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Gildredge House  
Compton Place Road, Eastbourne  
East Sussex, BN20 8AB

Friday 14th June 2024  
Newsletter





## Aspire House Points



BADER

25692



CARTER

20239



HOPKINS

21616



JOHNSTON

20502



RAVILIOUS

23186

### Dates for your Diary

- Monday 17th until Friday 28th June - Y10 Mock Exams
- Wednesday 19th June - Summer Concert 5pm
- Wednesday 19th June - Y1 Medieval Day
- Wednesday 19th June - Town Sports
- Friday 21st June - Second Hand Uniform Sale 2.30-4.00pm
- Wednesday 26th June - Y1 Bodiam Castle Trip
- Friday 28th June - Y3 Class Concert
- Friday 28th June - Y11 Prom
- Monday 1st July - Y4 Class Concert
- Thursday 4th & Friday 5th July - Primary Breakfast Concerts
- Friday 12th July - Y3/Y4 Sports Day
- Monday 15th July - Reception Summer Sports Festival
- Tuesday 16th July - Y1/Y2 Sports Day
- Wednesday 17th July - Y5/Y6 Sports Day

### 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

At Gildredge House, we believe that outstanding attendance is important to ensure children are safe and have full access to the educational provision made for them. We closely monitor attendance for all students in both Primary and Secondary. We celebrate, weekly, the top two classes with the highest attendance rates in both phases of the school.

### Gildredge House Attendance week commencing: 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

#### Top class Attendance

##### Primary Phase

3A and 5A

100%

5B

99%

##### Secondary Phase

7B and 7H

99%

7R

98%

#### Top year group Attendance this week

Primary

Year 5 = 99%

Secondary

Year 7 = 96%

#### Whole school Attendance this week

93%

(% excluding Year 11)



## Year 6 Enterprise Week: PRIMARY AND SECONDARY MESSAGE - Bring coins in next week!

Monday 17th June	Plaza / After school	Fresh Lemonade! 75p
Monday 17th & Friday 21st June	Plaza / After school	Ice pops! 50p
Monday 17th June	Plaza After school	Bag of Sweets £1.50
Monday 17th June	Atrium Secondary Break	Cookies!
Monday 17th June	Atrium Secondary Break	Doughnuts! £1
Tuesday 18th June	Atrium Secondary Break	Cupcakes! £1
Tuesday 18th June	Atrium Secondary Break	Cake pops! 2 for £1.50 / £1 each
Tuesday 18th June	Plaza / After school	Ice Cream!
Wednesday 19th June	Atrium Secondary Break	Disco Cake pops! £1
Wednesday 19th June	Atrium Secondary Break	Rocky Roads! £1.50

Year 6 have been busy creating their own businesses and products focussing on branding, market research, finances, logistics and advertising. Next week, they will be selling these products to raise money towards the filming of their end of year production. The Year 6's would love for you to buy their products on the dates and times below, so please bring in some coins to spend on their business. Please see the posters around the school for more information.

## Book Awards

This week, our Primary Reading Ambassadors attended the East Sussex Book Awards final at the De La Warr in Bexhill. They have spent the last few months reading a range of the shortlisted books and recommended these to a range of Key Stage 2 classes and they were very excited to attend to see the winner be announced! They thoroughly enjoyed attending the awards, and some of our students even took part in a play with Jenny McLachlan on stage - who went on to win the awards with her book, "Stink: Worst Fairy Ever".







## PC Clarke: Anti-social Behaviour

We were very lucky to have PC Clarke visit Gildredge House this week. The visit included a presentation to raise the awareness around the negative impact in the community of 'Anti-Social Behaviour'. Students from Year 5 to 10 viewed the presentation and were very attentive throughout.





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Summer Reading Challenge 2024

Delivered in partnership with libraries

Marvellous  
Makers



Marvellous Makers!

Starts 6 July 2024 Ends 7 September 2024

The Summer Reading Challenge is a national scheme produced by the Reading Agency and delivered by public libraries that encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays - and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to take part and collect rewards for their reading, giving them a positive experience of reading for pleasure.

It's FREE to take part, and last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.<sup>1</sup>

Sign your child up at [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src) If you don't have a smartphone, computer or tablet, you can sign up using a computer in the library. You can ask a one of our volunteers or a member of staff for help if you need it.

The Challenge will begin in East Sussex libraries on Saturday 6th July and end on Saturday 7th September.

The Challenge is to read any six books borrowed from the library or downloaded from our ebook library. For children under 4 we have the Pre-school Challenge, where you can collect stickers for each book shared and a special medal sticker at the end.

