



Gildredge  
House

Aspire  
In all that we do



Gildredge House  
Compton Place Road, Eastbourne  
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Friday 12th July 2024  
Newsletter





## Aspire House Points



BADER

27197



CARTER

21537



HOPKINS

22749



JOHNSTON

21498



RAVILIOUS

24711

### Dates for your Diary

- Monday 15th July - Y8 Chessington Trip
- Monday 15th July - Reception Summer Sports Festival
- Tuesday 16th July - Y10 Thorpe Park Trip
- Tuesday 16th July - Y1/Y2 Sports Day
- Wednesday 17th July - Y9 Urban Jump Trip
- Wednesday 17th July - Y5/Y6 Sports Day
- Thursday 18th July - Last Day of School - early finish

### ASPIRE Radio - Term 6

The latest ASPIRE Radio show is out now! Make sure you give it a listen by following the [link here!](#)



### Nut free school

In order to safeguard our students, staff and visitors, it is imperative that peanuts, nuts and anything nut based are NOT bought into school or consumed on the premises.



## ✓ Attendance - Yearly Overview

Congratulations to the top two classes/tutor groups and years in both the Primary and Secondary phases for the overall Top Attendance this academic year!

### Primary phase - Top Attendance Academic year 2023 - 2024

Class 5A	96.6%
Class 3A	96.4%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 2	95.8%

### Secondary phase - Top Attendance Academic year 2023 - 2024

Tutor group 7R	95.2%
Tutor group 7B	95.1%
Year 7	94%
Year 9	93%

All students who have achieved 96% attendance and above for T6 will receive ASPIRE points and these students along with many others will be celebrated during the end of year assemblies next week.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support with attendance and punctuality this year, we recognise that attendance is a continuous process and our high expectations are only achievable with the hard work and support from our parents/carers, staff and wider community. We look forward to continuing working together into next year.



## Last day of term arrangements - Thursday 18th July

As we approach the end of the academic year, we would like parents to be aware of the end of term arrangements. There will be a staggered finish between 12.00-12.45pm on Thursday 18th July. Lessons will continue as usual until the students are dismissed.

### Primary Phase: Collection times

- Reception:** 12.00pm - steps outside the Reception classes  
**Year 1:** 12.10pm - steps outside the Reception classes  
**Year 2:** 12.00pm - exit door next to the Primary Office  
**Year 3:** 12.10pm - exit door next to the Primary Office  
**Year 4:** 12.10pm - the steps of Temple Grove  
**Year 5:** 12.00pm - the steps of Temple Grove  
**Year 6:** 12.45pm - from the Plaza\*

**\*Year 6 students will be dismissed last, and parents are asked to wait on the Plaza until all other students and parents have departed.**

### Secondary Phase: Departure times

- Year 7:** 12.15pm  
**Year 8:** 12.15pm  
**Year 9:** 12.35pm  
**Year 10:** 12.25pm

### Lunches

Students in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who are all eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals will be provided with a packed lunch to take home. Students eligible for Free School Meals in Years 3-6 will also be provided with a packed lunch to take home. Students eligible for Free School Meals in Years 7-10 can visit the Dining Hall during first break to collect food.

### Secondary Mufti Day

There is a Mufti Day for Secondary phase students on the last day of term, in aid of the Connor Saunders Foundation - students may wear their own clothes in return for a £1 donation, which can be made using sQuid from Friday 5th July 2024 until Thursday 18th July 2024.



## England Euro Final 2024 - School Attendance

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you all regarding the news that the Men's England Football Team have made it to the Euro 2024 final on Sunday evening and England have a chance to make history.

Considering the timing of the match, students may be up later than normal. Our school recognises this special moment for our nation however Monday will be a regular school day for all students. In light of this, we kindly request your cooperation. Students are Not permitted to attend school late Given the possibility of extra time or penalties.

Hopefully, we can all celebrate together at school on Monday and Our staff will be here to greet your children at the normal time. Maybe pack them an extra snack to help with any tiredness! Even if the night runs long, education always remains our unwavering priority.

Your support in ensuring your child's punctual attendance is greatly appreciated.

