

Glenfall News

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

Friday 2nd February 2024



A word from the head.....

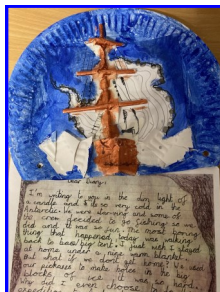
Just one week to go until we break up for February Half Term. It really has been a very short half term in school where it feels like we've had to cram what we normally do in seven weeks into five.

It has been a busy half term with lots of amazing learning going on across the school. I had the absolute pleasure of going into Reception class recently to talk to them about fossils and Mary Anning; they were so knowledgeable about dinosaurs!



I also spent a very pleasant hour in Forest School with Year 5 this afternoon; learning to light fires and toasting marshmallows - Yum!

Year 2 have had a particularly exciting week and as part of their Great Fire of London topic the children got to build their own timbered houses in the style of those that would have been found in Pudding Lane.



Year 3 and 4 are finding out about Ernest Shackleton and the Antarctic and there is some amazing artwork appearing in the classrooms.

It was wonderful to see the Y5 & Y6 girls going out to represent the school at a gymnastics competition this week. The team did extremely well and secured the team gold medal. There were also lots of individual medals for some of the girls. The Y3 & Y4 Girls have also represented the school and also secured the team gold and a host of other individual medals. Well done girls we are very proud of you all. Thank you Mrs Grisman for coaching the squad; good work.



If you're a rugby fan I'm sure that you'll be tuning in to the Six Nations Tournament starting tonight; which is what I'm planning to do. Whatever you've got planned, have a great weekend.

Anthony Mitchell



MORE THAN CHILDCARE

Our non-profit activity camps are about learning to...

- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- POSITIVELY COMMUNICATE
- WORK IN TEAMS
- GROW IN CONFIDENCE
- TRY NEW CHALLENGES
- BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE
- AND MOST IMPORTANTLY HAVE FUN!



YES!



NO!



100%

of parents surveyed would recommend our camps to a friend

My daughter has loved going to Move More, she loves all the people who work there and all the different sports and activities they do.

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| Football | Badminton |
| Tennis | Archery |
| Lacrosse | Tag Rugby |
| Hockey | Multi-skills |
| Cricket | Balance Bikes |
| Tri-Golf | Orienteering |
| Netball | Speed Stacking |
| Frisbee | Dodgeball |
| Curling | Board Games |
| Kin-Ball | Arts and Crafts |

MOVE MORE

EVERY CHILD ACTIVE



Half Term Camp 12th - 16th

FEBRUARY

- CHARLTON KINGS INFANTS SCHOOL 4-7YRS
- BALCARRAS SPORTS CENTRE 6-12YRS
- CLEEVE SCHOOL 5-12YRS
- LAKESIDE PRIMARY 5-12YRS



- Huge range of activities
- Run By School PE Specialists
- 10% Sibling Discount
- Childcare Vouchers & TFC Accepted
- Early Drop-Off & Late Collection Options
- Non-Profit, Charity Organisation
- OFSTED Registered



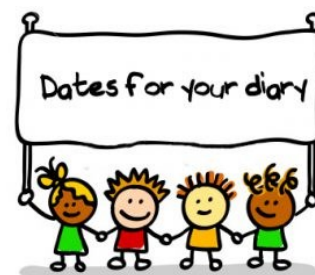
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February

- 6th February - Safer Internet Day
- 9th February - Term ends for Half Term
- 19th February - Term starts for Term 4
- 20th February - Y6 Inter-school Wildlife Quiz
- 28th February - Languages Day
- 29th February - FrOGS Disco



March

- 12th March - Spring Music Evening 6.30pm
- 14th March - Full Governors Meeting
- 15th March - Red Nose Day
- 19th March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.30pm - 6pm (Face2Face)
- 20th March - KS1 Easter Celebration at 2.30pm followed by Open Classrooms
- 21st March - KS2 Easter Celebration at 2.30pm followed by Open Classrooms
- FrOGS Easter Cake Sale
- Parent/Teacher meetings 3.30pm - 6pm (Online)
- 22nd March - School closes for Easter at 2pm

Advanced notice of a few dates:

- 28th June - Sports Day at 9.15am
- 5th July - Annual Reports
- FrOGS Lido Family Evening
- 19th July - Y6 Leaver's Assembly at 1pm

Keep us up to date

If you have moved house, changed telephone numbers or set up a new email account please let the office know so that we can accurately maintain our records to ensure that we can contact you in case of an emergency and communicate with you effectively.

Your most up to date email and phone number is the most important.



