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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL?

The only way to know what events/trips are happening at school is to visit our **Dates for your Diary** page available on our website.

This page is being updated daily and is the place to find out what's coming up. Please go to: **NEWS & EVENTS** and then **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** (or scan the QR code). This is updated daily with upcoming events and you will find letters concerning the event/trip below the dates. There are links here also to find terms dates and inset days.

[Please make a point of checking this page each week for updates.](#)



Please ensure your child does not bring toys or teddies etc into school. This causes problems with things getting lost or arguments between children over items.



THREE INSET DAYS LEFT THIS SCHOOL YEAR...

Monday 19th February * Thursday 2nd May * Monday 24th June

Children should wear their PE kit to school:

Year R - Monday 😊 Year 1 - Monday & Friday 😊 Year 2 - Tuesday & Wednesday 😊

HEADS UP! >>

From Mrs Stamper



At last we are seeing some sunshine and the odd daffodil meaning Spring is on it's way! However, the wet and windy weather over this last half term has not stopped the children getting out and about into the woods. All classes continue to enjoy Forest school sessions where they learn about the changes in the seasons and our environment. We were fortunate to have a visit from Junk Jodie who explained to the children how important it is to care for our world and how to help by reusing and recycling. Learning how to look after our environment is so important. To help encourage our children to nurture nature we are developing a small area between Year 1 and Year 2 to be a sensory and wildlife garden. Last weekend some volunteers cleared the weeds and we are now ready to plant. If you are a keen gardener and have time to help us we would love to hear from you. We are also looking for donations of herbs and bee and butterfly friendly plants. We would also love donations of bird feeders. We hope to build an insect hotel so we can encourage a variety of bugs to our garden.

Staff News: we say a fond farewell to Kim Wood who has been a TA here at Glenfield for 22 years. We thank her for her long service and wish her well in her retirement.

Hopefully the weather will allow you to get out to parks and gardens this half term. Being outside is so good for our mental health and well-being, plus it wears the children out!

Wishing you a happy and safe half term. **Best wishes from Mrs Stamper**



Change of Celebration Assembly Day & Time

We are changing the day/time of our celebration assemblies from a Monday to a Friday at 2.45pm. If your child receives a star of the week or Head Teacher's award their assembly will be the next Friday (details will appear on the letter sent home). If you find you can't attend the week you are invited; please contact the office and we can move you to the following week. The first assembly after half-term will be Friday 1st March.



Parent and Teacher Meetings

We are once again holding face to face appointments with your child's class teacher after half-term. You have been sent home a letter regarding this, if you haven't completed the slip and returned it to us, please email your child's class to let them know your desired time slot. Once your slip is returned please check MCAS to find your appointment time/day.

World Thinking Day - calling all Rainbow, Brownies and Guides!

On Thursday 22nd February the Guiding community celebrate the birthdays of Lord & Lady Baden-Powell. World Thinking Day is a day for all Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other, to celebrate their sisters all around the world, and encourages members to think about the big issues affecting them and their global community. **Any Rainbows/Brownies/Guides are welcome to wear their uniform to school on this day.**

World Book Day, Thursday 7th March

Children are invited to come into school dressed as a character from their favourite book (or alternatively non-uniform). Please don't feel it's necessary to buy a costume, there are lots of ideas on the internet for creating a costume with items found at home.



WORLD
BOOK
DAY
7 MARCH 2024

World Down Syndrome Day

Thursday 21st March 2024

END THE STEREOTYPES



Celebrating the individuality of every person who has Down's syndrome, we are asking everyone to show their support by wearing a pair of colourful socks on this day.

[World Down Syndrome Day \(WDSO\)](#) is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. All over the world, events are held to amplify the voices of people who have Down's syndrome, highlighting their vital role in our communities and calling for their full participation in anything that affects their lives.

It's time to get creative!

Your mission is to support your child to make an Easter bonnet at home. A prize will be given to a child in each class for the most creative/colourful self-made bonnet. Their named bonnet should be brought into school the day of their singing/parade.



