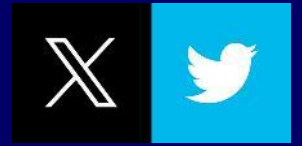




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Newsletter 445

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@GillespieSchool

Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome back to the new school year

It has been lovely to see excited, relaxed children looking forward to the new school year. Many thanks to parents and carers for the very large turn out for the meet the teacher evenings. We hope you have found the information valuable and are looking forward to working closely with your child's new class teacher this year.

New year reminders

Contact

- Please ensure the school office always has the most up to date contact details.
- The school office frequently contacts families via our text messaging service – Teachers2parents. We **do not** recommend you download the app as you do not receive notifications for new messages and you become responsible for checking the app for updates. Without the app you will receive messages/notification via text message.
- Class teachers contact families and send out information by email (address you provide in the admissions form). Please ensure you notify the office of any email address changes.
- The school has a Twitter account. You can follow us @GillespieSchool and see regular updates of events and things happening throughout the school. Our social media policy can be found on our school website.



School uniform and lost property

- Our school uniform policy can be found [here](#). Our uniform supplier is Rough Cut Casuals Ltd.
- This week we shared [this](#) letter about new PE kit requirements from 23rd September.
- There are several used uniform stalls run throughout the year with items available free of charge or for a voluntary donation to the PTA FoG.
- All items must be labelled!
- Please contact your child's class teacher if your child has lost any items and they will help to locate them.

Safeguarding

- If you have any questions or queries regarding Safeguarding please contact one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads.



Gillespie Primary School's Designated Safeguarding Leads



Mark Owen
Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Katrina Moses
Deputy Headteacher
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Lyn Jones
Assistant Headteacher
SENDCo
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 02/09/24
Year 1	94.17%
Year 2	93.81%
Year 3	97.50%
Year 4	98.33%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	96.88%
Total	95.95%



Attendance Cup
Winner
WB 02/09/24

Year 4!

Calypso Breakfast Club

We are pleased to continue our partnership with Calypso gymnastics club who will be running our breakfast club for us onsite. Calypso offer both morning gymnastic classes as well as breakfast club which is open for Nursery to Year 6 pupils from 8am.

Families must register their children using their new online platform and 'add children' to their account. This should be done here:

<https://calypsogymnasticsclub.magicbooking.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login>

Children are required to be registered and booked in online before attending.



CALYPSO
GYMNASTICS CLUB

Ready Set Stage

After School Clubs

www.readysetstage.co.uk

After school clubs begin WB 16th September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Performing Arts	Arts & Craft	Singing	Gymnastics	
Football (Years 3-6)	Basketball	Football (Reception - Y2)		

WB 16/09/2024 x6 weeks | WB 28/10/2024 half term | WB 04/11/2024 x5 weeks
WB 02/12/2024 last week of Autumn term clubs | Total – 11 weeks

Upcoming Diary Dates

Please put these dates in your diaries

Date	Event
WB Monday 16 th September	Ready Set Stage after school clubs begin
Tuesday 24 th September	3:45pm Year 6 secondary transition meeting
October	Black History Month
Thursday 3 rd October	National poetry day
Wednesday 16 th October	Individual and sibling photographs
Thursday 17 th October	Reception-Year 6 flu vaccination clinic
WB Monday 21 st October	Scholastic book fair
Thursday 24 th October	Halloween disco
WB Monday 28 th October	Half term
Monday 4 th November	Children return to school

Wishing families a lovely weekend.

Mark Owen

Headteacher

Eco-Award News

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that due to the hard work of our 2023-2024 Eco-Committee and the support of the whole school community, Gillespie Primary School has maintained its Eco-Schools' Green Flag with Distinction. A tree has been planted on our behalf by *JUST ONE Tree* in recognition of our achievement. During the next rainy season, our seedling will be transported to its carefully selected new home where it will be planted and nurtured over the coming years and will remove approximately 308 kilograms of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

Here are some headlines from the report we received following submitting our application:

- It is evident that young people in your school are aware of environmental issues and are passionate about protecting our planet.
- Your Action Plan contains a diverse range of activities aimed at creating positive behaviours, making an immediate difference to your local environment, and expanding your Eco-Schools' initiatives into your local community.
- We greatly appreciate your trips within your learning. It's obviously not just about covering these topics in your curriculum; you're using them to enhance the overall learning experience in your school.
- We especially enjoyed seeing the fantastic examples of pupil's work that were uploaded to your application. These examples really illustrate how learning with an environmental context can lead to fantastic outcomes.
- You've inspired enthusiastic young environmentalists who are excited about sustainability and empowered to make a difference, so it's no surprise pupil engagement has been a highlight of your journey.
- We especially love the idea of a 'Marine Day' and enjoying marine-inspired food!
- Your Eco-Code is beautifully designed, with clear goals that relate to your achievements and future aspirations.



Congratulations to all!

Meg, Eco-Coordinator

Robotics Challenge STEM Club

This week parents/carers of pupils in Key Stage 2 should have received a text inviting pupils to express interest in attending an after-school club where a **Robotics Challenge** will be undertaken. The club will be resourced by the *Science & Engineering Education Research and Innovation Hub* at *The University of Manchester* who have partnered with *UK Robotic Autonomous System Network (UK-RAS)* Pupils will be enabled to understand the positive impact of robots that help us in so many varied ways and will become familiar with different fields and disciplines including manufacturing, healthcare, education and exploration. Pupils will think and work as engineers, finding solutions to real-world problems and challenges. Sessions will cover the following curriculum areas Design & Technology, Computing, Science and Literacy learning in the context of real-world robotics. If you would like your child to take part in this club, please register interest by responding to the test sent.

I am really looking forward to working with your children to complete this challenge.

Megan Begley
Scientist in Residence