[UPDATE YOUR DETAILS](#)

Requests for Leave of Absence

Should you need to request leave of absence for your child please call into the school office to collect a 'Request for Leave of Absence' form. This form must be completed and Returned to the school and your request will be considered by the Headteacher. Please do not make your requests direct with the class teachers. You may already be aware that the DfE are focussing on school attendance at the moment and they are asking school to pursue parental fines for poor attendance that is unauthorised.



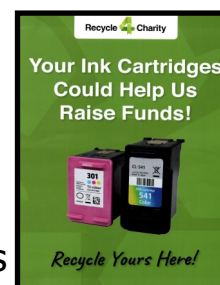
Battery Recycling

We now have a battery recycling point at the school. You are welcome to bring your old batteries to school to be recycled. You will find the battery recycling point in the entrance hall opposite the office.



Printer Ink Cartridge Recycling

We are now able to recycle your old printer ink cartridges. Please deposit your cartridges into the box in the Reception area, next to the battery recycling. By donating your empty cartridges for recycling you will help to raise funds for the school as well as helping to save the planet.





BALANCEABILITY

LEARN TO CYCLE

NEW 6 WEEK COURSE STARTS
3RD FEBRUARY @ ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

LEARN HOW TO:

- Get on and off a bike safely
- Propel and steer a balance bike
- Glide & brake
- Transition to a pedal bike
- Confidently control a pedal bike
- Propel, steer & brake

All helmets, balance & pedal bikes can be provided, or children can bring their own!

SUITABLE FOR AGES 3-7 YRS

6-WEEK SATURDAY COURSE

WWW.MOVE-MORE.ORG/BALANCEABILITY

MOVE MORE CLUB

7 - 13 YEARS OLD

JOIN OUR BRAND NEW CLUB where you will get to take part in a variety of activities, develop new skills and experience personal and social benefits such as friendship, teamwork, increased confidence and positive mental wellbeing.

WHERE
Bournside School
Cymnasium Hall
Warden Hill Road
Cheltenham, GL51 3EF

WHEN
Every Wednesday!
(Term Time Only)
Age 8-11 (School Yrs 4-6)
5:15pm - 6:15pm
Age 11-13 (School Yrs 7-8)
6:15pm - 7:15pm

COST
£5.50 per session

HOW TO BOOK
move-more.org/mm-club/

1 X FREE TASTER SESSION AVAILABLE!

HOCKEY HEROES

A HERO IN EVERY KID

A FUN WELCOMING PROGRAMME FOR ALL CHILDREN AGED 5 - 8 TO TRY HOCKEY AND TO DEVELOP BOTH THEIR PHYSICAL AND CHARACTER SUPERPOWERS

FIND OUT MORE: hockeyheroes.co.uk

Delivered by Cheltenham Junior Hockey Club
Starts Saturday 6 April at Cheltenham Ladies' College
08.30-09.30 / Book online at [via hockeyheroes.co.uk](http://via.hockeyheroes.co.uk)

Drama Adventures

learning journeys powered by imagination

Starting soon!

Saturday Drama Classes for ages 6+
11.30-12.30 at the Stanton Suite, Charlton Kings
(9+ year group continues 10-11.30am)

self-expression, performance skills, teamwork, creative exploration, communication skills, confidence-building

contact: gemma@dramaadventures.co.uk 07889809132

Sessions cost £8 (payable termly in advance)
One-off taster session bookable @ £8

Apply online for FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

You can secure a tasty free meal for your child and save yourself up to £437 per year.

Plus your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

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If you receive a qualifying benefit, your child's school is entitled to extra funding.

So even if you don't want your child to take a free meal, you should still apply to make sure that their school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled - helping them provide your child with the best education and support.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receiving an Universal Infant Free School Meal arranged by their school will still have to apply to enable their school to get any extra funding.

If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, speak to your child's school.

For further information, including a list of qualifying benefits, visit our website or speak to your child's school today.

Travel Assistance and Free School Meals Team
Access to Learning
Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall,
Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TP

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Winter Weather Closures

As we head into the winter months it seems a timely opportunity to remind parents of the procedure for school closures should we need to shut the school.

If the school is to be closed due to adverse weather conditions or heating failure, parents will be contacted using our text messaging system. Please make sure that we have your most up to date mobile number. We will also post a message on the Gloucestershire County Council school closure pages which can be accessed at:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/>

You can also sign up to the Gloucestershire County Council Twitter feed @Glos_schools

We will also place a message on our own school website: www.glenfall.gloucs.sch.uk

Announcements will also be made on local radio stations.

