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'Belong, Believe, Become'

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November Newsletter

Message from Mr. Benstock

Dear Families,

November has been a very busy month for so many reasons and we have so much to share and celebrate, so I will merely say that I hope you will all sign up for parents evenings and whilst you are here it will be good to catch up with you all then. We will have a parent questionnaire running on the laptops again this year, so please give yourself time to give us some feedback.

Have a lovely weekend.



Pyjama Day

The School council would like to say a big thank you for supporting pyjama day on Tuesday 28th November, a total of £272.89 was raised for Cancer Research.
Many thanks School Council.



Pyjama Day 2023

Grandparents in Year 1

Last week, Year 1 were fortunate to be visited by some grandparents who brought in the toys they used to play with when they were little. The children were fascinated to see and feel the toys - especially how heavy they were compared to modern toys! Lots of fun was had seeing how they worked and comparing them to modern toys as part of the current history topic. One thing all agreed upon is that - old or new - toys are great fun to play with! We are really grateful to the grandparents who so graciously shared their toys - thank you.





Year 5 Visit to Bury St. Edmunds

The Year 5 children had a very interesting visit to BSE to explore some of the fantastic historic sites and receive a talk from a museum archivist. This visit is imperative in enhancing the experiences for immersive History lessons. The children were a credit to the school and I know they thoroughly enjoyed their day out.



FOGS Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Fair last weekend. It was a superb success where FOGS raised over £900, which all gets donated towards the education and enjoyment of children at school. Thanks go to Sarah and the FOGS team for such a wonderful event.



Year 6 Shakespeare Festival

Although it seems like weeks ago, Year 6 performed their version of 'Macbeth' at the Apex Theatre in BSE in early November. It was an overwhelming success and once we receive the official photos, we will send out a special newsletter to celebrate their wonderful experience. Prior to performing, Mrs Fleckney took Charlotte and Stella to Park Radio, where they were interviewed **live** to discuss their excitement for performing in the festival. It was a very exciting day for them all.



Art Workshops

We are delighted that Mrs Gilbert has organised for some local artists to be visiting school and working with children in all year groups on masterclasses for sketching, painting and pottery. Sarah Cook recently worked with Year 3, who produced some fantastic wildlife pictures!







Well done Charlotte Brown!

On Friday the 24 of November I went to the British shooting schools championships in Ipswich High School. I had the day off school and my mum and dad had the day off work to take me.

There were 42 people in my class and they were mainly years 7 and years 8 including some of my pony club friends.

We shot 4 targets with 5 shots at a distance of 10 meters. And in total out of 200 I got 130 and became 14th in my first time going to the British Shooting Schools Championships and I am pleased with my score.

And the main thing is that I enjoyed it and had fun! Here are some photos.

From Charlotte Brown

Important Messages

- Breakfast / After school clubs - please ensure you CANCEL a booking with 24 hours notice if you are no longer able to take up that place. We use the booked numbers for staffing and preparation of

resources. If you do not cancel your booking, you may still be charged!

- The Christmas Post box has arrived! Please put the child's name **AND CLASS** on the envelope so our Gislingham Elves can deliver them to the right place. Thank you.



- ASPENS - feedback - We recently met with David Cox from Aspens who listened to some of our concerns and has assured us that in January we will be having a chance for all parents to visit the school and meet with staff, try some of the food and ask questions of their own. I will inform you of the exact dates and times when we have that information.

Dates for your Diaries

Here are some key dates for you, but remember, you can access all key dates on the home page of the school website:

December:

Parents Evenings will be on 11th and 13th December

5th - Full SGC meeting

7th - Class 3 Christmas Reading cafe at 9.30

14th - Christmas Spirit Day - FOGS including Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumpers, Christmas Disco etc...

18th - KS2 Christmas Carol Service in St. Mary's Church at 2.30pm

19th - EYFS and KS1 Nativity 9.30am

20th - EYFS and KS1 Nativity 9.30am

20th - Break up for Christmas

School Website

Don’t forget, you can get more information about school with links to the calendar, policies, menus, governance etc… on the school website.