



# GLADSTONE PARK NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 1 WEEK 3

Dear families,

Welcome to our Summer 1, Week 3 edition of the newsletter. It's been another busy and purposeful few weeks, with a real sense of momentum building across the school. As we move closer to the upcoming exam period, our students in Year 6, Year 4 and Year 1 are working incredibly hard in preparation for their respective assessments. We are proud of the determination and focus they are showing, truly demonstrating our RIDER values every day. Alongside this, we continue to prioritise excellent attendance across the school—thank you for your ongoing support with this. We hope you've spotted our new furry friends in Years 1 and 2, who are already proving very popular in encouraging our children to come to school each day!

It has also been a joy to see learning brought to life in different ways across the school. Reception have been caring for their newly arrived chicks - a wonderful opportunity linked to our Gladstone Pledge of looking after animals. Across other year groups, we have loved welcoming so many of you into school to see our writing lessons in action—your engagement and support make a real difference to our children's confidence and pride in their work.

A reminder that there will be no school on Thursday 7th May for all children except those in Year 6, as this is an additional preparation day ahead of their SATs. We appreciate your support in ensuring Year 6 students attend on this day.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable bank holiday 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

It has been a busy and exciting time in Nursery. The children made the most of the sunny weather with lots of outdoor learning. A highlight of the week was visiting Reception to look at the fluffy chicks. They also enjoyed planting vegetables in the garden area and watching our sunflower as it continues to grow.



## YEAR 1

Our young scientists have been busy planting seeds and watching the magic of nature unfold! With a little soil, water and sunshine, tiny seeds are beginning their journey into growing plants. As they observe each stage, the children are discovering the important parts of a plant - roots that drink up water, strong stems that hold the plant tall and leaves that use sunlight to make food. There's been lots of excitement as the first green shoots appear, bringing learning to life right before their eyes!

## RECEPTION

What an exciting ten days we've had with our chicks! Starting from eggs, we successfully hatched 17 chicks, and each class took on the responsibility of caring for them. The children have been thoroughly engaged—writing messages to the chicks, drawing pictures, and observing them grow day by day. This hands-on experience has given them a wonderful opportunity to learn about the life cycle of a chick in a meaningful and memorable way. A big thank you to Happy Chick Company for providing us with such a special opportunity!



## YEAR 2

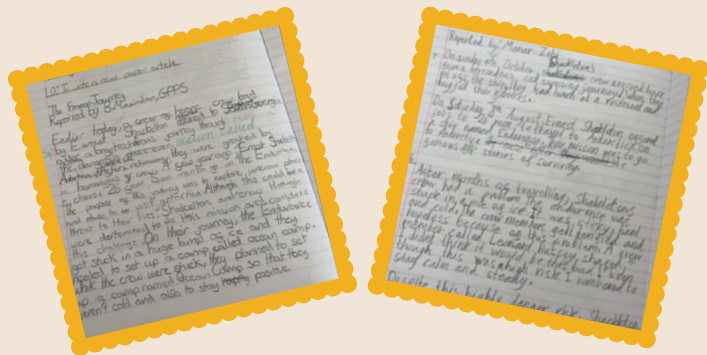


Year 2 have had a great start to the summer term. We have been on a very exciting trip to the Central Masjid Mosque, which was just a quick walk from school. We were so lucky to be taken on a VIP tour of the mosque, learning all about the pillars of Islam from the Imam. Year 2 have started learning about fractions in maths, showing off their skills with Cuisenaire rods and building fraction walls.

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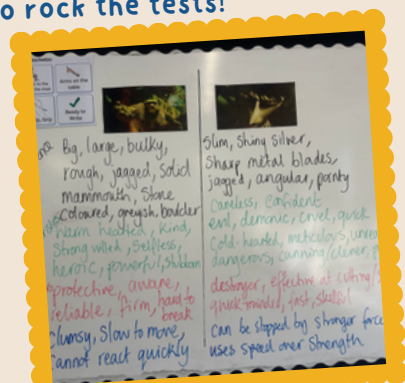
## YEAR 4

Year 4 have been writing a newspaper report this week, detailing the events of Ernest Shackleton and his crew's journey to Antarctica. The children have learnt to summarise key events in order to give a succinct but detailed account of what happened. Have a look at some of their writing below:



## YEAR 6

Year 6 have been diving into character description in writing and having great fun creating work inspired by the well-known game Rock, Paper, Scissors — but with a film twist! Creativity has been flowing as pupils bring their ideas to life on the page. With only 5 days to go until SATs, the countdown is on! A reminder that Year 6 will be in school on May 7th — to get ready, confident and prepared to rock the tests!



