



Glen Hills Primary School

Home of the Symphony Learning Trust

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APRIL/MAY NEWSLETTER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

SPORTS UPDATE

This term has seen the introduction of some new afterschool clubs for a range of year groups. We have introduced Target club and a Striking and Fielding club. They have only just begun but have been very popular.

Trials for our Saffron Lane Athletics event in June have started in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and so we are looking forward to taking a huge team to this event. Our Girls football team have a semi-final to play on 12th June at home so feel free to come along and support the team.

RICE BOWL 2023 WINNERS!



We want to take this opportunity to say a **HUGE** congratulations to our Football team who won the Leicestershire Schools F.A. Rice Bowl. On Tuesday 23rd May, they beat the current holders of the title, Blaby Stokes in an exciting game at Holmes Park. The final score was 4 – 1 and our children were fantastic! The team have been superb throughout

the whole competition scoring 28 goals and only conceding 5 in our 5 matches. We are all very proud of them. Thank you also to all those who supported the team both in the run up to the event, organised their amazing jackets and all those who came and cheered our children on this week. It was an incredible atmosphere!



PARKING AGAIN

Can we PLEASE ask that our school community support us in parking appropriately around school. School deals with repeated complaints from frustrated neighbours who regularly have their driveways blocked by those dropping off or collecting pupils, particularly around Bellamy Close and the private car park across from the school. When asked to move, our neighbours report abuse from those coming to collect.

UNIFORM REMINDERS

We would like to take this chance to remind you about uniform expectations. We pride ourselves on representing the school well at all times.

Children should be dressed in school jumpers (not different coloured sports jumpers or tops). These should be named clearly.

Please be reminded that due to health and safety reasons, it is essential that children are dressed appropriately for any physical activity. PE kit is part of our school uniform.

Children are not permitted to wear jewellery of any kind when doing PE (necklaces, bangles, bracelets, watches etc). Earrings are a particular concern and should be removed and left at home on the days that your child has PE. If earrings cannot be removed due to recent piercing, then pupils must come to school with their own tape and be able to tape their



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own earrings. Taping earrings is not a job for school staff. If children are unable to tape their own earrings this will result in them not being able to take part in their PE lesson as it is unsafe and against school rules (which are in place for safety reasons).

As a reminder the Glen Hills PE kit is a white t shirt and black shorts or tracksuit bottoms. Children also need to wear the correct footwear to do PE safely (e.g. trainers for outdoor PE). Football kits, crop tops and clothing of other colours are not part of the PE uniform and should not be worn.

We would appreciate your support in this.

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS AT GH

Luckily, the sun shone on Glen Hills for our Coronation Picnic! The children (and staff!) enjoyed the music, singing and flag waving and looked like Royalty in their costumes. There was even a guest appearance from the King and Queen themselves (aka Mrs Wesley/ Miss Smith). All the children took part in creating a special King Charles artwork to commemorate the event. A memorable day for the children indeed, followed by a fantastically supported PSA Cake Sale!

Still on a Coronation theme, some children took part in a design a Coronation Card Competition, ran by MP Alberto Costa's office. Several local schools took part and we are pleased to announce that Krzysztof from Year 4 was runner-up! We are sure you will agree, it was a superb design. Well done Krzysztof!

A big thanks to all those who helped to organise and support this special day.

EID ASSEMBLY

This term, Year 5 learned why Muslims celebrate Eid and why Ramadan is very special. They then shared this with the rest of the school in a Friday assembly.



Year 5 children, using their bravery character muscles, stood up in a whole school assembly and shared their learning. As a school, we learned to say Eid Mubarak to all those who celebrated. Well done Year 5 for sharing your learning with respect.

STUDENT COUNCIL RAFFLE

Student Council have decided that they want to run an art raffle from Monday 22nd May to Thursday 8th June. Tickets will be 20p each and will be sold in classes. The prize draw will be done during Friday's whole school assembly on the 9th June. The Student Council would like to thank you all in advance for all your support and good luck.

YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY

The children worked hard to produce an assembly linked to Africa in May. They retold the story of Handa's Surprise, danced to Waka Waka, shared our Adinkra stamps and printing and

performed poems from Rumble in the Jungle. The children were amazing! Well done Year 1 and thanks to all the parents and carers who came and watched the assembly.

SILVER AWARD FOR SOME OF OUR CUBS

On May 4th, nine of the 62nd Glen Hills Cubs attended a ceremony to receive the cubs' Silver Award! This is the highest accolade that a cub can receive. Eight of



these cubs attend our school and we are very proud of them for receiving such a fantastic award! They are photographed here with the High Sheriff of Leicestershire!

OTHER SPECIAL MENTIONS

Niall in Year 6 took part in the Pony Club National Quiz finals in April representing Witham Villa Pony Club. The team had to answer questions about stable management and caring for your pony. They performed brilliantly and had a great day coming 9th overall, winning a wonderful bright-blue rosette. Fantastic Niall – keep enjoying your riding!



Sofie in Year 3 was nominated player of the season for her football team, Blaby & Whetstone under 9's girls, at her presentation evening this month. A super achievement Sofie, well done!

Lissie in Year 6 is a keen athlete. In April, she took in the 5K Park Run in Narborough. She ran the 5K in 25 minutes 38 seconds and was 47th overall out of 132 competitors. She was 1st in her age group and 2nd girl out of all 132 athletes. In early May, she competed in a Quad-Kids competition coming 3rd in both the 600 metre and 75 metre races. Brilliant Lissie!

NSPCC ASSEMBLY

We are pleased to tell you that this term our children have participated in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. online programme. This was an online assembly with supporting classroom based activities. Speak out. Stay safe. is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline. In the online assembly, the Speak out. Stay safe. messages were delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot Buddy as well as special guest appearances from Ant and Dec!





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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 1st July 2023 marks our famous PSA Summer Fete (1 – 4pm). The highly requested repeat of the Talent Show will be back for us all to enjoy! Entry forms will be with your child's teacher and the deadline for submission is 9th June 2023. We look forward to seeing you all there – keep those fingers crossed for wonderful weather!

PRIME NUMBERS ONLY PLEASE

Can we please ask that children do NOT bring in bottles/cans of 'Prime', other energy drinks or fizzy drinks into school to drink or attempt to sell them to other children.

Children need a **named water bottle** for use during the school day. Children should only be bringing in water (not juice) to school as their drink. If spilt, juice/squash creates a sticky mess which can cause damage to school books etc. Can we also ask that children do not use empty bottles of 'Prime' as a water bottle in school. These are causing lots of problems for staff to sort out.

THANKS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents/carers who supported their child recently through their Year 2 or Year 6 SATs. Our children (and staff) worked very hard towards these important milestones and they used their Character Muscles fantastically well during the test weeks. A big thanks also to the kitchen team who provided hot breakfasts for all the Year 6 children before their end of Key Stage 2 SATs.

SUMMER TERM OPEN EVENING

Our Summer term Open Evening will take place on Tuesday 27th June 2023 after our transition afternoon (when the children meet their new class teacher). We look forward to inviting parents and carers into school on this evening to say 'thanks' to their current teacher and farewell, and also meet their new teacher for the upcoming year.

We hope you have a wonderful break over half term and look forward to seeing the children again on Monday 5th June 2023.

Thanks for your continued support,



Mrs Wesley
Head Teacher



Miss Smith
Deputy Head

