Youcef

Happy Half-Term Holidays



I wish you all a lovely half-term break. See you back at school on Monday 3rd June.

Yours Sincerely,

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Mrs F Hussain
Headteacher

