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## Autumn Term Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Learn together, achieve together and be the best that we can be.**

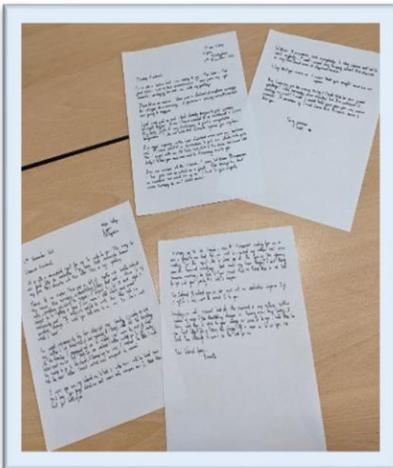


Dear Parents and Carers,

As we adjust to the colder days and darker evenings, it certainly has not dampened our mood here at Glenfield Primary School. We thoroughly enjoyed supporting anti-bullying week with odd sock day and also Children in Need by wearing something red/yellow. Thank you for your kind donations for Children in Need, we raised a fantastic £411.32!

### Year 6

#### Writing and Reading



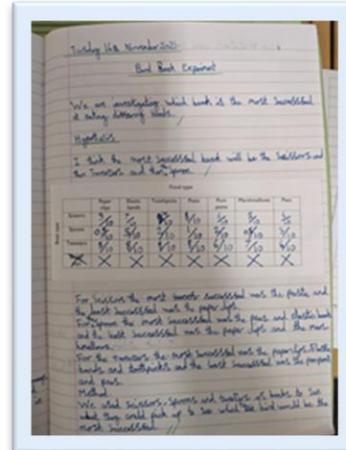
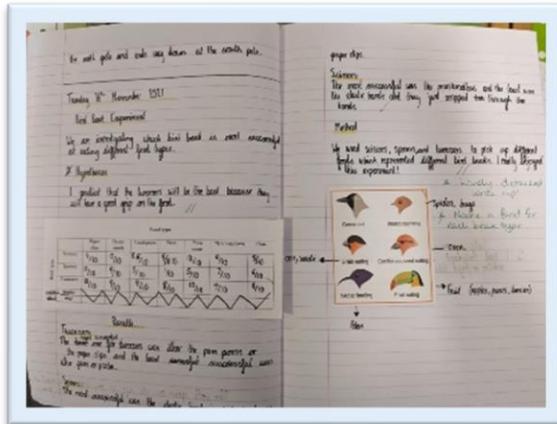
For the last two weeks in writing, Year 6 have been reading 'Kiss of Death' - a story that combines mystery with real-life set in Eyam, Derbyshire. The village decided to quarantine in 1666 to avoid the spread of the deadly Black Death. At the time, Emmott and Rowland were engaged to be married and as a result of the lockdown, were forced to stop seeing one another. The children have been composing letters as Emmott, explaining to Rowland that they must no longer see each other. Take a look at the emotive language, informal style and hints at the plague symptoms that the children have included in their letters. We know you'll be just as impressed as we are!

#### Maths

Year 6 have been learning all about fractions during their maths lessons. They have worked extremely hard to find equivalent fractions which has also enabled them to be able to both compare and order fractions. They have shown great resilience and determination and can also order fractions that have different denominators!

## Science

We've been continuing our Science lessons on Evolution and Adaptation this week with two exciting experiments. In Philosophers, children tested the effectiveness of different bird 'beaks' at picking up foods' and discussed how beaks have changed over time to be able to source food. Reflectors have become paleontologists, 'excavating' for fossils by using toothpicks to 'dig out' chocolate chips in cookies. Children then learned about Mary Anning, a famous paleontologist and her emphasis on 'patience' in order to keep fossils intact.



## Early Years



EYFS have been learning all about space. We have painted the moon, flown into space and mended the space station, created a space dance, made fruit rockets and even tried some space food. The food was dry and crunchy, but when we put it in our mouths it rehydrated.

We have really enjoyed our learning and have been using lots of new words.



### **Appropriate clothing for school**

As the wintery weather is approaching please ensure children come to school with the appropriate outdoor wear. Outdoor breaks during the school day are important for the children and it is equally important they are warm.

### **Lost property**

We have accumulated a large amount of lost property items. These will be available to collect from outside the reception area on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

### **Midday Supervisor position**

Just a reminder that the closing date for the midday supervisor position is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Application forms are available to collect from the school office.

## **Reminders**

### **Glenfield Christmas Light Switch On**

This year the Glenfield Christmas light switch on is taking place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm at Park House.

### **Art Competition**

Glenfield Parish Council are running a Best Christmas Art Picture competition for Key stage 1 and Key stage 2 children. The closing date for entries is 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

Entries can be submitted via mail to the Parish Council Office or via email to [admin@glenfield-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@glenfield-pc.gov.uk)  
For any further information please contact Cllr Thelma Abbott on [cllr.t.abbott@glenfield-pc.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.t.abbott@glenfield-pc.gov.uk)

### **School Finishing Time**

A polite reminder that school finishes at 3.15pm when classroom doors will be opened for you to collect your child.

### **Christmas**

This year, as we have not been able to organise a Panto visit, the performers are coming to us! We have booked different performances for different age groups in December, which should be lots of fun.

We are also hoping to have some Christmas performances with the children this year. These will be in separate year groups and there will be 2 performances for each year group. There will be two tickets per child, as we need to keep numbers to a minimum. There will be a small charge for tickets to cover costs of special activities. We will provide the dates for these performances shortly, so that parents and carers can make arrangements to attend.

Of course, if any further restrictions are put in place, the performances will be recorded, as they were last year.

# Dates for your Diary

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Glenfield Christmas Light switch on - 7pm, Park House

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Year 5 Viking Day in School

## **Christmas performances-**

**Early years-** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am and 2.00pm

**Year 1-** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am and 2.00pm

**Year 2-** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am and 2.00pm

**Year 3-** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 and 2.00pm

**Year 4-** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 and 2.00pm

**Year 5-** TBC

**Year 6-** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 and 2.00pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December - School Finishes



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Yours sincerely,

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