Children signing up for the Challenge get a character sticker and a Reader Record. Children will be able to collect a prize for each of the six books they have read. When they finish the Challenge they will get a certificate which they can receive in school or at the library. The Challenge is for all children, whatever their reading ability. Children who are not reading independently can share their books with a family member or friend, or they might prefer to listen to audio books.

To take part in Marvellous Makers! children need to have their own library card and PIN. It is easy and free to become a member of the library. Take something with your name, address and signature to the library and you can join the whole family. You can reset your child's PIN online if you can't remember it, or ask in the library for a new one. You will need the PIN to sign up to the Challenge.

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# Reading For Pleasure

## Why is Reading for Pleasure important?

Children who read for pleasure have a wider vocabulary and general knowledge, an enriched imagination and more developed narrative writing. Reading for Pleasure is more important than either wealth or social class as an indicator of success at school. It can increase empathy, improve relationships with others and improve wellbeing throughout life (The Reading Agency).

## Book Chat



Chatting with your child as you read together develops their language, comprehension and pleasure. We recommend watching this short video about book chat from the superb reading team at The Open University.

[https://www.youtube.com/  
watch?v=sKFdKs\\_2wJY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKFdKs_2wJY)





## Book Chat

Developing a Love of Reading

I wonder what's going to happen?

Oh no, I hope she's not going to...

I wonder why he did that?

I think he's feeling...

We love sausages too, don't we!

That reminds me of when...

Ahh, that word means...

What can we see there?

That looks like our park, but...

Book Chat encourages readers. Open questions, comments and prompts get the Book Chat going. Invite your child to make connections and share views. Join in with your thoughts too!

**Book Chat develops language, comprehension and pleasure.**



For more information visit:  
[bit.ly/RFPHome](http://bit.ly/RFPHome)



## Books our Reading Ambassadors are recommending:



**A Place Called Perfect** written by Helena Duggan  
**Recommended by Olivia and Emily in Year 6 for 9+.**  
We loved reading this book because it kept us guessing what may happen next and we could not guess any of the twists!

**The Girl of Ink and Stars** by Kiran Millwood Hargrave  
**Recommended by Mae in Year 8 for 11+.**

This book is for anyone who loves mystery and can relate to being overlooked. Forbidden to leave her island, Isabella dreams of the faraway lands her cartographer father once mapped. When her friend disappears, she volunteers to guide the search. The world beyond the walls is a monster-filled wasteland - and beneath the dry rivers and smoking mountains, a fire demon is stirring from its sleep. As she continues on her mission to the deep unknown the things she discovers are shocking...



## Teacher Recommendation:

**The Final Year** by Matt Goodfellow  
**Recommended by Mrs Stoakley for 9+.**



As a Year 6 teacher, I was very excited to read the popular, new book: The Final Year. Written in verse, the story follows the last year of Primary School for Nate, as he navigates multiple challenges in his life. With key themes of friendship and family explored, I found myself invested in Nate's journey both inside and outside of the classroom. Links to 'Skellig' made an interesting twist and I loved the key themes of hope, kindness and ultimate resilience. I would recommend reading it and please come and let me know what you think.



# Author Spotlight: Manjeet Mann

Manjeet Mann is an actress, playwright, screenwriter, and director. She is the founder of Run the World - an organisation that works with women and girls from marginalised backgrounds and helps to empower them through sport and storytelling. She is the author of two YA novels - Run, Rebel was shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal 2021 and won the CILIP Carnegie Shadows Choice Award, The UKLA Award, Diverse Book Award and Sheffield Children's Book Award. The Crossing won The Costa Children's Book Award and was shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal.



## WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE CHILDHOOD BOOK AND WHY?



Roald Dahl's Boy was one of my favourites. I read it multiple times. I think I was inspired by how seemingly ordinary events were made extraordinary. It's genius. He was also my favourite author so getting a little window into his life felt very special.

## WHICH OF YOUR OWN BOOKS IS YOUR FAVOURITE AND WHY?



I'm not sure I have a favourite because each book takes so long and is the product of so much hard work and you pour so much of yourself into every piece of work you create. But I suppose The Crossing is the product many years of research (about 6 years!) and lots of interviews with some very brave young people willing to share their story with me, so it will always have a special place in my heart.