Warm regards,

Mr C Bull  
Executive Head Teacher



## Attendance European Championships 2024

The students have really engaged with this tournament and thank you to parents and our tutors and class teachers who have supported the tournament and continued to keep the hype of the competition alive!

We have had some very close matches - some matches with 100% attendance for both teams have led to a play off for the average attendance over the course of the Euros! Hard to exit the competition on these grounds.

The final results are in and you can view the quarter finals, semi finals and final results below.

### Quarter Finals played Mon 8th July

Team	Attendance	Team	Attendance
England	90.6%	Albania	85.9%

Team	Attendance	Team	Attendance
Italy	95.6%	Serbia	95.8%

Team	Attendance	Team	Attendance
Austria	93.8%	Netherlands	100%

Team	Attendance	Team	Attendance
Ukraine	90.3%	France	95.7%

### Semi Finals played Weds 10th July

Team	Attendance	Team	Attendance
England 7R	90.6%	Serbia 10C	96.5%

Team	Attendance	Team	Attendance
Netherlands 6B	100%	France 10J	94.5%

### Finals played on Friday 12th July

Team	Attendance	Team	Attendance
Netherlands 6B	93.3%	Serbia 10C	96.5%

# And the winner is: Serbia (10C)



## Robin Hood - Year 6 Production



Year 6 have been learning their lines for Robin Hood, developing their singing and acting skills and came together as a fantastic team for their Robin Hood production. The props team worked hard to build our set and props and every individual performance came together to make a fantastic show! We are so proud of how supportive they have been of each other and how they gave their full energy and enthusiasm into every performance. Thank you to everyone who helped and came to watch - there was a brilliant atmosphere at every performance.





## Bodium Castle Trip - Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic day at sunny Bodiam Castle as part of their topic, 'Crumbling Castles.' The children spent time exploring the beautiful castle and all of the grounds, seeing up close the moat with the lily pads and carp in. The children loved using their maps and 'I spy' sheets to spot all of the castle features too, such as the portcullis, arrow slits and towers. Lunch under the gorgeous oak trees will be a memory with the cheeky ducks!





## Enterprise Week - Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy few weeks with Enterprise week and their performances of Robin Hood! They created a business and developed a product by exploring branding, finances, market research, advertising and logistics. Each business demonstrated the ASPIRE values and excellent communication and teamwork skills - we were very impressed. Thank you to everyone who bought something from a stall and for making it possible!



## 😊 Italian Students visit

Over the past two weeks, we have had the pleasure of hosting 16 Italian students, who have been fully integrated into our Gildredge House School routines, alongside a buddy from Year 8. They have passed on how impressed they have been with our school and how friendly, polite and accommodating our students have been.



They have integrated into our school seamlessly and this is down to the great students and staff we have here at Gildredge House. This morning, we presented them with some GH Tote Bags. Our students have learnt a lot from our guests, and we believe it has been a real two way learning experience. A huge thank you to all of our Year 8 buddies and staff for acting as brilliant ambassadors.



*"The teachers and students were very friendly, I loved it"*

*"My buddy took great care of me, I will miss the school a lot"*

*"I have had a lot of fun here in this school, my classmates, my buddy and my teachers were very kind and made me feel welcome"*



## Secondary Sports - Cricket

The Year 9 girls' teams delivered great performances, beating St Catharines College, Hailsham, and Ratton School. Their victories were a testament to their hard work and teamwork. On the boys' side, the team also performed well, winning two out of their three matches. They defeated St Catherines College and Seaford with impressive performances but fell short against Hailsham.

The Year 8 cricket teams from Gildredge House had with six boys and six girls, the team faced off against Ratton School, Hailsham School, and the Turing School in a series of thrilling matches.

The girls' team had a commendable run, winning two out of their three games. They secured victories against Hailsham School and the Turing School, whilst their only loss came in a hard-fought match against Ratton School.

The boys' team also won two out of their three matches. They emerged victorious against Ratton School and the Turing School but faced a challenging game against Hailsham School, resulting in their sole defeat. Both teams represented Gildredge House with exemplary attitudes, highlighting the values of sportsmanship and teamwork.

