



GLADSTONE PARK NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 1 WEEK 1

Dear families,

Welcome to the summer term, and hopefully lots more sunshine! It has been a fantastic start to our final term of the year, with our staff team thinking of ways we can make our school 1% better and how we can ensure that every moment counts in setting our children up for success. We reviewed our assessment data and the progress our students had made, identified those who need a little extra support, practised delivering our lessons, and set up our interventions so they can start straight away this week.

Our children have settled well into the term, and as our external examinations lay ahead of us for Year 6, Year 1 and Year 4, we are preparing our children to have the confidence and courage to showcase the amazing progress they've made this year.

Thank you to those who came to see our live writing lessons in action this week, and who came to learn writing with us on Friday morning - we have a busy schedule of workshops this term so please pop along if you can. We're always keen for your feedback too, so please let us know if there are more workshops you'd like to see, or how we can improve the school to make it 1% better for you too.

Have a lovely weekend!

Ms Green



Don't forget to check out our tuition club, key dates and lots more here!



instagram:
[gladstoneparkprimary](https://www.instagram.com/gladstoneparkprimary) - here's where you'll find snippets of school life & information you need!



YEAR UPDATES

NURSERY

This week in Nursery has been full of curiosity, stories and lots of outdoor fun. In maths, the children have been learning to match, working hard to spot pairs and make connections in their activities.

We also introduced our new story, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. The children discovered a mysterious book filled with fruit that had been nibbled, and they had great fun guessing who might have eaten it.

Outdoors, the children enjoyed riding the bikes and practised taking turns beautifully. They used the sand timer to help them share fairly, and we were so proud of how patient and thoughtful they were with one another.



YEAR 1

In Year 1, we were very excited to welcome Zoolab to our school. We loved meeting the different animals and learning all about them. One of the highlights was seeing a yellow snake up close and even having the chance to touch it. It was wonderful to hear the children using the vocabulary they had learnt in class during the visit as well. We are really pleased to be back at school for the summer term and can't wait to share more of our learning with you soon!



YEAR 2

Welcome back to school! We are really excited to get our teeth stuck into our new learning but before we do that we wanted to share our learning from before the Easter holidays where we enjoyed a Great Fire of London immersive workshop! We were taken into the hall by Samuel Pepyes for a dramatic re-enactment of the fire and included in decision making to help put out the fire and save the city of London. We loved being transported into the past and were immersed in the drama of 1666.

RECEPTION

Welcome back, Reception!

The Summer term has begun, and we are looking forward to a very busy and exciting few weeks ahead. The children will be using everything they have learned in phonics to support their reading and writing.

Over the next three weeks, we will be reading the book *Weirdo*. As part of this, the children will be creating their own flyers all about themselves.

Our topic this half term is *Minibeasts and Lifecycles*. We will be exploring different minibeasts and learning about how they grow and change. Our focus artist is Henry Matisse, and the children will be inspired by his work in their own creations.

We will also be making minibeasts using recycled materials, so please feel free to send in any clean recycling items you may have at home.

We are especially excited that our chicks will be arriving in school next week—this will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to observe a real-life lifecycle.

Thank you for your continued support!



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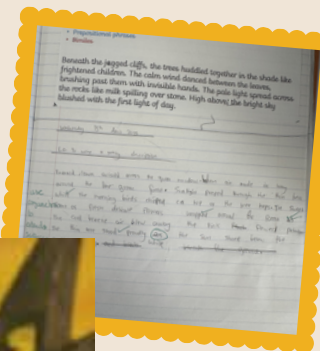
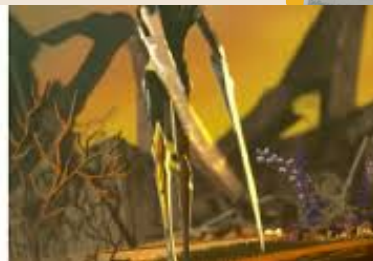
YEAR 4

Year 4 have been learning about Ernest Shackleton in their English lessons - an legendary explorer who sailed to Antarctica where he saved his crew after a disastrous crash in the ice. The children are in the process of writing a letter to Ernest Shackleton, warning him of the dangers that he may experience on his journey. Before the Easter break, Year 4 became fashion designers! As part of the Gladstone Park Pledge, the children in Year 4 learnt how to tie-dye items of clothing!



YEAR 6

Welcome back, Year 6! We have missed you and have hit the ground running this week. With just four weeks to go until SATs and only 14 school days left, we are ready to give it our all. We are so grateful for your continued support and dedication, and we look forward to seeing the children's hard work come to fruition.



YEAR 3

Children in Year 3 have started the new term with great energy! They have started to read poetry and have been performing their work to their peers - building their oracy and dram skills at the same time! At the end of the spring term, Year 3 learnt about recycling and took part in an activity where they used used boxes and bottles to make their own models!



