



24 March 2017

Glenfall News

...a newsletter to inform the school community about the day to day life of our school.

Friday 24th March 2017



A word from the head...

With the weather perking up for the weekend and the clocks going forward on Saturday night, it really feels like spring has finally arrived!

The school, as always, is a hive of activity. You may have seen that we have recently had a tree removed in the area alongside the trim trail. This is in preparation for a new, all weather surface to be laid on Monday. We are also going to be surfacing the area under the Silver Birch tree in the KS1 Playground. This will provide us with two all weather surfaces which the children will be able to use year round. Also, as the surfaces are under trees they will provide fantastic shade during the summer months for lunches and just sitting out sharing a story as a class. The funding for this project has come from a successful bid from the National Lottery Awards for All Scheme. Those of you with children in Y3&4 will also be aware that we have removed the old coat hooks. This is in preparation for the installation of some new lockers. This, we hope, will allow for better storage of the children's possessions and save coats from being draped over the floor. Both of these projects will be completed by the end of next week.

Last week Year 4 were on Residential at The Dean Field Studies Centre. The children had a fantastic time and conquered some fears and challenged themselves by engaging in some new experiences. The highlight for most of the children was scaling the climbing wall, zooming down the zip wire and burrowing underground in the tunnels system. The children also enjoyed a night hike into the forest and a campfire. It was a privilege to be away with such a fantastic group of well behaved, fun and adventurous children.

This week the school has also been represented at a hockey tournament, a rugby festival, a football tournament and the Rotary Quiz. All children representing the school have conducted themselves very well and we are very proud of all of your achievements. The Hockey Team look set to qualify for the County final, so we look forwards to hearing how the team progresses.

**Have a great weekend !
Anthony Mitchell**



I am delighted to inform you that Miss Bannister is pregnant, if you hadn't guessed!!!

Her baby is due at the end of July and it is likely that Miss Bannister will work until at least May half term. We will of course aim to provide as much consistency as we can with regards to maternity cover once she finishes work.

Miss Bannister and her partner, Phil, are obviously delighted with the news and I am sure that you will all join me in wishing them well as the pregnancy progresses.



Despite the banners outside the school, some parents are still parking on the Zig Zags. Please don't!!!



Reading to help children in hospital

Thank you for supporting the Readathon which we ran for the month of March as one of our World Book Day events.

Although the event runs until the end of the month if your child has completed their challenge and has collected their sponsorship money they can now bring it into school. It would be great if all sponsorship money could be returned by the 7th April

The Book Fair which also ran earlier in the term raised over £250 of commission in books for the school. Thank you for your support.



Diary Dates



March

April

4th April

6th April

7th April

24th April

26th April

- Inter House Gym Competition
- SWGfL e-safety talk 7pm - 8.30pm
- Easter Celebration assembly
- School closes for Easter@2pm
- School opens for Summer Term
- Swimming starts for Y2

May

1st May

8th May

24th May

26th May

- Bank Holiday
- Year 6 SATs Week
- School Photographs
- Children's Festival
- School Closes for Half Term

Advanced notice of a few dates:

29th June

7th July

21st July

- Sports Day at 1pm
- Reports out to parents
- Leaver's Assembly
- School closes for Summer Holidays

Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers

It's time to start collecting again!

We will be collecting Active Kids Vouchers again this year. Vouchers are available from stores until 3rd May. We can receive vouchers up until 30th June. Maybe ask a neighbour or relative to save some for us if they aren't collecting them for another school. Please put vouchers in the box in the entrance hall.

Sainsbury's



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Alex Davenport-Jones & Nick Jones are taking on the mighty challenge of Marathon des Sables in April 2017!

The Nicola Corry Support Foundation registered charity number: 1114679
World Cancer Research Fund registered charity number: 1000739



The MdS is a multi-day 'ultra-marathon' or 'ultra' run in six days over a course of between 150 and 156 (254km), there is only one rest day after the longest stage which is about 91 km – that's 55 miles!



Visit www.madns.co.uk to read Alex & Nick's story and to donate securely online!

**WELL DONE & GOOD LUCK
ALEX & NICK!**

Alex Davenport-Jones (father of of Poppy in Reception) is undertaking this amazing challenge. During the Easter Holidays he will be running across the Sahara Desert to raise money for two cancer charities. Alex has come into school to talk to the children about his amazing challenge and how he has prepared himself for the run ahead. It would be fabulous if you were able to sponsor Alex. Please visit www.madns.co.uk to find out more and to donate securely.



A few things.....

Do you know how to keep your children safe on the internet?



