GLADSTONE PARK NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 1 WEEK 6





Dear families,

It has been another busy week with at Gladstone Park, with pupils enjoying a wide range of learning opportunities, enrichment activities and special events. As always, our school has been full of energy, enthusiasm and achievement!

Our Year 6 pupils have worked incredibly hard during their Mock SATs week and have been really determined to do their best!. We are so proud of the effort they have put in! A special thank you to the Year 6 team for all their hard work in preparing for the week!

Working closely with our families is a key priority for us at GPPS and we would love to see you at the different events we hold. Our SEND Coffee Morning provided an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with staff and ask questions including how to access local authority support, whilst our SAT's workshop for parents provided an opportunity to explain to parents how they could support their children with their learning and also the procedure for applying to high school.

Our pupils have been working really hard in classes to improve their maths fluency and teachers have also benefitted from our Effective Maths specialist coming into school to model some lessons and share strategies to further strengthen teaching and learning within maths.

And finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your unwavering support as we reach the penultimate week before half term. It has been a pleasure meeting so many of you as you drop off and collect your children and I hope to see you soon at our events!

Don't forget to sign up for parents' evening and complete our parent survey - we really appreciate your feedback.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms Hussain
Head of School

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

@gladstoneparkprimary - here's where you'll find snippets of school life & information you need!

YEAR UPDATES

NURSERY

What a lovely week we have had in Nursery! The children have enjoyed dancing and singing along to their favourite songs, as well as beginning our phonics learning through nursery rhymes and fun listening games.

In Maths, we have been exploring shapes and developing our understanding through hands-on activities. We have also been practising taking turns, sharing resources and playing nicely together, helping us to build our friendships and social skills.

To support our fine motor development, the children have taken part in a variety of activities to strengthen their hands and fingers, helping to prepare them for future writing





RECEPTION

This week, our Reception classes had the exciting opportunity to watch a live school show, The New Adventures of Pinocchio. The children were incredibly excited to watch the performance live and were fully engaged throughout the show. They especially enjoyed watching the characters change and seeing the story come to life on stage. The children sat beautifully on the floor for a whole hour, which is a huge achievement, especially during the Autumn 1 term! They thoroughly enjoyed the performance and came out of the show full of excitement, talking enthusiastically about their favourite parts, characters and moments. It was wonderful to see how much they enjoyed this special experience.

We also have some exciting news in EYFS! We have now started our reading practice, and from Fridays, children will be bringing home Bug Club books to support and develop their reading skills. We encourage families to enjoy sharing these books together at home and celebrate every step of their child's reading journey. 📚✨



YEAR 2

Year 2 have been putting their creativity and engineering skills to the test in DT! The children have had a fantastic time designing and making their very own Ferris wheel models, exploring how mechanisms work to create movement. Taking inspiration from their local area, they added their own creative touches before putting their Ferris wheels to the test to make sure they could turn successfully. We have been so impressed by their imagination, problem-solving skills and determination to make their designs work. Take a look at their fantastic creations!





YEAR 1

Year 1 have been busy putting their creativity and design skills to the test! The children have had a fantastic time designing and making their very own slider games, thinking carefully about how to bring their ideas to life. From planning their designs to exploring how moving mechanisms work, our young designers have shown wonderful imagination, determination and problem-solving skills. We have been so impressed by their creativity and enthusiasm!

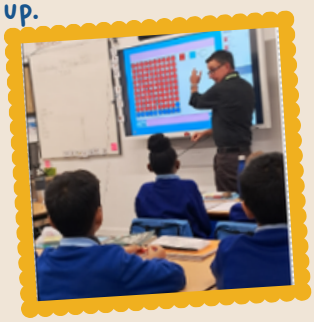




YEAR UPDATES

YEAR 4

In math, Greg demonstrated a great lesson on addition. The children responded very well and we were encouraged by their responses. They found number patterns, added three different numbers to make 100 and worked together to work out the answers to some tricky questions. Many children then had a go at working on the challenge task where they had to choose four different digits to make 100. Everyone was resilient and never gave up.





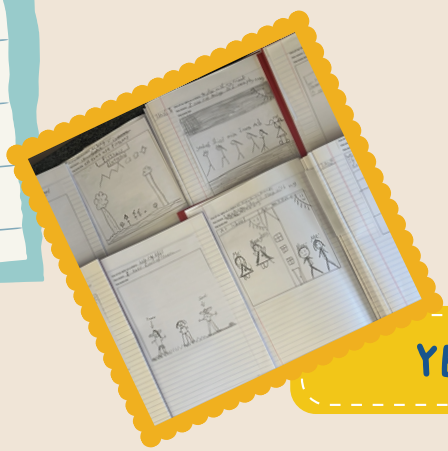
YEAR 5

WYear 5 have been getting stuck in to their Science learning all about forces. We took part in a great experiment to find out whether the surface area of a parachute has an impact on air resistance and the time it takes to reach the ground!

