

GLEADLESS WEEKLY NEWS



Headteacher's News

Dear Parents

It has been lovely getting out into the sunshine with the children today, especially after all of the rain over the past few months.

This week we have had some lovely events in school for World Book day, including our school-wide Potato Book Characters, Storytelling in Year Four and Share a Story in the lower juniors. One of the things I love about Gleadless is our teachers' commitment to sharing high quality books with the children all year round. On Mondays, we have a Year Five Book Club in school, led by students from Sheffield Hallam University and Year Six have their own Book Club led by Mrs Smith. We are building enthusiasm for reading across the school - this week I came across a lovely group of six Year Three children who gather together in the playground each lunchtime to read their Trouble with Daisy books by Kes Grey - which was fantastic to see.

There has been lots in the news about coronavirus in the UK this week. As a school we are following Department of Education and Sheffield City Council guidelines and reading all the regular updates about coronavirus. We have posters around school reminding the school community about the importance of good hygiene and catching coughs and sneezes in tissues. The children have all had lessons on washing their hands for half a minute. I know these are messages that you will be reinforcing at home too. If you or a member of your family are affected by the coronavirus, please do let school know and we can advise/support you if you have questions about your child attending school.

Have a lovely weekend everyone. Let's hope this sunshine stays!

Sinead Gaffney

Diary of Events

Date	Year Group	Event
Mon 9 th Mar – Fri 13 th Mar	All Year Groups	Science Week. Throughout the week, children will be taking part in different science activities as part of our science week celebrations and young engineer project.
Mon 9 th Mar	Year 3	Y3 S\$ELP Singing Festival at the City Hall, 1.00 pm. Tickets are still available from the school office priced £1 – all proceeds are donated to the Children's Hospital.
Thur 12 th Mar	Reception	Reception Meet a Creature visit.
Fri 13 th Mar	Nursery Parents & Carers	Stay & Play sessions. Parents & carers are invited to come into nursery and join the children with their learning. Please come & join us - everyone welcome. Morning Nursery from 8.30 am. Afternoon Nursery from 12.30 pm.
	All Year Groups	Sports Relief Day. Children will be enjoying sporting activities.
Sat 14 th Mar	Some Year 6	Maths Pop Quiz at Sheffield Hallam University. Our Y6 children will be competing against children from other Sheffield schools

Sparkle & Shine

Congratulations to all our Sparkle & Shine stars this week. We are so proud of you for your excellent behaviour, being good role models and working hard.



Infant stars



Junior stars

Pupil Voice

Last week our Year 6 children visited Kelham Island. The children learnt about what the Second World War on the home front would have been like. Particular highlights the children enjoyed was learning about evacuation, air raids, Anderson shelters, code breaking and women's war time jobs in Sheffield's steel mills and munitions factories.

Grace - We learnt that the nickname for the big bomb at Kelham Island was 'the Earthquake' and that it was designed to go underground before it exploded.

Freya - I liked the River Don engine and we got to see it work. It was a very good trip because it taught us a lot about World War 2.

Lola - The trip was fun and educational. It was fun because the Colonel was so funny and we learnt about air raids. We also got to go inside a real air raid shelter.

Charlie - We learnt how hard it would have been to choose what to take in to an air raid shelter with you. I would have taken a blanket or sleeping bag to sleep under.



World Book Day Celebrations

It has been nice to see the children getting involved in the activities we have run throughout the week to celebrate reading and World Book Day. The potato designs have been a huge success.

You can see from the pictures below the array of characters created and how amazing they looked.



Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance target this year is 96.5% and so far, our school attendance since September stands at 94.1%. When our classes have good attendance figures it raises our overall yearly target goes up, so let's continue to get great classroom attendance.

Class Attendances for last week:

REC Carr-Colliver	97.7%	Y3 Bowyer	92.7%
REC Gore	93.1%	Y3 Carver	97.1%
Y1 Herrington	96.6%	Y4 Williams	100%
Y1 Hunt	99.0%	Y4 Thornback	95.5%
Y2 Smith	98.4%	Y5 Biggs	91.9%
Y2 Taylor	99.3%	Y5 Danby	97.7%
		Y6 Wilson	97.2%
		Y6 Smith/Holdaway	98.5%

We had some excellent attendance figures for our first week back. Let's continue to keep our attendance figures high. Remember being in school, every day, means children do not miss valuable school lessons, which helps you to reach your targets!

Nursery Stay & Play

Last week Nursery started their 'stay & play' sessions. All parents and carers are invited to come in and join the children with their learning. It is always a lovely experience to share time with the children and get involved in their learning. If you didn't have a chance to stay with the children, the sessions will be running for the rest of this term, every Friday, at the beginning of the morning and afternoon sessions. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to sharing our fantastic learning with you.