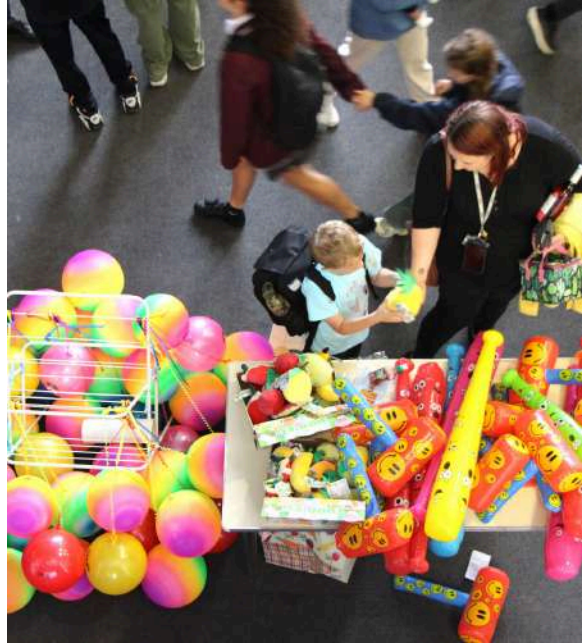
Their achievements at this year's event have set a high bar for future tournaments, and they have brought pride to their school with their outstanding display of cricketing prowess and attitude.

Mr Myall



## FoGH Summer Fayre

The adverse weather didn't stop a huge turnout and a fantastic summer fayre on Friday 5th July! A huge thank you to everyone who attended, along with our dedicated staff for running stalls and the FoGH team for organising everything. We are pleased to announce that over £1,000 was raised! Thank you for your generosity and we hope that you and your families enjoy the summer.



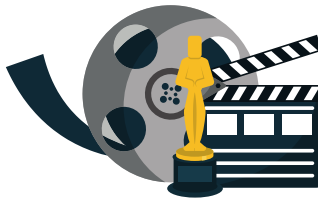


## TTW Oscarette Awards

Yr11 students from Gildredge House ‘swept the board’ at the recent Oscarettes award show, hosted by The Theatre Workshop. All three of our attending students won significant awards. Creative Director Craig Whitely told us: “Out of 400 students at The Theatre Workshop, Archie Menzies won the Copperbottom award (consistency, reliability) and Izzy Holley won most improved student. They are both hugely committed and talented students well deserving of their awards”.

On top of that, Sean Mullen received the Daisy & Dukes (talent agency) award for ‘Most Professional Potential’. This award is made even more potent as Sean was given a bursary for his place in Theatre Workshop on the back of his magnificent performance as Bruce Bogtrotter in Gildredge House’s 2021 production of the hit musical ‘Matilda’.

Head of Performing Arts Mr Willis says: “We are immensely proud of these students who have shown that we have such a talented bunch of students who go out of their way to achieve, to be the best”.



## Breakfast Concert - Year 3

Year 3 Primary students thoroughly enjoyed performing to Parents and Carers at their Breakfast Concert. They had rehearsed incredibly hard and put on a brilliant show. Thank you to everyone involved!



## Politics Day - Year 6

As part of education around Election day, our British values and careers, year 6 created their own political parties. They looked at developing their skills of teamwork, staying positive, speaking, listening, creativity, aiming high, leadership and problem solving. Each task focussed on a different skill and Mrs Bray came to share different career opportunities with us in assembly. Well done to year 6 for their team work and great skills!



## Year 5 & 6 Beach Trip



Year 5 and 6 had a fantastic trip to the beach on Wednesday. They completed geography field work focusing on erosion; created beach sculptures; wrote beach poetry; went on a scavenger hunt; did landscape sketching and drama. Using their Maths and Communication skills, they bought an ice cream and some children had great conversations with residents from Beechwood Grove Care Home. Well done Year 5 and 6 for demonstrating our Gildredge House values.



## Water Safety Assembly

The week of 1st July saw the whole school having really important assemblies delivered by the East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service. Susan Taylor came in to talk to all year groups from reception to Year 10 about the importance of water safety. This is an incredibly important message for everyone, but especially for us living by the sea.

Susan talked about many different areas including the “float to live campaign” run by the RNLI.

