

Glebe School NEWSLETTER

Spring Term #6 - 4/4/25



Fri 4th April - End of Spring Term

School will finish at the usual time of 3.15pm

EASTER HOLIDAYS



Mon 7th April - Mon 21st April

Tues 22nd April - Start of Summer Term

School will start again for students at 9am

Mon 28th April - Thurs 1st May KS5 RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Blacklands Farm

Information has been sent to you directly.

➤ **Don't forget about our Holiday Writing Activities & Practical Maths Activities** to keep you entertained during the holidays! The information has been sent to you separately.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

➤ ONLINE ACTIVITY

A reminder to all parents/carers, to please remain vigilant of your child's social media and online activity, **particularly over the holiday period**. We have seen an increase in issues once again, stemming from group chats that students participate in outside of school hours.

Whilst the school strives to foster a positive and safe online environment, we cannot do so without your help.

➤ SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder to please ensure that full school uniform is worn when students return to school; **no hoodies** should be worn, and on days where your child has PE they should arrive in full school uniform, including school shoes. Students are given time to change into their PE kit during their lessons.

If you have any concerns about providing a full uniform, please do contact the school. We deal with all issues confidentially.

➤ Families eligible to receive support under the **Government's Household Support Grant** will receive supermarket vouchers in the next few days (on or around the 4th). **Please note that this time, the vouchers are to cover both the Easter holidays AND the May half-term.** The amount is set by the Local Authority. **These will be emailed to the primary email address held on record by the school.**

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying the spring sunshine with your family. As always, this has been an incredibly busy and productive term here at school, and I am pleased to share some of the highlights with you.

We began the term with the exciting news of our Ofsted inspection in February, and I am absolutely delighted to report that we received the best possible outcome. The inspectors were incredibly impressed with our school, particularly highlighting our unwavering dedication to meeting the needs of pupils with special educational needs. We had been awaiting this inspection for some time, and we are immensely proud of the outcome and the recognition of our continued efforts to support every child's learning journey.

This term has also seen a continuation of our successful parental workshops. Both the Online Safety workshop and PSHE sessions were well-received by those who attended. If you were unable to join us, please remember that these workshops are available for you to view on our school website, under Parents > Training & Webinars ([click here](#)). We believe these sessions are invaluable in helping you to support your child's education and well-being, so I encourage you to take advantage of the resources available.

We are also pleased to report that school attendance continues to be excellent. Our attendance rates are higher than both local and national levels for special and secondary mainstream schools. Consistent attendance is crucial for our pupils' well-being and success, and I want to express my heartfelt thanks to you all for supporting your child's attendance every day.

As always, our pupils have enjoyed a wide range of enriching school trips this term, including visits to the Royal Observatory, Wood Lodge and Greenwich Fire Station. These experiences provide valuable learning opportunities beyond the classroom, and it is wonderful to see our pupils so engaged. To round off the term, we were treated to a spectacular performance of *Practically Perfect* - a truly unforgettable dance show. The pupils demonstrated exceptional finesse, rhythm, and flair, and I am incredibly proud of their efforts. A huge thank you to Mrs Brash and all the staff who helped bring this production to life.

Looking ahead to after the Easter break, we enter a critical period for our Year 11 pupils as they prepare to sit their exams. Understandably, this can be a stressful time for many young people, with nerves starting to creep in. It is crucial that we continue to offer them reassurance and support as they focus on their preparations. A few weeks ago, exam timetables were posted home, so please do look over this to help prepare your child for their exams. I also encourage you to refer to the revision section on the school website under the student tab ([click here](#)). Here, pupils will find a variety of revision tips and resources to assist them in their studies.

Thank you, once again, for your continued support throughout the term. I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable Easter break, and I look forward to welcoming you back after the holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Travis
Headteacher

NEWS HEADLINES



Our football teams have had a great term in the South London Schools' Special League, with both the U12 and U14 boys storming to some great wins. Even when the going got tough in some matches, all players showed great fortitude and resilience. Their sportsmanship has been second to none, and we look forward to the rest of the season next term!

The Jack Petchey Award is given in recognition of hard work, motivation and going above and beyond. Each student receives £300 from the Jack Petchey Foundation, to be spent in any area of the curriculum that they want to support. Congratulations!

JANUARY



Viktoriia, KS5

For making exceptional progress with both her social and language skills

FEBRUARY



Archie, y11

For always showing compassion to his peers, and demonstrating unerring tenacity at college

MARCH



David, y8

For always showing enthusiasm in his work and participating in numerous extracurricular clubs



You will have read about Comic Relief in our last newsletter - usually a single day, this year we decided extend the fun to a whole week instead! There were space hopper races (hilarity ensued, students were bouncing all over the place), three-legged races (amazing co-operation and teamwork on display from all) and the slightly more serious business of raising money for charity by selling slightly less serious Red Noses! The entire school took part and we raised an amazing £190 for this year's Comic Relief! Thank you everyone.



The last week of term saw a dance extravaganza in the shape of *Practically Perfect*. Set to the music of both film and stage, we told the wonderful story of a certain magical nanny through dance.

Taking a slightly different approach to our usual concerts, *Practically Perfect* was held in our sports hall, in order to properly showcase our students' talent - 50 strong chorus numbers just wouldn't fit in the assembly hall!



It was a smashing success and the hours (and hours, and hours) of rehearsal were definitely worth it. From the exhilarating Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious (try saying that out loud!) to the haunting rendition of Feed the Birds, every single cast member gave it their absolute all, and we are so proud of them.

A huge thank you must also go to all the staff involved, without whom shows like this would not be possible. From our indomitable director, Mrs Brash, to the roles you don't see, such as painting sets and backstage crowd control, they allow our students the chance to flourish and showcase their incredible talents to you all.