YEAR 5

This half term, we hit the ground running and made a fantastic start to our learning. One of the highlights was welcoming parents into our classroom to watch our English lessons in action. We thoroughly enjoyed having them join us and share in our learning experience. We eagerly anticipate our visit to Camden Arts Centre in the coming weeks and look forward to fulfilling our pledge commitment of filming a vlog!





ATTENDANCE



We're turning up the excitement around attendance this term!

Our goal is for every class to reach 97% attendance or higher – and we've got some fun incentives to help make that happen.

After the huge success last half term, we're bringing back Non-Uniform Day on the last day of term as a prize! To be in with a chance of winning, your class needs to show fantastic commitment by being in school every day – every single day counts.

And that's not all...

We're also launching a very special visitor for KS1! This exciting guest will be awarded to the class with the top attendance, so there's even more reason to be in school, on time, every day.

Let's work together to make this our best attendance term yet – we can't wait to celebrate our winning classes!

This was what the last week of last half term's attendance looked like:

Reception

94%

Year 1

96%

Year 2

95%

Year 3

96%

Year 4

93%

Year 5

95%

Year 6

97%





STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE



Our School Council met up this week and were really excited about the term ahead.

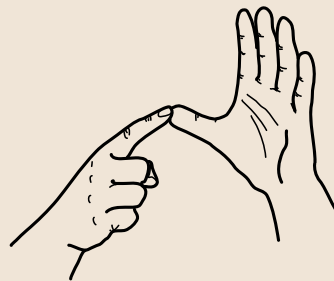
They were buzzing with ideas and suggestions ranging from what we could do to keep our playgrounds free from litter to designing a school poster competition. The children even suggested that they possibly team up with the Eco Ambassadors to help prevent waste in school.

They have lots to do and as such have decided to meet more frequently this term to fit it all in.

GPPS are lucky to have such a hard working team!



MAKATON SIGNS OF THE WEEK



We have been learning the Makaton Signs of the Week as part of our commitment to supporting every child's communication. Each week, we introduce a new sign and model this to our students. This has been particularly helpful for our children with speech, language and communication needs to understand key vocabulary and express themselves.

The sign of the week this week is to paint.

See the Makaton video using the link here:

https://makaton.org/TMC/News_Stories/SOTW/SOTW_To_Paint.aspx



CLUBS UPDATE



After school Clubs are now live on MCAS

We still have spaces in the following clubs

- Sewing (y3-6)
- KS1/KS2 Football
- KS2 Basketball
- KS2 Tennis
- KS1 Multi-sports
- KS2 Dodgeball
- KS1/KS2 Olympic Games



SPORTS UPDATE



We are back at school and straight into action, with the boys' football team already beginning their preparations for our highly anticipated semi-final Brent Cup clash against Uxendon Manor on the 20th of May.

At the same time, the Year 3 & 4 athletics team have started training hard for their upcoming Quad Kids competition at Willesden sports centre on the 12th of May.

Adding to the excitement, last year's cricket champions have been invited to compete in a prestigious grand finale at a professional cricket ground against the best schools in the borough, with training set to begin next week. All three squads are working incredibly hard and showing great determination as they aim to bring even more success back to our school.





NOTICES



Follow us on Instagram:
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Parents' Survey

Please scan the QR code to give us your feedback on how we're doing as a school, and what we can improve to make our experience for you and our students even better!



Tutoring Club!

We're working with First Class Learning Tuition to host a maths tutoring club at Gladstone Park for just £50 a month. If you'd be interested in signing your children up, please click on link below

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1188bKPDxRJT_H64HIrkjuoQiCStINLW2IN7X-kkwsJkU/viewform?usp=drivesdk&chromeless=1&edit_requested=true



Rock Steady Music School

We only have a small number of places left for students in Years 1-3 to sign up for RockSteady! Please see the letter sent out via MCAS to sign up.



SUMMER 1

KEY DATES



Please see some of our key dates for the term ahead!



**Monday 13th
April**

INSET Day - No school for the children

**Monday 4th
May**

Bank holiday May Day - No School for children

**Thursday 7th
May**

**Polling Day - No school for EYFS-Y5
Y6 in school for the morning**

**W/C Monday
11th May**

Year 6 SATs Week

**Thursday 21st
May**

Class Photo Day - Children wear full uniform

First day of Summer 2: Tuesday 14th April Last day of Summer: Friday 24th May



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PARENT EVENTS



Please see some of our key dates for the term ahead!