Year 1 & Year 2 Easter Singing in the Playground

Tuesday 26th March, 2.45pm

Parents and carers can join us on the playground to listen to the children sing and show off their wonderful bonnets they have made at home. We hope you can make it!



Friends of Glenfield Cake Sale

Tuesday 26th March, after school

We need your donations of cakes, please support our cake sale. We are holding a cake sale to raise funds for FOG. We welcome your donations of cakes for the sale (either shop bought or homemade). If you opt for home baking, please collect a sticker from the office to label your bake with what it is and the ingredients used. **Cakes must not contain nuts.** Please then join us after school to buy some delicious offerings - don't forget your pennies. **Cash can only be accepted.**

Year R Easter Bonnet Parade

Thursday 28th March, 2.45pm

Parents and carers can join us on the playground to watch the wonderful annual spectacular as the children show off their wonderful bonnets they have made at home. We hope you can make it!



Good Grub Club – February Holidays 2023

This project is aimed at children/ families eligible for free school meals and/ or Abri Housing Families.

TUESDAY 13th FEBRUARY

11AM TO 1PM

AT: COLNE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, COLNE AVE, SO16 9NY



We'll be running our FREE Spring event offering the opportunity to get involved in cooking some tasty 'good grub' and fun activities! Each family attending the session will also take home a bag to replicate the recipe again at home. If you'd like to book on the session, please get in contact - we'll work on a first come first served basis!

Get great tips on how to make fantastic meals on a budget!
With a activities and sport exercises for the whole family!

To book your family: please click on the link below:
[Good Grub Club - Millbrook - February 2024 - Google Forms](#)

For more information, please email:
sam@cm-foundation.co.uk



What are we learning about in Year 1?

Year 1 have been learning about kings and queens throughout history and finding out all about King Charles III.

They loved watching and listening to Junk Jodie and learning how we can look after the sea and re-use our junk to make things from, just like Junk Jodie made her characters for her story. The children made a sea scape picture that reminded them how to reduce, reuse and recycle. They also made cars in DT this half term using junk boxes, dowel rods and wheels. They added doors and windows and some went to the next level by adding an amazing spoiler on the back.

NSPCC Number Day

We are delighted to announce that we raised a fantastic £538 for the NSPCC for Number Day. One of our parents donated £250! Thank you so much for your donations. Your support is really appreciated.

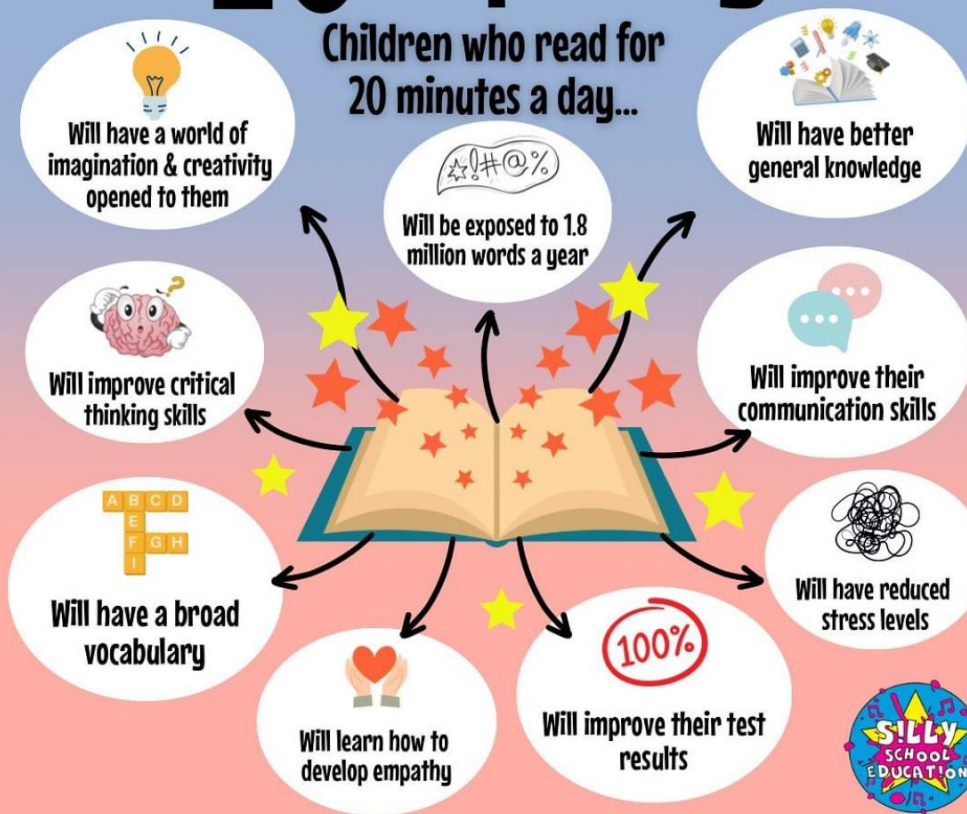
Lots of children came to school with numerical clothes, some wore their football shirt some decorated their t shirts with numbers and symbols. Lots of number activities happened through the day including counting as they came in from play, spotting numbers around the school and working out how many children were in the class that day and working out how many were missing.