Swimming has continued to go well and the progress of every single child is remarkable. We can't wait to see what they're capable of in the last session before Christmas.







YEAR 3

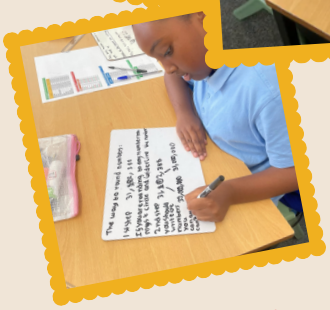
It's been another fabulous fortnight in Year 3! This week, we have been learning all about children's rights! We explored our right to education, a safe home, play, having our voice heard, and good health. The children discussed what each right means and, most importantly, what these rights look like in everyday life. Ask a Year 3 child to tell you all about their rights - they might surprise you with how much they know!

YEAR 6

Year 6 have recently completed their Place Value unit and have been working hard to deepen their understanding of rounding numbers to the nearest ten million. It has been wonderful to see the children confidently explain their methods, using visual representations to support and showcase their mathematical thinking. We are very proud of the effort, enthusiasm and progress they have shown throughout the unit!







ATTENDANCE



A friendly reminder that our school gates open at 8:30am and close promptly at 8:40am. Leaders provide both a 2-minute and 1-minute warning before the gates close to help everyone prepare for the start of the school day.

Once the gates are due to close, it is important that parents leave the playground promptly. We cannot effectively support your children in settling for learning if adults remain on site, and this is beginning to cause some pupils to feel unsettled at the start of the day. A calm, consistent and timely start helps all children to feel safe, ready and focused for learning.

A huge well done to Year 6, who achieved an impressive 97% attendance this week! Your commitment to being in school every day is making a real difference to your learning.

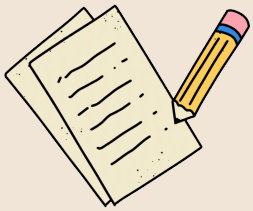
Don't forget, next week we will be announcing the winner of our half-term attendance prize - a non-uniform day for the class with the best attendance. Keep up the fantastic effort and let's finish the half term strongly! 🎉📚🏆



Nursery	83%
Reception	95%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	92%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	97%

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

School councillors have been elected and already gotten to work! Taking an active role in improving our school environment, councillors are helping to make Gladstone Park an even better place to learn!



Over the past two weeks, School Council have been helping to organise the libraries, creating a wonderful space for the children to read!

They have also taken the initiative to help keep our playground tidy, encouraging with litter picking and encouraging everyone to take pride in their surroundings!



We are incredibly proud of the responsibility, leadership and community spirit shown by our School Council members. They are setting a fantastic example for others and demonstrating how even small actions can make a big difference to our school.

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 Grandfather

See the Makaton video using the link here: https://makaton.org/TMC/News_Stories/SOTW/SOTW_Grandfather.aspx

PARENT HANDBOOK

Attention parents! Please refer to our Parent handbook found on our website for any school policies, uniform guidelines, absence procedures etc.

https://www.gladpark.anthemtrust.uk/our-school

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Polo shirt	Pale Blue	
Trousers/ Skirts	Black/grey	
Tights/ Socks	Black/grey	
Closed toe shoes (trainers can be worn but must be **all black**).	Black – there must not be any coloured detailing or sole. The shoe must be completely black.	 
Hijabs/religious wear	Black/white	
*Leggings are not permitted * If thermals or undershirts are worn, they should be white or black *Jewellery is not permitted apart from a pair of small studs		

AUTUMN 2

KEY DATES

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

Wednesday 11th November	Rembrance Day- Selling poppies for £2 at the gates- Donated Royal British Legion
Monday 16th November	Odd sock Day - Bring £1 for Children in Need
Thursday 3rd December	Westfield KS2 Choir Competition
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch for the children

Last day of Autumn 2 : Friday 18th December 2026

AUTUMN 2

PARENT EVENTS

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

Thursday 12th November	Open Day Tour @ 8:45am
Thursday 3rd December	Rocksteady Concert @2.30pm
Wednesday 9th December	Y2/3 Winter Music Concert @9 .00am
Thursday 10th December	Open Day Tour @ 8:45am
Friday 11th December	Y4/5/6 Winter Music Concert @9 .00am
Tuesday 15th December	Nativity Concert - Reception @ 9.00am Y1 @ 1.30pm