A massive congratulations to each and every student who took part, it was a perfectly perfect performance!



More photos will be available on the website in the Summer Term. A copy of the production video will be also be sent to parents/carers.

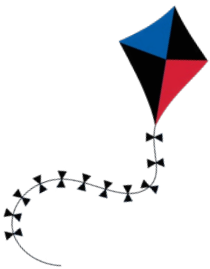
Curiosity

Compassion

Collaboration

Celebration

Courage



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YEAR 7

Congratulations to all Year 7 for completing another successful term at Glebe School. Everyone has experienced both successes and difficulties, however they all show growing confidence and resilience in learning, as well as in their social skills. Fantastic progress Year 7, be proud of yourselves and keep going!

"I really liked the English trip."
– Marcus

"Going to the football tournament was exciting."
– Alfie

"Playing football and basketball has been fun."
– Safwan

"We planted sunflowers!"
– Layla

"It was fun when the Science Guy visited."
– Kai

"Learning about Roman gods in History has been good."
– Evie

"I like going to the wild area in Geography."
– Mya

"I've enjoyed writing in English lessons."
– Samuel

"Drawing in Art has been fun."
– Khadija

DT has been fun, especially the wooden game."
– Nathaniel

I enjoyed making red velvet cupcakes and cookies in FoodTech."
– Harris

"I love everything!"
– George

YEAR 8

Well done, we have made it to the end of a busy term. A massive congratulations goes to those who have been awarded Student of the Week certificates; Ely, Cameron, Holly, Antonietta, Keithen and Isaac, for being consistently good role models and demonstrating the Glebe Values.

This term the Head of Year Award went to Keithen for showing care and compassion towards everyone. Well done Keithen.

As a year group we have been designing and building a go-kart during Tutor Time, as a team-building project. We are delighted to say that the winning design belongs to Isaac. It is now being printed and will be applied to our finished kart!



YEAR 9

The first cycle of Palace for Life course comes to an end for half the year group this term, with the other half starting the course in the summer term. Run by Crystal Palace Football Club, the course works on team building and self-confidence through a range of tasks, with an aim to equip students with skills that will help them during and after their time at school.

Palace for Life also held a workshop for the entire year group at the recent Cross Curricular Day, which was enthusiastically received.

Year 9 have now been given their Unifrog logins. This is a careers platform that they use in PSHE but can also be accessed from home. It is designed to provide useful tools to help students prepare for KS4, college and future employment. If any students are having issues with their logins, please speak to Miss Golding or Mr McKillop.

We would like to congratulate everyone on a successful term, one which saw them choose their options for KS4, and to wish all of them and yourselves a very happy and restful Easter break.

YEAR 10

Year 10 students have had a fantastic term and are now looking forward to the Easter break. They've all worked diligently in their option subjects, making noticeable progress and staying on track toward their academic goals. It's been a productive term, and the hard work is certainly paying off as they move forward with confidence.

If your child still has their 'Transition to KS4' booklet at home, please remind them to bring it back to school. It serves as a valuable resource to support their emotional well-being and development in preparation for the next stage of their education.

Special mention goes to Aarav, Adam, Amber, Charley, Coco, Michael and Olivia for their exceptional performances in the *Practically Perfect* dance show. Their talent and dedication shone through, and they represented Year 10 with great pride. Their hard work and commitment were truly inspiring and made the whole year group proud.



PROVISION

KS3/4

In Miss Kembey's English set, students have been applying their academic knowledge to functional life by writing a letter and sending it to their home addresses. Students travelled to West Wickham post office, requested and purchased a stamp from the kiosk, then posted the letter home - look out for them on your doormat soon!



YEAR 11

Year 11 have been busy during the last weeks of term. Firstly, well done to the following students who took part in the dance production *Practically Perfect*; Henry, Isaac, Louise, Holly F, Holly R and Layla. They were fabulous and should be very proud.

During Cross Curricular Day, students had the opportunity to take part in a first aid short course, with some even gaining an accreditation (which will look great on those CV's we have been discussing in Tutor Time). Students also took part in the *Wear Green to be Seen* initiative to raise money for the charity CASPA and celebrate Autism Acceptance week.

From the 9th May next term, Year 11 will be given a Breakfast Club pass, which they can use on exam days to access the Breakfast Club before school. They will be allowed off school minibs transport early, so that they may relax and have something to eat before their exams.

Over Easter, it would be beneficial for students to do short amounts of revision each day. Please look at your child's exam timetable with them, to think about which subjects they should be revising for.

Year 11 have 4 more Friday college sessions left and will finish these on 16th May. A letter will be sent out in the first week back with the arrangements and dates for students leaving Glebe at the end of this year.

PROVISION

KS5

The BTEC Art & Design students have finished their unit, Creating a Mood Board. They have learnt and applied a range of skills and techniques when creating their mood boards: colour theory, design principles, drawing, painting and layout. For their final assessment, the students had to design a series of mood boards for the interior of a new café. They each had to choose a theme and select images and materials to compliment, then draw and paint images to represent the mood of their café. Mrs Bentley, a parent governor who has previously worked as an interior designer, came into school to talk to the students about interior design and how the design process works. Students then presented their mood boards and talked Mrs Bentley through their inspirations and design choices.



DON'T FORGET NON-FICTION!

- Non-fiction books and articles can be a fantastic way to spark a young person's interest in reading
- Offer your child a variety of topics and formats - biographies, fact books, magazines etc
- Whether it's space, animals, history or sports, non-fiction can connect reading with real-life passions, making it more engaging and relevant
- It also helps children develop critical thinking skills, expand their vocabulary, and build confidence in reading

Have a restful & relaxing Easter holiday!



We will see you again at 9am on Tuesday 22nd April