



Glenfall News

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

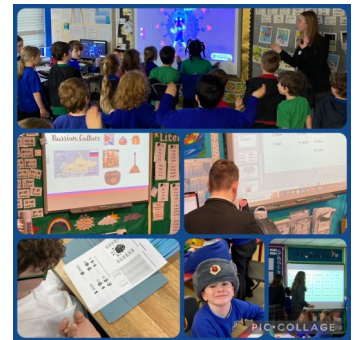
Friday 22nd March 2024



A word from the head.....

Well that's another half term gone whizzing by and it has certainly been a very busy one. There has been so much going on it's mind boggling.

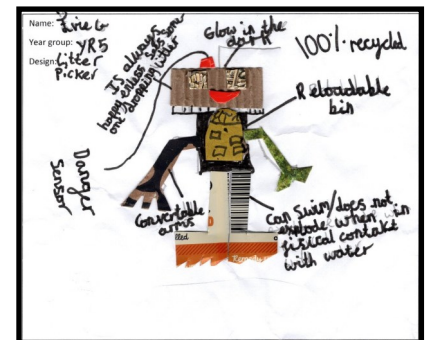
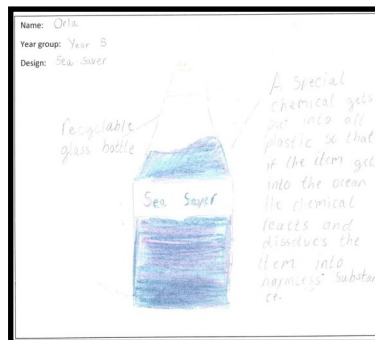
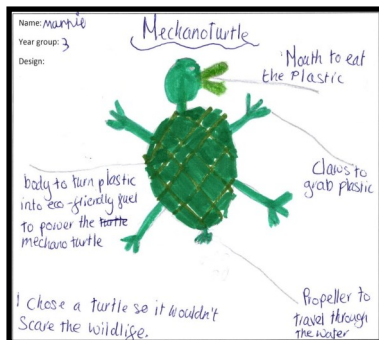
We recently had a 'Languages Day' in school and the children had a great opportunity to try out some new languages. We had students from Balcarras join us and also some parents. The children were able to try out some German, Russian, Spanish and Arabic by playing games and singing songs.



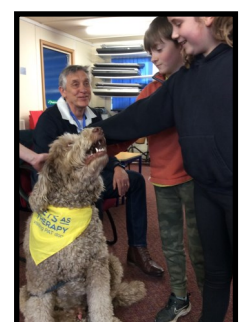
Year 3 & 4 welcomed their parents into school to watch a drama called Eddie and the Penguins. The parents were also able to go into the classrooms to look at the children's topic work on Antarctica.

The school's Science Ambassadors have also been busy this term. Following their very successful stall at the Christmas Fair, the Science Ambassadors decided to run a competition over the half term holiday. They invited the children to think like inventors and to design a machine to help save the world. There were some amazing designs and the judging was very difficult.

However, 3 worthy winners were identified and they received a sustainable prize. There were also tokens of appreciation for all of the children who took part. Have a look at the winning designs, they're great!



Last week we were delighted to welcome Raffa, the Therapy Dog into school with his owner, Steve. Raffa and Steve will be coming into school regularly to meet groups of children from across the school. Raffa is a specially trained dog and is very gentle and loves nothing more than lots of fuss - which the children are only too happy to oblige with. Raffa was last seen on Monday, rolling over onto his back and lifting his front paw so he could have his armpit tickled! I'm sure that you will agree from the photos that he's very cute!



World Book Day, The Spring Music Evening and Red Nose Day have also been highlights this term as have the Easter Celebrations which I hope you enjoyed this week. With Parents Evenings also been held this week you can see how busy the term has been.

Whatever you've got planned over the Easter break, I hope that you have a great time.

