



Glendale Infant School

October 2024 Newsletter 2



Message from Mrs Hopkins...

We have had a busy first couple of months back at school, with children settling into their new classes and lots of learning going on, some of this new and some building on what they have previously learned.

We have introduced Year 2 Lunchtime Helpers, they will help to support Reception and Year 1 children in the dining hall. Our first few groups have done a fantastic job, from helping them to ensure they have everything they need to eat their lunch, to getting them out safely and sensibly to the playground.

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who took the time to complete the questionnaire at the end of the summer term. There was some very positive feedback and some useful/constructive comments to help us improve further. We will add the results to the school website.

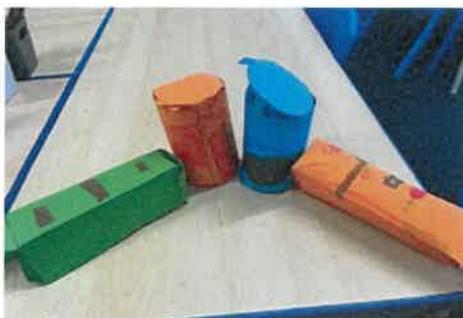
We have been growing our brains, learning about

Reception – the children have been thinking about what make them special, creating some wonderful art work, with a wide range of different media, to make representations of their faces, including looking at the art work created by Pablo Picasso. We have also been talking about our families and how some families can be different.

Reception will also be doing a 'weekly round up' on Tapestry.

Year 1 – we have been learning about our senses and our sense organs in Science. We had a visit from the guide dogs to help us understand the importance of sight. In Geography we have been on a local area walk so the children could learn about different types of houses and buildings in the area. Our PE sessions this term are gymnastics based in which we will be learning about specific gymnastic body shapes on the floor and then transferring them to the apparatus.

Year 2 – have explored the artwork of Andy Warhol and created their own artwork in the pop art style. We have also explored different food packaging designs and made our own biscuit packaging. We have enjoyed learning about how the Wolf tells the story of the Three Little Pigs and written a character description of him.





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Stars of the Week



- R1 – Tommy P** for settling in well to school life and showing perseverance in his Maths learning.
Syrus H for settling well into school life and becoming more confident.
- R2 – Jacob R** for being kind and friendly and a positive role model to other children.
Leo R for showing great independence getting changed for PE and tidying up.
- R3 – Abdullah B** for being a fantastic role model and always doing the right thing.
Hugo Y for making super progress with his letter formation in his name and always doing the right thing!
- 1B – Samuel K** for brilliant independent sentences in Literacy!
Elouise C for being a model pupil, following the school rules.
Jasmine W for always sharing her ideas.
- 1H – Jude C** for being a superstar and keeping up with **all** of his learning.
Savannah G for always listening carefully and joining in carpet sessions.
Jessie S for showing confidence and joining in carpet sessions.
- 1R – Fearne J** for using the illustrations to tell the class the story ‘There’s a snake in my school.’
Esmae G for being extremely helpful with tidying up and doing extra jobs without being asked.
Benjamin E some super ‘graffiti’ patterns on his house, inspired by Nathan Parker.
- 2A – Ayden G** for showing independence in his learning.
Poppy L for writing a wonderful character description in Literacy.
Alice H for trying her best in maths.
- 2BC – Olivia J** for fantastic concentration and presentation of her work.
Lainey F for fantastic concentration and always trying her best.
Lucie M-R for fantastic concentration and always trying her best.
- 2W – Joshua M** for having a mature attitude towards his learning.
Isla-Rose McD for working independently in English and Maths.
Ellie W for always having a positive attitude towards her learning.

Well done to all of these children!





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We have celebrated with:

Nebechi N, Syrus H, Brady W and Abdullah B who are now 5!

**Ava G, Maizie P, Elsie W, Benjimin E, Bella D, Kash K, Samuel K
and Zayn-Lee O
who are now 6!**

**Lucas B, Bethany L, Lily M, Finley B, Maria B and Ethan C
who are now 7!**

Our current school value is: Independence

"We try to do things by ourselves." We try to do tasks on our own and show some perseverance if needed.