If you put a reply slip in your child's book bag, please remind them to give it to the teacher/office. If your child is not likely to remember to do this - please bring the slip directly to the office (there is a quick drop post box you can use by the window). Thank you!

20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day...



Cybercrime & Education Webinars

If you missed the opportunity to sign up for one of the webinars we wrote to you about, follow this link for information:

[Parents and Carers - South-East Cyber Crime Unit \(southeastcyber.police.uk\)](https://southeastcyber.police.uk)

Huggy Wuggy

Please be aware of the many computer games that are not age appropriate for infants. We have heard about children playing a Huggy Wuggy game and bringing Huggy Wuggy toys into school. It is a very deceiving character for children as hugs should be friendly not scary. Please talk to your children and be vigilant about what they are watching as young children can become confused and upset by what they see. For more advice visit [Protecting your child online \(kidscape.org.uk\)](https://kidscape.org.uk)



FOG FUNDRAISING 2024

FUND RAISING-OMETER

£20K

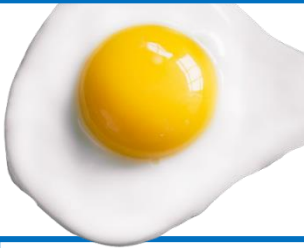


We are still fundraising for our playground equipment. Last year we raised over £2000 in cake sales, discos and the Christmas Fayre. This week we have had another £500 donated by one of our parents. Thank you so much.

We are exploring grants and other fundraising options but please get in touch if you have a great idea.

If you can help by making a donation, please go to the **MCAS app** and go to **ALL PRODUCTS** and the **ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING** button and choose the amount to donate. Every pound will help us get closer to achieving our target! Thank you!

Do you have an afternoon or morning a week to spare? We are looking for people to hear readers in school. It's a great way to encourage the next generation to love books. Our children love to chat so will always put a smile on your face! There are some forms to complete but our office staff are on hand to help.



EGG FREE ON MONDAYS & TUESDAYS

Can we please remind you that children should not bring eggs to school (i.e. egg sandwiches) on Mondays or Tuesdays as we have a staff member who has a serious allergy in school on those days.

School Lunches ORDER NOW FOR NEXT TERM



Please sit down with your child during the holiday and select their meal choices for next term. We often have children upset at lunchtime as they don't like the option that has been chosen for them. All meals are made to order and we simply don't have the capacity to swop dinner choices.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please ensure any food your child brings into school do not contain nuts.

SPARE CLOTHES

- Have you got any spare jogging bottoms, leggings or tights
- your child has outgrown? We are in need of spare clothes
- to change the children when necessary.

FOG PRE-LOVED UNIFORM £2 per item

We have a small quantity of pre-loved uniform for sale which has been donated/unclaimed. If you would like to buy something please text us (on the number we text you from) with your child's class, SWEATSHIRT or CARDIGAN and the size you require (22"-28"). We will respond within 5 days if we have it.



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