Session for Parents and Carers

Glenfall Primary School
6th April 2017 @ 7pm – 8.30pm

For practical advice on:

- Talking to your children
- Protecting Personal Information
- Privacy Settings
- Parental Controls
- Legal Issues



SOUTH WEST
GRID
FOR LEARNING

Keeping Your Children Safe in a Digital World!

Alan Earl from the South West Grid for Learning will provide an important and informative talk on keeping your children safe online and when gaming on 6th April at 7pm.

What are Snapchat, Instagram, Omegele and Vine? What are the pluses and minuses? What about Apps? Do I need to monitor them? Is filtering or monitoring what my children do always a good idea? At what age do I buy them a mobile phone? Why is GTA5 not a game for young children? Should I allow my child to play ROBLOX as it has a chat facility? These are amongst some of the questions raised by parents and answered by our experts in the 7 years the SWGfL have carried out Parents Evenings.

Don't miss this important meeting which will inform and empower you to keep your children safe online. Please return the reply slips from the hard copies of the letter I sent home last week.

We are now an official supplier of Glenfall Primary School uniform

EARLY BIRD OFFER 10% OFF IN JULY*

We will also be attending upcoming parents evenings & open days

*10% off available throughout July 2017, in-store and online quoting "GLEN10"

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Kingsditch Trade Park
Cheltenham
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01242 580062

THE SCHOOLWEAR COMPANY from Universal Uniform

School Uniform

In addition to 'SchoolTogs', I am pleased to inform you that The Schoolware Company are now also able to provide school uniform for parents of pupils at Glenfall Primary School. Please visit the Glenfall e-shop on their website at www.glenfalluniform.co.uk They also have a shop on The Kingsditch Industrial Estate with plenty of FREE parking.

They have a fantastic range of items including PE Tops in House Colours with a Gold embossed Crest, They'll look great for Sports Day

SuperStars Holiday Courses

Easter Holidays 18th - 21st April

FREE SUPERSTARS WATER BOTTLE FOR ALL BOOKINGS BEFORE 24th

Mini Stars (Age 4-5) £15 for 1 Day, £35 for 3 days or £40 for the week
9am - 1pm

Superstars (Age 5+) £20 for 1 Day, £40 for 3 days or £55 for the week
9am - 3pm

World Cup Football, Tennis, Top Rugby, Basketball, Baseball, Cricket, Netball, Volleyball, Badminton, Darts, Table Tennis, Snooker, 3-Land, Hockey, Golf, Golf Ball and much more!

Running @ Glenfall Primary School, GL52 6XZ

FOR MORE INFO AND TO BOOK:

superstars.org.uk
or
08452413682
02920090503

"The children have had a fantastic week. Worth every penny! Morgan & Abigail can't wait to do it all again! 10/10!"

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SuperStars terms & conditions apply, see our website for details.

Easter Holiday Camp

SuperStars will be running Fun Multi-Sports Holiday Course at the school over the Easter Holidays (Tues 18th – Fri 21st April). The course is suitable for all children aged 4-11 and runs from 8.45-15.30 Daily (Mini Stars - 4 year olds finish at 13:00, SuperStars - aged 5+ finish at 15:30). For more information and to book please get in touch with SuperStars directly on 0845 241 3682 or at <https://bookings.super-stars.org.uk/>



Pate's Grammar School

NURTURING EXCELLENCE



OPEN MORNINGS 2017

Wednesday 8th March 2017

Wednesday 5th April 2017

Monday 3rd July 2017

Timings: either 09:15-10:45 or 09:45-11:15

There will be student-guided tours of the school and staff will be available to answer any questions.

Pate's is a free grammar school for boys and girls aged 11-18 years. Our students achieve the highest academic standards, whilst benefitting from exceptional pastoral care and first-class facilities.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE](#)



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AUTISM AWARENESS

CHARLTON KINGS CLUB

Tickets £5 from the bar or on the night

FRIDAY 21ST APRIL 2017

CHARITY NIGHT

7:30-11:30PM

Music from Steamroller

Reg. Charity No. 1022618 - Battledown Friends Group

the Creation Station

Family Fun

ARTY MOTHERS DAY, EASTER & CRAFTY SATURDAYS

AT THE BRIZEN YOUNG PEOPLE'S CENTRE

CHILDREN FROM 2-11YRS WITH ADULTS

SAT 25TH MARCH, 2.30-4, MOTHERS DAY/ SPRING CRAFTS

WEDS 12TH APRIL, 2.30-4, EASTER EGGCELLENCE

WEDS 19TH APRIL, 10.30-12, BIG FRIENDLY GIANT

SAT 29TH APRIL, 11-12.30, TBA

FIND ALL THE DETAILS ON FACEBOOK EVENTS LISTINGS AT 'THE CREATION STATION CHELTENHAM'

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