Anthony Mitchell





Phil's Memory Marathon

The training is nearly done for Mrs Woodman and Mrs Whyte - but there's still time to donate.

In 2019, my husband Phil suffered a catastrophic stroke following heart surgery. This devastated his life and that of those who loved him, leaving him unable to speak and partially paralysed. He spent 5 months in hospital and in time and with a lot of hard work, he learned to walk again and managed to regain some of his speech. Phil was unable to work or drive although he was desperate to do both, and this motivated him to work hard at his recovery. We knew he would never be back to where he was before the stroke but for over 3 years he pushed himself to keep getting better. It was a challenging time for us all but we were all incredibly proud of Phil and the support of those around him helped to push him further, and he made a much better recovery than anyone had predicted given the amount of damage caused to his brain.



Then in January 2023 he became ill. It transpired he had suffered another stroke - a spontaneous bleed this time damaging much of the healthy brain tissue he had left. And this time there was no chance of recovery and Phil died just 3 weeks after his 51st birthday.

His death was a tragedy. He leaves behind 3 children, a grandson, parents, sisters, in laws, nephews, nieces, cousins, aunties and uncles and countless friends who have all been devastated by his passing. And I have lost my husband, becoming widowed at just 37 years old.

I am honoured to be running the marathon in Phil's name. I am not a runner, and neither is Cat! But we're going to give it a good go! We massively appreciate the support shown by everyone we have told so far and hope to raise lots of money for a cause so close to my heart.

Phil would clearly think we were mad, but I like to think he'd be a bit proud too

Thanks everyone!

Polly Woodman

Donate here via this link  [Phil's Memory Marathon](#)



#YesUCan Run The London Marathon
On 21st April we will all be cheering you on.

Mr Mitchell will share the race numbers for Mrs Whyte and Mrs Woodman on Saturday 20th April. You can then track where they are and if you're in London for the Marathon find where they are on the course and give them your support.

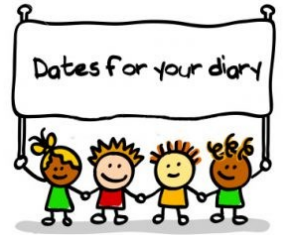


March

22nd March - School closes for Easter at 2pm

April

- 8th APRIL - Summer Term starts
Bikeability starts for Y6
- 10th April - Y4 Residential meeting over Zoom at 6pm
- 16th April - Swimming starts for Year 2
- 21st April - Mrs Woodman and Mrs Whyte are running the London Marathon.
- 24th April - Y3 & 4 Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa
- 25th April - Full Governors Meeting @7pm



May

- 6th May - Bank Holiday
- 13th May - KS2 SATs Week
- 15th May - Y4 Residential to Forest of Dean
- 16th May - St Edwards Olympic Torch Athletics
- 23rd May - Full Governors Meeting @7pm
- 24th May - Term ends for Half Term


Easy Fundraising

Make a difference to Friends of Glenfall School with every online shop!



Please sign up to Easy Fundraising. Fundraise for FrOGS just by doing your normal internet shopping. Just go through this site first. With only a handful of people doing it we have raised over £16. Just think what we could do if 50 people signed up!

Using this link means that if you raise over £5 in 6 months the company will donate an extra £5!!

Sign up to easyfundraising and watch as your online spending at over 8,000 brands turns into free funding for our cause. Sign up  [here](#)

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.



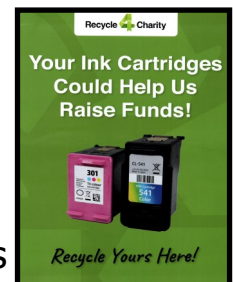
Battery Recycling

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.





