

A word from the head.....

The two weeks since the end of half term have been full of new experiences and opportunities for the children.

Last week children from Year 1 to Year 6 all visited the Cheltenham Science Festival and attended a range of events and exhibitions. Some children came back to school inspired by what they had seen and were keen to become scientists. I think that the mad professor was the hit of the festival with an array of exploding mixtures.

This week started with 4 volunteers from Barclays Bank working with the children as part of the National My Money Week campaign which aims to educate pupils about money. Throughout the rest of the week the children have focussed on money in their maths lessons.

On Wednesday all children throughout the school took part in an art workshop inspired by the natural world. The workshop was organised by Niki Whitfield as part of the Cheltenham Open Studios Festival. The children were making windmills, painting stones, willow weaving and making clay bugs to be burrowed deep into the 'Bug Bench' which is being carved this week by Natasha Houseago in the Forest School area. The school will also be open on Saturday from 10.30 - 2pm for FREE art workshops.

On Tuesday 18th June at 9am we are offering parents the opportunity to listen to Sarah Shaw talk about the fascinating world of Neuroscience. The session aims to show how understanding how the brain works can help us to understand how children learn and what we, as teachers and parents, can do to ensure our children have the best opportunities to maximise their learning. If you would like to hear Sarah speak, just come to the music room at 9am on Tuesday morning for what I am sure you will find a fascinating session.

Have a good weekend

Anthony Mitchell



Park In Gear

Following two incidents of cars rolling down the road outside the school in the last couple of weeks I felt it important to ask parents parking on the road to 'Park In Gear'. Obviously the consequences of a rolling car hitting a child don't bear thinking about and I hope that all parents will consider parking in gear when they pick up and drop off. Thank you.



Pittville School Information Meeting

Wednesday 19th June 3.30pm

Richard Gilpin, Headteacher at Pittville School will be visiting Glenfall to talk to parents of children currently in Year 4 & 5 to inform them of the great progress the school is making. Mr Gilpin will be joined by the new Deputy Headteacher and some Pupil Ambassadors.





Diary Dates

June

- 15th June - Cheltenham Open Studios Art Event
- 18th June - 1st Transition afternoon for Reception 2013
- 19th June - Pittville School - Information Meeting @ 3.30
- 21st June - Athletics @ POW Stadium
- 22nd June - FrOGS Summer Fair 12pm - 2pm
- 25th June - Transition afternoons for R - Y5
- 28th June - Music evening at Holy Apostles Church

July

- 2nd July - Sports Day
- 3rd July - Y6 Taster Day at Balcarras
- 5th July - Reports out to parents
- 8th July - Music week starts
- 16th July - Y6 Drama Production 1.30pm
- 17th July - Y6 Drama Production 7pm
- 18th July - Leavers' Assembly
- Early finish at 2pm
- School Closes for the Summer Holiday

- 3rd September - School Opens for Academic Year 2013 - 2014



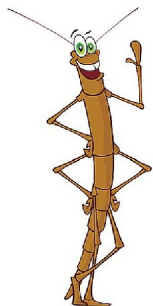
Summer Fair 22nd June 12pm - 2pm

The Summer Fair is now just only a week away. We are looking forward to seeing you all at this event. Join us for fun, games, stalls and a BBQ Lunch. Volunteers are still urgently required. If you are able to help out with a stall or with setting up and clearing away please email frogs@glenfall.gloucs.sch.uk



Stick Insects

The children in Reception have been looking after stick insects this year and they have now had babies... Lots!!!! If you would like to offer a home to a few, please speak to Mrs Whyte.



Sports Day

Sports Day is on 2nd July this year at 1pm. Lisa in the kitchen will be doing a special hot dog and chips lunch on this day. Meals will be ordered and paid for in the usual way.





Mr Cripps needs a word.....

Athletics Kit

Could all children who competed at the Athletics this week, please return their kit to school as soon as possible. This is essential to ensure that the pupils who are competing at 'Track' events at The Prince of Wales Stadium next week have kit to wear.

Charlton Kings Schools Live - 28th June at 7pm

As the Primary Schools Live event did not happen this year, Glenfall, Charlton Kings and Holy Apostles schools are presenting their own event in Holy Apostles Church on the evening of **Friday 28th June at 7.00pm** – “Charlton Kings Schools Live” Glenfall's orchestra and choir will be taking part. This will be a great event at which the children will have the opportunity to perform and it will give them an audience to whom they can demonstrate their talents.

Assembly for instrumentalists 26th June

There will also be an assembly to give the instrumental groups an opportunity to perform to peers and parents. Following the assembly there will be a 'Taster Session' at which children can have a go on instruments they might like to learn to play in the autumn term.

Music Focus Week - July 8th - July 12th

Glenfall's very own 'Music Festival' will be taking place during the penultimate week of term. The children will have many opportunities to play instruments, take part in music workshops and possibly discover skills they never thought they had. Mr Cripps has organised a full and comprehensive programme of events which I am sure the pupils will thoroughly enjoy.

Charlton Kings' Summer Fete 2013



Welcome to the first Charlton Kings' Summer Fete since the 1970s!

Join us on 29th June at The Grange field (next to the Kings Hall and Library) in Charlton Kings for a family, fun filled day of festivities from 12 noon until late.

From a family dog show, country dancing, music and home made cakes to children's sports events, craft stalls and the funniest looking vegetable!

There's something for the whole family to enjoy – a truly British Summer Fete at it's best!

Instrument Rental

The Jazz Shed are offering parents the opportunity to rent instruments from £20 per term.

This is a rent to buy scheme which covers running repairs during the rental period and also the opportunity to exchange for larger sizes as required. Violins, Ukeleles, Guitars are all available for hire. For further information please contact the Jazz Shed on 07803 617734 or 07850 153949. www.jazzshed.co.uk

The Jazz Shed is run by Mike Sallis who provides our music tuition through the Music junction.



Sir Thomas Rich's
Open Week

1st - 5th July 2013

Visitors are welcome to visit the school at 9.15am, 11.15am or 2.15pm. This open event is particularly aimed at Year 5s and their parents. For further details visit the school website www.strsschool.co.uk or call on 01452 338400

Child Seat Checking Service

Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership and the County's Fire and Rescue Service are offering parents a FREE child seat checking service at Fire Stations across Gloucestershire. Contact 01452 753333 to make an appointment.



Scooter Mix Up

India Hung in Reception would love to be re-united with her scooter. There appears to have been a mix up with two scooters of the same design. If your child is in KS1 please check their scooter to ensure that it is the right one.

