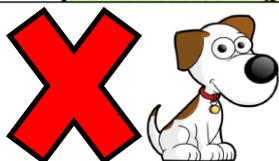


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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL?

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.](#)



INSET DAYS

Thursday 2nd May * Monday 24th June

GLENFIELD IS A NUT & SESAME FREE SCHOOL (everyday) and ON MONDAY & TUESDAY WE ARE ALSO EGG FREE.

CHANGES TO SCHOOL DAY SEPTEMBER 2024

The Government have said that schools must have children in for a minimum of 32.5 hours by September 2024. To make sure Glenfield is compliant we will be extending the school day by 5 minutes each day meaning that we will finish at 3.20pm.

Children should wear their PE kit to school:

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

HEADS UP! >>

From Mrs Stamper



Spring has finally Sprung and the daffodils around the school grounds are looking lovely. Work is continuing around our sensory garden with lovely lavender plants being planted and bird feeders hung. Thank you for the donations of bird feeders it is very much appreciated. We hope to have it open for use after Easter.

We have had another busy half term with visits and visitors. **Year 2** visited Hum Hole and **Year 1** Weston Shore. We had a 'Wild West Adventure' with a theatre group workshop and a visit from the Church helping us to understand the Easter story. It is so important to enhance children's learning and we do appreciate your financial contributions to enable us to do this. **Year R** had a visit from Greg Bottrill, a well know play leader and author. He told the children about the dreaming tree (who knew we had one in our school!) and worked with all adults in the school to promote playful approaches to reading and writing.

We wish you all a very happy Easter Holiday, best wishes from Mrs Stamper

Staff News

Congratulations to Miss Collins who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl Elodie! Mum and baby visited us last week and are doing really well.

Welcome to the team Miss Verdiyeva, who is the teaching assistant in Badgers and **Mrs Young** who is a one-to-one in Year R.

Thank you to The Big Difference Charity who have donated Easter Eggs for every child in the city. Glenfield children have had to hunt for theirs in the Forest!



After Easter we plan to start a new scheme to help support children with mental health and anxiety. It is called 'myHappyMind' and will teach children how their brain reacts in stressful situations and how to do happy breathing to calm themselves. It comes with a parent app so that you can support at home. More details to follow.

Keeping everyone safe in our digital world

We had an issue this term with a child sending unkind voice notes to another child. The parents of both children involved were very open and sought advice from the school around how to handle it. As children are exposed to online gaming and messaging so much earlier these days, we felt it might be useful to share some tips on how to keep children safe online.

1. **Start Early:** Begin discussing online safety as soon as children start using digital devices. Teach them about privacy, appropriate behaviour, and potential risks.
2. **Open Communication:** Maintain an open dialogue with your child. Encourage them to share their online experiences, both positive and negative. Be a trusted source of information.
3. **Age-Appropriate Content:** Tailor your messages to their age and understanding. Younger children may need simpler explanations, while older ones can delve into more complex topics.
4. **Privacy Settings:** Teach them about privacy settings on apps, social media, and websites. Explain why it's essential to limit personal information shared online.
5. **Screen Time Limits:** Set boundaries for screen time. Encourage breaks from screens and outdoor activities to promote a healthy balance.
6. **Safe Online Behaviour:** Discuss appropriate behaviour online, including kindness, respect and empathy. Remind them not to share personal details or engage in cyberbullying.
7. **Reporting Incidents:** Teach children how to report any concerning or harmful content they encounter. Make sure they know who to reach out for help.

World Book Day

It was fantastic to see all the wonderful costumes the children wore to school to represent their favourite books and characters. They looked amazing! We had a busy day with the book 'Nature Trail' by Benjamin Zephaniah, designing our own minibeasts for the story that were able to change size, become invisible or grow extra body parts using special word and number codes.

Year 2 went to the woods to test out the 'Glenfield Trail', successfully spotting all 9 of the story characters who were hiding in, on and up the trees. They then re-enacted the story out in the woods, before heading back inside to create a new front cover for the book.

Year R and Year 1 built gardens inspired by the book - combining small world toys and cutting, sticking and combining paper, card and junk modelling to create trees, flowers, ponds and a whole variety of animals and bugs.

