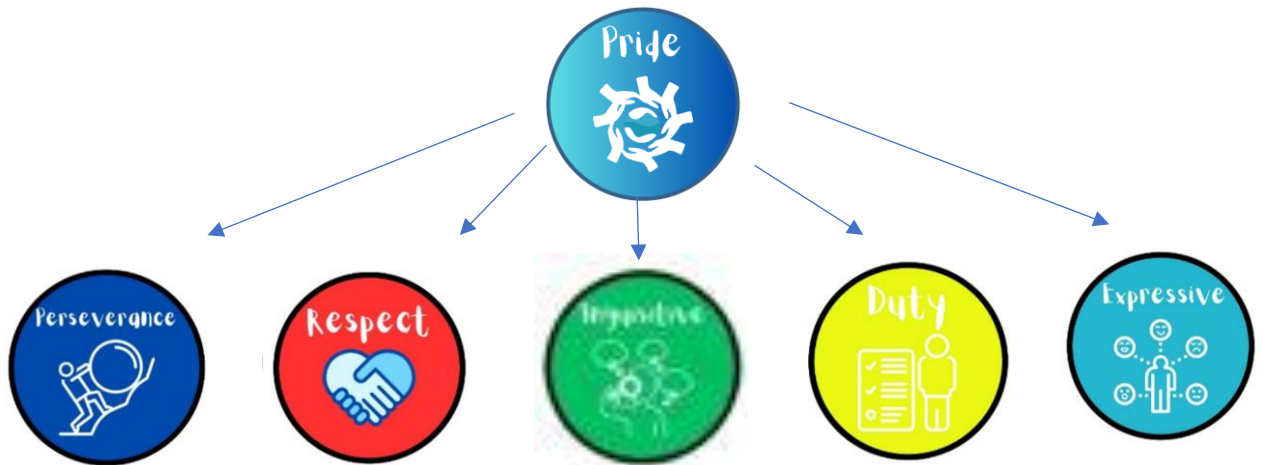


# Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> December 2024



## Santa Online!

Santa took time out of his busy schedule to have an online Teams meeting with the children in Reception and Year 1! Santa talked to the children about the Reindeers, the Elves, their workshop and the importance of Christmas Cheer to produce the magic needed to make Christmas happy and successful. The children sang Santa's favourite song, "When Santa got stuck up the chimney". He was very impressed with their singing and actions!





## Reception Trip

Reception Elizabeth went to West Midlands Safari Park to see Santa. It was cold, but they had a wonderful day and were extremely well behaved. The excitement began with a coach journey with lots of chatting and singing all the way to Bewdley! The children had to go into the magic elevator to see Santa. They spoke to the Elves and told Santa what they would like for Christmas. Then they went into his magical workshop to choose their own present. There were so many things to choose from! Their adventure continued with a walk through the reptile creepy crawlies, the aquarium and Dinosaur Land before watching the Sea Lion show. As well as meeting Santa, the children also met Mrs Claus! Whilst in her workshop, they wrote letters to Santa, made animal treats and made their own special reindeer food. The day ended with a coach journey around the Safari Park itself to see the animals. Such wonderful memories created on their first trip in "Big School"! Well done to Reception Elizabeth; we were so proud of them all!



## Christmas Lunch

Christmas at Glascote Academy would not be complete without our Glascote Family Christmas Dinner! We had three sittings across a two-hour period. Children and their staff sat and ate together whilst other staff served and waited on them. Music, singing, laughter, food and good company! Well done everyone for making it special.



## Glascote's Got Talent

Another Glascote Family tradition kickstarted our day of celebration on 18<sup>th</sup> December. Auditions had already taken place; the finalists were poised and ready to entertain their invited guests, the Judges and their friends and teachers. Our three Judges (Mr. Burdett, Mrs. Evans, and Mr. Baugh) were amazed at the standard of the acts this year. The overall winners, chosen by the judges and children's amalgamated votes, were Chloe, Eirini and Evelyn from 4 Darwin who danced to 'Love Story' as Romeo, Juliet and Juliet's father. Dance and story-telling beautifully intertwined. They all won Amazon vouchers. The Judges also awarded an Outstanding Achievement Award to Elkans from 3 Chandi who played two technically challenging pieces on the violin. He was presented with an Electronic Keyboard donated by Mr. Baugh, Director of 'Rockit Music'. All finalists, and our two comperes (Poppy W and Anesti from 6 Pankhurst) were all presented with a selection box. Congratulations to them all!