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AUTUMN 2 WORKSHOPS

Wednesday 12th November

Head of School Coffee Morning @8.45am
Come have a cofffee & a chat with Ms Hussain to find out more about our school development priorities and intiatves this year

Tuesday 17th November

Year 6 Workshop - Maths strategies @ 8.45am
how to support your children at home with maths strategies

Tuesday 24th November

Online Safety Workshop @ 8.45am
Working with parents to support pupil's access online; looking at restrictions and how anti- virus software can enhance pupil's online safety

Tuesday 1st December

SEND Coffee Morning @ 8.45am
How to support SEN children timeskeeping using visuals

Thursday 3rd December

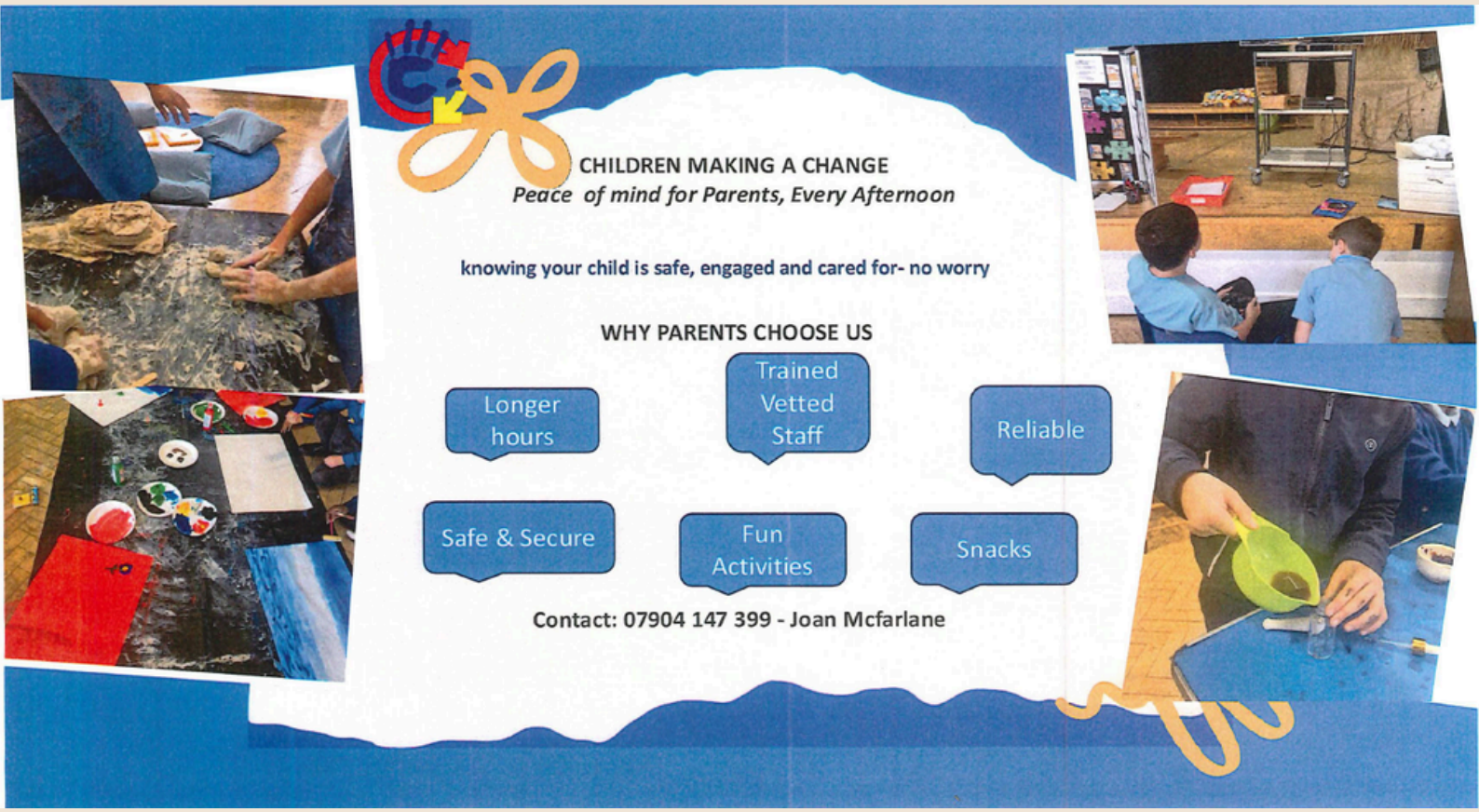
Reading Workshop at 8.45am
Do you want support with reading at home? Come to or reading workshop to learn some useful tips on how to build your child's comprehension and their confidence in reading!