A really big thank you to all our fabulous families for their generous donations to the children's sponsored read which raised a staggering £399 and for taking part in the Glenfield trail which raised £61. The money will be put to good use... adding more books into our book corners around school - we are looking forward to hearing the children's suggestions for the books they would like to buy!



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7 MARCH 2024



What have we been doing in Year 2?

Year 2 have had a fun-filled half-term! We started the half-term focussing on our local area. We used compass points to find north, east, south and west. Our local area unit took us on a trip to Hum Hole. We focused on human and physical geography and worked together to count different features. When we came back to school, we collected and analysed our data turning it into graph. We then compared our local area to Australia and looked at the similarities and differences between the countries. We have made a fact file about an Australian animal and compared their climate to ours. We enjoyed our visit to the Wild, Wild West on our adventure and loved riding around on our 'horses' to find the magical missing horse!

In maths, we have been learning to add and subtract using exchanging and column method. We have just started our topic on multiplication where we are learning our 2s, 5s and 10s! In literacy, we have written a letter to the old man who saved us from the ocean, written a detailed character description about the creepy, slimy sea monster and created a job advert for a new mini-pilot! Our topic on Australia has completed this week by baking amazing Anzac biscuits. We are excited to welcome the children back after Easter for our topic 'Dungeons and Dragons'.





ROADWORKS COMING SOON

Balfour Beatty are due to start the installation of a new pedestrian crossing on **Mousehole Lane (near the junction of Glenfield Avenue)** on **Monday 22 April** for **approximately 4 weeks**. They will be working in the area between **07:00am** and **5:00pm** - **temporary traffic signals** will be in operation for the first three weeks, but the final week of works include a **three-night road closure**. Please allow extra time for your journey if you are driving as this will have a huge impact on this area and affect the surrounding roads.



MEASLES
Don't let your child catch it
- get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

The number of young people catching measles has risen. It's never too late to be vaccinated. You need two doses of MMR one month apart to be fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella.

It's time to make measles a disease of the past.

If you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. **STAY AWAY** from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others.

Measles symptoms include: high fever; sore, red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.

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FOG FUNDRAISING 2024



FOG are still fundraising for our playground equipment. We are delighted to announce we raised £89 from the Easter egg colouring/decoration competition (a few of the winners are pictured here) with over 100 entries received, the cake sale raised £199 thank you for your support!

Do you have an idea of how to raise more funds for our project? Can you make a donation or organise your own sponsored event? Donations can be made in the **MCAS app** 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!



School Lunches **ORDER NOW FOR NEXT TERM**



Please sit down with your child during the holidays and select their meal choices for next term. We often have children with no pre-order (particularly on a Monday and a Friday). All meals are made to order and we simply don't have the capacity to have lots of spare meals. **PLEASE ENSURE YOU PRE-ORDER A MEAL IF REQUIRED.**

SPARE CLOTHES

Have you got any spare jogging bottoms/trousers (particularly age 6-7), leggings or tights your child has outgrown? We are in need of spare clothes to change the children when they are wet/muddy. Please return any borrowed items to the office window (not lost property).



From the Governors

We would like to take the opportunity to introduce our two new Glenfield governors. We have welcomed onto the board Alex Diaz (pictured right) as a Parent Governor and Mrs Glasspool (pictured left) as Staff Governor. We are so pleased they have agreed to support the school in this way and share their skills.

At the beginning of March we met as a governing board and were delighted to hear about all the exciting opportunities the children are experiencing at Glenfield. In particular we enjoyed hearing about the visit from Greg Bottril to train staff on his 'Drawing clubs' and all the plans the school have to make writing fun and engaging for our children. Greg talks about sprinkling a bit of magic over learning opportunities to excite and enthuse children. This approach is already having an impact with Year R children who are buzzing about their dreaming tree!

We also looked at data on how children are progressing across the school and were pleased to hear how predictions for the end of year are positive. Well done to all the staff and children for all their hard work over the first half of the year!

School Crossing Patrol Officers needed in local area (including outside Beechwood)
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