Class	Glascote's Got Talent Finalists
5 Seacole	Jade and Mia - Dancing
2 Franklin	Ameer - Piano
1 Nightingale	Kallie, Carter and Hunter - Singing
Reception Elizabeth	Jillian, Lottie, Remi – Samba Dance
4 Darwin	Chloe, Eirini, Evelyn - Dancing
4 Williamson	Henry and Kristians - Telling Jokes
1 Berner's - Lee	Olivia and Erin - Singing
3 Newton	Bethany and Mason- Singing and Dancing
2 Attenborough	Demi-Blu - Singing
2 Dove	Elkans - Violin
6 Trent	Zohra - Dancing





## End of Autumn Term Achievement Winners!



Reception Elizabeth:	Lottie	Callum
1 Berner's-Lee:	Theodore	Erin J
1 Nightingale:	Leevi	Mileigh
2 Attenborough:	Thanuil	Jasper
2 Franklin:	Roxanne	Lillian
3 Chandi:	Robert	Elkans
3 Newton:	Tommy-James	Ianis
4 Darwin:	Andreea	Logan
4 Williamson:	Iulia	Archie
5 Seacole:	Ryan	Roscoe
6 Pankhurst:	Poppy W	Erin H

All the children were presented with a certificate during our whole school Achievement Assembly. Two guests per child were invited to join us in the proceedings. The children also received the gift of an Afternoon Tea 'take-away' bag. Congratulations.

### A change for the Spring Term...

During a previous Parent Survey, many parents commented that they would like to know how to support their children. With this in mind, we would like to provide the opportunity to see how we teach reading and to share our books and library with you.

### Therefore...

**Farm/Forest Week** will continue to be Tues/Wed/Thurs but will no longer include the Inspire Workshop/Family lunch.

**Family Lunch** – this will continue to take place on a Wednesday (dates provided) with Parents arriving at 11:45. The Family lunch will be in a DIFFERENT week to Farm/Forest week.

**Inspire Workshop** – This is now going to be called '**Reading Café**' and this will take place straight after your child's class assembly. Once the assembly has finished, the children will go back to class where they can have a drink, go to the toilet, put away items from the assembly and then get their reading book (Big Cat Collins)/library book ready. Whilst this is happening, the teacher will conduct a short presentation to parents about our reading; parents may ask questions (tea/coffee/biscuits will be available.) Once hot drinks are put away, the children will join their parents to share their reading book and/or show their adult the library and change a book if they wish to. This session will end at 10:15am.

# Diary Dates

Week beginning	Outdoor Week (Tues/Wed/Thurs)	Family Lunch only (Wed 11:45am)	Class Assembly/Reading Café (Thurs 9 – 15am)
6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	No Outdoor	No Family Lunch	No Class Assembly/Reading Café
13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2 Attenborough	6 Pankhurst	5 Seacole
20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2 Franklin	1 Berners-Lee	4 Darwin
27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1 Nightingale	2 Franklin	4 Williamson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	1 Berners-Lee	2 Attenborough	3 Chandi
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	5 Seacole	Reception Elizabeth	3 Newton
<b>HALF TERM</b>			
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	4 Williamson	1 Nightingale	6 Pankhurst
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	4 Darwin	5 Seacole	1 Berners-Lee
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Elizabeth	3 Chandi	1 Nightingale
17 <sup>th</sup> March	6 Pankhurst	3 Newton	Reception Elizabeth
24 <sup>th</sup> March	3 Newton	4 Darwin	2 Franklin
31 <sup>st</sup> March	3 Chandi	4 Williamson	2 Attenborough
1 <sup>st</sup> April	No Outdoor	No Family Lunch	No Class Assembly/Reading Café

## Merry Christmas!

And finally, we would like to thank you for your continued support and faith in us; our school numbers have risen to 281 pupils – the most ever in the history of Glascote Academy!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We will see you on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