MOVE MORE EVERY CHILD THRIVES **CAMPS** ★★★★★

EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMP
25TH MARCH - 5TH APRIL

@ FIVE VENUES ACROSS CHELTENHAM & GLOUCESTER

- Award Winning Delivery
- Huge Range Of Activities
- No Screens Policy
- Run By School PE Specialists
- 10% Sibling Discount
- Childcare Vouchers & TFC Accepted
- Early Drop-Off & Late Collection Options
- All Income Reinvested Into The Charity

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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

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

#PhysicallyActive

Move More Charity Number 1175899

Cheltenham Town **Community trust**

EASTER HOLIDAYS 2024

FOOTBALL HOLIDAY COURSES AGES 5 - 12 | BOYS & GIRLS | 9AM TO 3PM

GIRLS ONLY HOLIDAY COURSES AVAILABLE (AGES 6-13)

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

£14 PER DAY

COURSES HELD AT
 CLEEVE SCHOOL SPORTS CENTRE
 ST JAMES PRIMARY SCHOOL
 BISHOPS CLEEVE FC

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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK ON TO A COURSE, PLEASE GO TO:
WWW.OFFICIALSOCCERSCHOOLS.CO.UK/CHELTENHAMTOWNFC/

CHELTENHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB info@ctfccp.com 01242 518630

10% OFF USE CODE CHELT10

SPECIAL ACTIVITY THURSDAY CHELTENHAM

WEEK 1 ST MARYS **MAGIC EASTER EGG HUNT**

WEEK 2 ST EDWARDS **MAD 4 ANIMALS SWIMMING**

info@camp4211.co.uk 07825630751



NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS

Easter 2024

Coding
Learning
Inventing

TECH HOLIDAY CAMP

EASTER CAMPS 2024
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5 - 11
25TH MARCH - 12TH APRIL 2024
FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE

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NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS

EASTER CAMPS 2024
25TH MARCH - 12TH APRIL

Coding & Robots
Circuitry & Inventions
Creative Technology
STEM Engineering
Tech Fun

Movie Making | Video Game Design | Robot Coding | STEM Experiments | Engineering

25TH - 28TH MARCH 2024 - 4 DAYS LIMITED SPACES
2ND - 5TH APRIL 2024 - 4 DAYS LIMITED SPACES
8TH - 12TH APRIL 2024 - 5 DAYS LIMITED SPACES

"Wonderful Time"
"Our son had a wonderful time at Tech Camp, he was so proud of the song he made and mixed together himself and couldn't wait to play it for us when we collected him."
★★★★★

How to book

STEP 1
VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW

STEP 2
FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP

STEP 3
ES OFF IF YOU BOOK BY 15 MARCH WITH CODE BELOW

BOOK NOW AT
www.nextthing.education
T: 01442 873150 E: info@nextthing.education

JET AGE MUSEUM

SPECIAL EASTER
Wed. APRIL 3rd 2024
OPENING
Museum open 10am - 4pm

No Admission Charge
but all donations welcome to our all volunteer museum

Meteor Business Park, Cheltenham Road East, Glos GL2 9QL

Just Camps
kid's fun & fitness

Welcome To The Just Camps Mini-Marathon

This year, on April 13th, we're hosting our very own Just Camps Mini Marathon in Cheltenham, and we want you and your kids to be part of this fantastic event!

- What: Just Camps Mini Marathon
- When: April 13th 2024
- Where: Cheltenham - All Saints Academy

Sue Ryder

This is a wonderful opportunity for your family to embrace a healthy lifestyle, bond together, and kick-start a year of exciting challenges. The Mini Marathon covers a manageable 2.6 miles, making it perfect for participants of all ages and fitness levels.

But that's not all - we invite everyone to come dressed in their most creative fancy dress attire, adding a dash of fun to the event. All funds go to the Sue Ryder Charity so let's make it a weekend to remember!

Scan Here

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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WHY SHOULDN'T YOU TELL AN EASTER EGG A JOKE?

IT MIGHT CRACK UP!

WHAT DO YOU CALL A BUNNY WITH FLEAS?

BUGS BUNNY

WHY DID THE EASTER BUNNY HAVE TO FIRE THE DUCK?

BECAUSE HE KEPT QUACKING THE EGGS!