## YEAR 3

Children in Year 3 have really been enjoying their current science unit. They have been learning about plants and the different functions of their parts. This week, the children went outside to have a look at the plants in our local area and sounded like true botanists with the scientific language they were using!



## YEAR 5

Year 5 had a visit from the Camden Arts Centre and got stuck in to lots of different activities. Our theme was the wind - how it makes us feel, what messages it might share and who might send us a message through the wind. We then made origami style windmills by folding card and attaching handles. Our main project for the day was to build a kite! We did this by building a frame with sticks and string, then using work Year 1 had created as the sheet. Our outcomes were exceptional and we can't wait to take them out to the playground to fly!





# ATTENDANCE

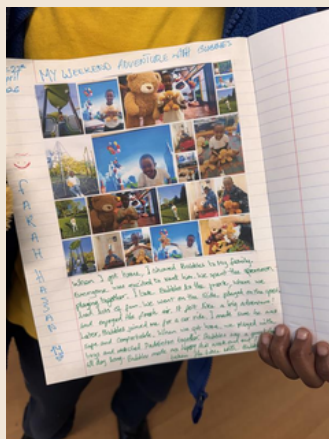
We've been absolutely delighted to see such a big improvement in attendance recently – thank you so much for your continued support. It's made a real difference to the children's learning and wellbeing, and it's been wonderful to feel the buzz around school each morning.

Year 1 and 2 have also been brimming with excitement over the launch of the bears! The children were thrilled to meet them and have already thrown themselves into their adventures with huge enthusiasm. We've been blown away by the incredible feedback from families about the bears' journeys so far – the photos, stories and smiles have been a joy to see. We can't wait to see where they head next!



Our Key Stage 1 winners:

- 1J - Jana
- 1V - Ahmad
- 1V - Zainab
- 2A - Kyra
- 2M - Winnie
- 2T - Hala



This is what attendance looked like this week:

**Nursery**

**94%**

**Reception**

**98%**

**Year 1**

**94%**

**Year 2**

**97%**

**Year 3**

**99%**

**Year 4**

**96%**

**Year 5**

**97%**

**Year 6**

**96%**





# STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE



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

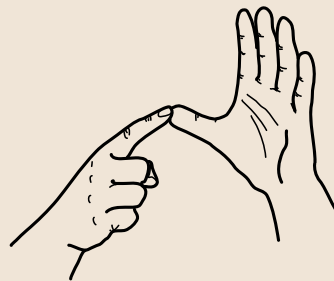
They were buzzing with ideas and suggestions ranging from what we could do to keep our playgrounds free from litter to designing a school poster competition. The children even suggested that they possibly team up with the Eco Ambassadors to help prevent waste in school.

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](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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](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  
11<sup>th</sup> May**

**Year 6 SATs Week**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>  
May**

**Class Photo Day - Children wear full uniform**

**First day of Summer 2: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April      Last day of Summer: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**



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# PARENT EVENTS



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

**Tuesday  
21<sup>st</sup> April**

Watch Year 3 Live Writing Lesson @ 8:45am

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>  
April**

Thrive Parent Workshop - Supporting Behaviour @ 8:45am

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>  
April**

Watch Year 1 Live Writing Lesson @ 8:45am

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>  
April**

Open Day Tour @ 8:45am

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup>  
May**

Learn writing with us Session 2 @ 8:45am

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>  
May**

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

**Wednesday  
6<sup>th</sup> May**

MTC Workshop @ 8:45am

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>  
May**

SEND coffee morning @ 8.45am

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>  
May**

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

**Wednesday  
20<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>  
May**

Open Day Tour @ 8:45am



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# 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**






# 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.



*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**





# YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING WORKSHOP

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May @ 8:45am

Get support from our phonics lead on what the phonics screening is, when your child will be sitting it and how you can best prepare your child.

**BAT**



**CAT**



**RAT**



# MEET THE HEAD TEACHER

## & LEARN WRITING WITH US - SESSION 3



**MS GREEN**

### DATE & TIME

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> 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!





# OPEN DAY TOURS

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

Thursday 30th April  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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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# 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!



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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](mailto: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](http://www.brent.gov.uk/parenting) or call 0208 937 5974**



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