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WRAPAROUND CARE

Introducing Children Making a Change- Our Wraparound care provider. Offering extended hours till 5.45pm everyday to accomodate working parents. Please contact Joan for more info or visit their website

https://childrenmakingachange.co.uk/



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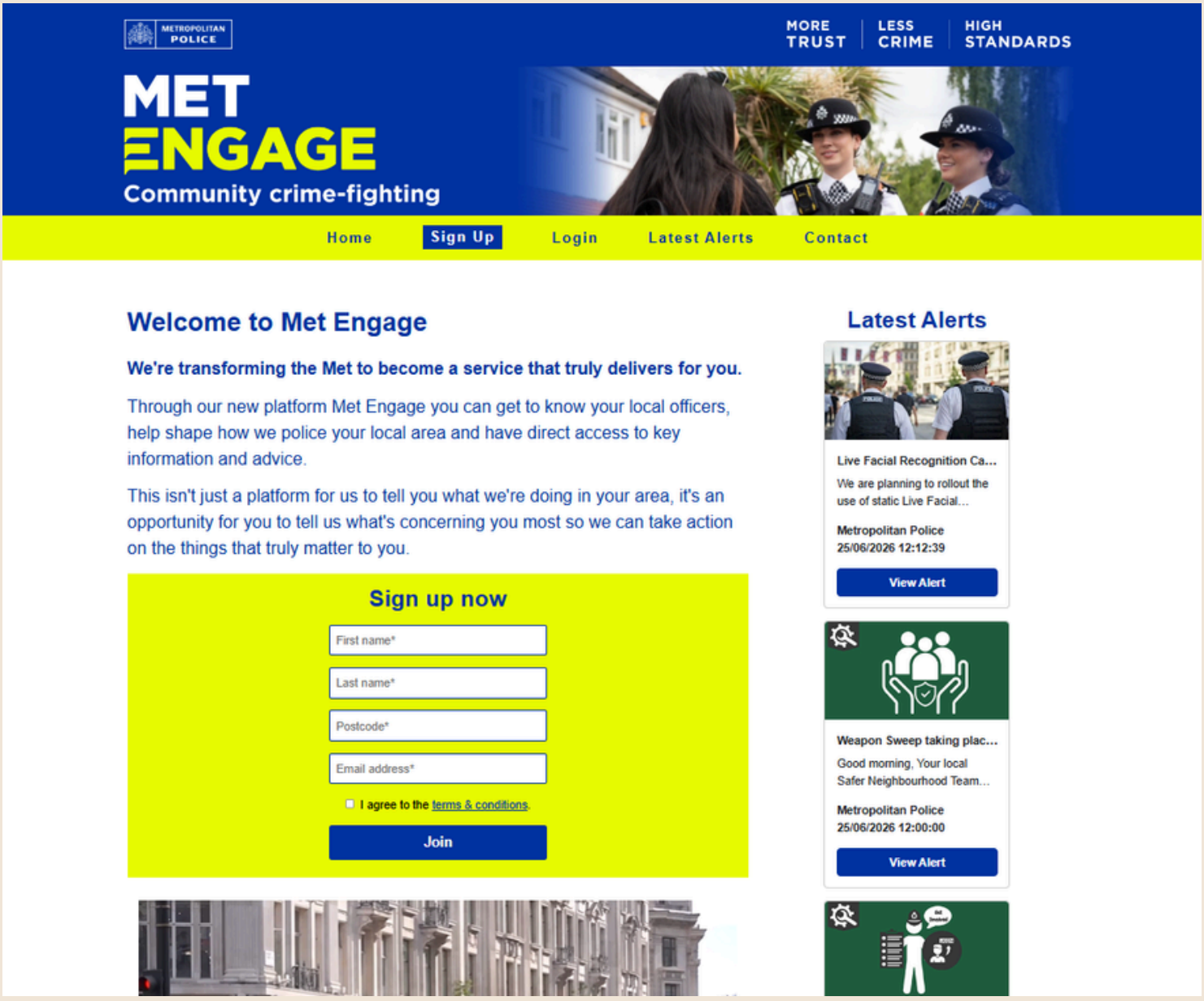
We are writing to share Met Engage, a free platform from the Metropolitan Police that helps people stay informed about what is happening in their local area. It is a two-way communication tool, allowing you to receive updates, crime prevention advice, and information directly from your local neighbourhood policing team.

If you are not already signed up, we are currently encouraging more people to join so that as many people as possible can stay informed and connected.

We would also appreciate your support in sharing this more widely with your networks, colleagues, and communities to help extend its reach.

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Thank you for your continued support.



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