Please do talk to your child about this and praise them when they show independence, talk with them about the need to practise to get better at tricky things. If they are struggling with doing something on their own, encourage them with positive phrasing, try some of these:

"It's not that you can't, you just can't YET..."

"It doesn't matter how many tries it takes."

"Show me how you do it!"



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Attendance



These classes have had 'good attendance' 96% or more over the past few weeks:

R1 x2, R3 x2, 1B, 1R x2, 1H, 2W x2, 2A x3, 2BC.

Week ending: 6th September

Highest weekly attendance: R1, R2, 1B and 2BC (100%)

Whole school weekly attendance: 98.7%

Week ending: 13th September

Highest weekly attendance: 2BC (99.3%)

Whole school weekly attendance: 96.8%

Week ending: 20th September

Highest weekly attendance: 2W (100%)

Whole school weekly attendance: 96.8%

Well done. We know that sometimes illness means children need time off, if they are just 'a little under the weather' please send them in, we will monitor them and would always contact you if they need to be at home. If you are unsure whether your child should be kept off please take a look at the information following the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/626669cb8fa8f523b7221b98/U/KHSA-should-I-keep-my-child-off-school-guidance-A3-poster.pdf>

If you are struggling to get your child to school for any reason please do come and speak to one of the attendance or pastoral team or ask their class teacher to pass on a message, we are here to help:

Mrs Demers, Mrs Lapworth, Miss Barrass or Mrs Hopkins.





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DIARY DATES

Thursday 10th Oct – Learning enrichment – ‘Explorer sessions’ in to visit Year 2.
6pm – Year 2 Curriculum evening.

Tuesday 15th Oct – Year 1 learning enrichment – snakes and reptiles in school.

Wednesday 16th Oct – School photographer in – individual and sibling photographs.

2.15pm and 4.45pm – bookable sessions for parents/carers of September 2025 children can look around – if you know of friends/family who have children due to start next September, please do encourage them to come and look around.

Wednesday 23rd Oct 1.45pm - Class 2A – learning assembly/presentation for parents/carers.

3.45 – 4.45pm – Parent consultation appointments - separate letter to follow.

Thursday 24th October -

3.45 – 5.00pm – Parent consultation appointments - separate letter to follow.

6.00 – 8.00pm – Parent consultation appointments - separate letter to follow.

LAST DAY OF TERM FOR CHILDREN

Friday 25th October – **SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN**

Half term

Monday 4th November – **Term 2 starts**, children back to school.

USEFUL INFORMATION

If you need help with any queries or concerns regarding your child or family either at home or school, please remember you can contact Mrs Lapworth at school. She might be able to give you some help or advice or signpost you to where you might be able to get further help/support.

There is also the Family Information Service (FIS) – we put their regular newsletters onto the school website. They offer a wealth of services, signposting and support. You can get in touch with us by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk or calling 01926 742274.





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REMINDERS

Contact Information

Please can we remind you to make sure we have the most up to date contacts in the office. If you change your phone number or address, notify the office promptly, in case we need to contact you.

Early Bird & After School Club

Please remember to book places the week before. Booking opens on a Monday and closes on a Thursday at 4pm. If you have missed booking you can contact the office, but there may be limited availability.

School Play Equipment

Please can we remind you that children should NOT be on the play equipment before and after school.

Safeguarding

Glendale takes seriously its responsibility to protect and safeguard the welfare of the children in our care.

We recognise that children cannot learn unless they feel happy and secure. We adhere to robust Safeguarding procedures to protect the welfare of all the children who come here. We are committed to keeping children safe.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are: Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Howes, Mrs Lapworth, Mrs Lee, Miss Greer and Mrs Clark.

Mrs Hopkins is the Designated Teacher for Children in Care or Previously in Care, Special Guardianship, Child Care Arrangement and Kinship Care.

We are here to support your child and the family, so if you need any advice or support please do come and speak to us.