**Tuesday
21st April**

Watch Year 3 Live Writing Lesson @ 8:45am

**Monday 27th
April**

Thrive Parent Workshop - Supporting Behaviour @ 8:45am

**Tuesday 28th
April**

Watch Year 1 Live Writing Lesson @ 8:45am

**Thursday 30th
April**

Open Day Tour @ 8:45am

**Friday 1st
May**

Learn writing with us Session 2 @ 8:45am

**Tuesday 5th
May**

Watch Year 4 Live Writing Lesson @ 8:45am
Watch Reception Live Writing Lesson @ 8:45am

**Wednesday
6th May**

MTC Workshop @ 8:45am

**Friday 8th
May**

SEND coffee morning @ 8.45am

**Tuesday 19th
May**

Watch Live Year 6 writing lesson @ 8:45am
Year 1 Phonics Screening Workshop @ 8:45am

**Wednesday
20th May**

Meet the head & Learn writing with us Session 3 @ 8:45am

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May**

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Gladstone Park Primary
School



Watch a Live writing Lesson PARENT WORKSHOP



Year 2 - Tuesday

14th April @ 8:45am

Year 5 - Tuesday

14th April @ 8:45am

Year 3 - Tuesday

21st April @ 8:45am

Year 1 - Tuesday

28th April @ 8:45am

Year 4 - Tuesday

5th May @ 8:45am

Reception - Tuesday

5th May @ 8:45am

Year 6 - Tuesday

19th May @ 8:45am



COME AND JOIN US



Thrive Parent Workshop

Supporting Behaviour at home



 Monday 27th April

 8:45am - 9:30am

 School PA Hall

Following our introduction to Thrive in the spring term, we are pleased to announce that our second Thrive workshop will take place in April.

This session will focus on supporting behaviour at home and how you can help your child feel safe and special, with links to attachment theory. We will share practical tips and guidance from the Thrive Approach, and there will be dedicated time for you to ask questions.

We look forward to seeing you there and working together to support your child's wellbeing.





MTC PARENT WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY
@ 8:45AM

Get support from our Y4 Phase Lead and Maths Lead on what the MTC check is, when it is taking place and how you can best support your child.





OPEN DAY TOURS

Come and join us for Open Day Tours
For current and prospective parents

Thursday 30th April
Thursday 21st May

The tours will start from 8.45am.

Intrigued to know how we inspire the next generation?

This is an opportunity for you to come and have a look around our Early Years and whole school provision, meet some of our friendly staff and experience what our school has to offer.

We offer 15 hour and 30 hour* Nursery places.

We have a breakfast club between 8.00am and 8.30am, various after school clubs and external provider for wraparound care.

Please sign up for the tour via the school website by completing Open Day Tours Form or click on the link below in the description



*Eligible parents only 



For more info

0208 452 1350



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Learn Writing with us workshop Session 2

This term, we're sharing with our families how we teach writing at school. Come along to test your knowledge, learn how we teach our children, and pick up some grammatical concepts to support your children at home.

Friday
1st May @ 8:45am



MEET THE HEAD TEACHER

& LEARN WRITING WITH US - SESSION 3



MS GREEN

DATE & TIME

WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY

AT 8:45AM

IN PA HALL

ENTRANCE THROUGH

SCHOOL OFFICE

POP IN FOR A COFFEE AND A CHAT WITH MS GREEN TO SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK, HEAR OUR REFLECTIONS ON THE YEAR SO FAR AND OUR OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS IN THE SUMMER TERM. WE'LL ALSO BE TALKING THROUGH HOW WE TEACH WRITING IN FURTHER DETAIL, SO POP ALONG TO LEARN ABOUT GRAMMAR, WRITING SKILLS AND LOTS MORE!



Come along to

SEND Coffee Morning

Supporting dysregulation at home

Get support from our school SENDCo Anna Davis and our Place2Be Project Manager Deepti Bhogle on how to support your child at home if they are dysregulated. An opportunity for parents to raise specific issues and seek advice.

**FRIDAY
8TH MAY
@9:00AM**



Big Brent Brushathon

Tuesday, 19 May
& Wednesday, 20 May
2026

Early years settings and primary schools in Brent are invited to this fun event. Let's make a difference together!



NHS
Whittington Health
NHS Trust



Brent

<Children should>

- ✓ BRUSH TWICE A DAY FOR 2 MINUTES WITH FLUORIDE TOOTHPASTE
- ✓ SPIT OUT THE FOAM, DO NOT RINSE!
- ✓ VISIT DENTIST: FREE FOR UNDER 18S

PHOTO COMPETITION

Win a £100 Voucher!
And a certificate to
celebrate your
efforts.**

SEND ENTRIES by
Monday,
25 May 2026



To:
PublicHealthBrent@brent.gov.uk

** Photo competition terms and conditions can be found in your invitation email.

Parents as first teachers



You are your child's most important teacher

Babies are born to learn, but, they don't come with a set of instructions.

What you do at home really matters

This voluntary programme is free to all parents and carers of babies and pre-school children (0-5 years), and is designed to enhance child development and school achievement.

You can be involved as soon as you know you are pregnant.

By accessing PAFT you will:

- Have one to one support with a practitioner who will play and learn alongside you and your child in your home.
- This outreach parent support programme helps get children ready to be able to access school/nursery through one-to-one support sessions with parents and encouraging learning through play.

If you are interested complete an online application at www.brent.gov.uk/parenting or call 0208 937 5974



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