1. Tilt your head back with your ears submerged
2. Relax and try to breathe normally
3. Move your hands to try and stay afloat
4. It's ok if your legs sink as we all float differently
5. Make a star shape to improve your stability

Susan also discussed the dangers around sea and open water swimming as well as how to enjoy it in a safe way.

The East Sussex Fire and Rescue service started delivering these sessions in 2016 as East Sussex had the second highest number of accidental drownings in England, with Cornwall being the highest. In 2023 there were no accidental drownings in East Sussex and it is hoped that part of this is due to teaching children about the dangers and how to stay safe when in or near water.





## Water Safety Assembly

The children were all very engaged and asked some very sensible questions.

I would like to thank Susan for giving up so much of her time to come in and speak with Gildredge House children about water safety and I hope everyone can have a lovely summer enjoying the outdoors in a safe way.

Karen Maxwell



## Beechwood Grove Nursing Home - Year 1, 2 & 3

On Friday, some of our Year 1, 2 and 3 students visited the residents of Beechwood Grove Care Home.

They had a wonderful time taking part in activities in their beautiful garden. This included playing games, writing letters for the home's time capsules and making friends with the chickens!

Many thanks to the staff and residents for a lovely morning in the fresh air.



## Year 7 French Trip - Opal Coast

This year's Year 7 French trip was a memorable success, offering students an unforgettable experience filled with cultural immersion, educational activities and loads of fun. The journey took our enthusiastic group of 38 students and 4 teachers to the charming Opal Coast on Friday 5th July. The trip included a visit of one of the largest sea life centres in Boulogne, Nausicaa. This was followed by a tour of a small chocolate factory, Chocolaterie de Beussent Lachelle, with some chocolate tasting! Miam miam! It ended with the visit of La Coupole, a History centre who originally was a WWII bunker. The Year 7 French trip was not only educational but it was also incredibly enriching, fostering a deeper appreciation of the French culture and history. Students returned with improved language skills, a greater sense of independence, and lasting memories. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the teachers, parents and everyone who made this trip possible. Vive la France!



## School Shoes Policy

Prior to you purchasing new shoes for the new academic year, we would like to take the opportunity to remind you of our policy regarding School Shoes

In both the Primary phase and Secondary phase, students must wear smart shoes with black shoelaces, or Velcro and not trainers (see below for clear guidance). Students may wear trainers outside at break time only if they are actively playing sport. Shoes should be flat, black, leather shoes (including suede and patent leather). Shoes must be plain, without branding, logos or coloured stitching.

In the Secondary phase, students must arrive at school in shoes and will be asked by staff to change immediately if they are wearing trainers. Students are only allowed to wear plain black trainers to lessons if they have a medical reason for this and have a letter from their parent/medical professional explaining the reason for this.





## Young Chef of the Year 2024!

Bea in Year 9 recently competed against other local secondary schools and impressed the judges with her attention to detail and flair she demonstrated within her dish. The theme was an Olympic inspired dish, Bea opted for an American dish which comprised of a homemade waffle, crispy chicken, coleslaw, corn on the cob and a homemade BBQ sauce. It was the hottest day of the year so far when we headed to Eastbourne Academy to compete but the girls kept their cool throughout.

Bethan in Year 8 was runner up in her age category with her Mexican inspired vegetarian chilli, the judges said they found the competition very difficult to decide as the standards were so high. Gildredge House is hoping to be the hosts next year for this important competition, so let Mrs Chalk know if you are thinking of applying. Both girls won a goody bag and Bea won a family meal at the Mirabelle Restaurant at the Grand. Well done girls, you should both be very proud of yourselves competing in a high pressured environment observed and judged by a range of Hospitality professionals.



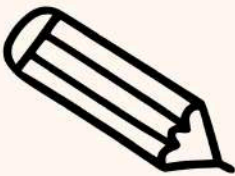


# CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF GILDREDGE HOUSE

## FUNDRAISING

The Primary phase children and teaching staff have each drawn a self portrait that FoGH have used to create tea towels. There's a different design for each year group to celebrate 10 years of Gildredge House

Buy one of our commemorative designs for £6 each or 3 for £15



Come and see us on the plaza on Friday 12 July and Monday 15 July when the tea towels will be on sale! We will also be selling sweet treats and stock before summer