## Here are some great websites that offer more book recommendations and reviews:



- Love Reading 4 Kids

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>



- BookTrust

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/>

- EmpathyLab read for empathy collection 2024

<https://www.empathylab.uk/RFE-2024>



- Yoto Carnegie Medal shortlist 2024

<https://yotocarnegies.co.uk/illustration-shortlist-2024/>



- Books for Keeps announces the UKLA Book Awards Shortlist 2024

<https://booksforkeeps.co.uk/shortlists-announced-for-the-ukla-book-awards-2024/>

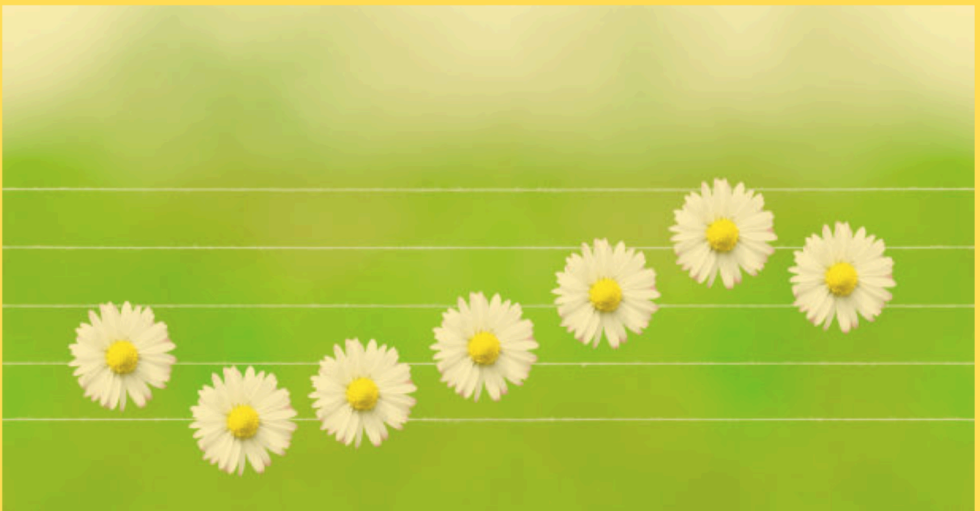


Happy reading!

# SUMMER CONCERT

WEDS 19TH JUNE AT 5PM

£5 TICKETS AVAILABLE ON SQUID  
MAXIMUM OF 3 TICKETS PER STUDENT



REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE  
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## Gildredge House Secondary Sports Day

A huge congratulations to all of our students who took part in our Sports Day! They were brilliant ambassadors for the school and should all be incredibly proud of their efforts. Thank you to all the staff who made it the fun, competitive success it was!



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## **Gildredge House Forest School launch**

We were thrilled to launch our Gildredge House Forest School last week for a group of our Year 6-8 students.

The aim of the Forest School programme is to provide students with positive experiences in the outdoors, whilst developing their ability to work both independently and as a team and increase their self-confidence, creativity and resilience to overcome challenges.



Students are involved in a session each week, and we are trialing this during term 6 with the view to continuing the programme next academic year and involving many other year groups and students.

The students were so excited about starting the programme, and it was great to see them thriving and learning new skills in a completely different environment.

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## History Club visit to Alfriston: D-Day 80



On Thursday 6th June, our History Club students were invited to Alfriston to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

As well as having a look at a variety of World War II artefacts, the students had the opportunity to sit in a jeep and listen to 1940s music.

We also met the Lord Lieutenant's Deputy, who represents the King and chatted with the author, Jacqueline Wilson, who introduced us to her pet dog who has a starring role in her new book!

We had time to explore the Clergy House, the first property purchased by the National Trust back in 1896 for just £10!

"When we went to Alfriston for our History Club's trip, I really enjoyed looking around the Clergy House and the gardens. I enjoyed listening to Alfriston Primary School sing and just the whole trip itself!" Eliza

A big thank you to Mrs Punter-Bruce for driving, Mrs E for accompanying us and to the residents of Alfriston for a wonderful experience on such a momentous occasion.



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# SUMMER ORDERING DEADLINES



**DIRECT TO PARENT DEADLINE:**



**Deadline: 26th July 2024** - for delivery before the start of the new term.

Please order as early as possible to allow sufficient time to reorder if required.

ORDER NOW



[To order your new uniform in time, click here](#)

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## 'One Punch' Assembly



On Monday 10th June, we were privileged to welcome Daz to our school to deliver an assembly to our Year 7 and Year 8 students. The assembly shared her inspiring story of how "one punch" can have a devastating impact and the affect that can have on families and communities.

Our students listened and showed respect and empathy throughout and were deeply impacted by the story. We have signed a banner which will be displayed in school to honour Connor's memory and our pledge to be kind and to not throw a punch. The assembly was a reminder to us all that in a world where we can be anything, we should aim to be kind. As a school we would like to raise some money for "The Connor Saunders Foundation", so we will be organising a mufti-day soon.

Mrs V Jenkins  
Head of Secondary



## KS3 Scholars Programme Graduation Event



A group of our Year 8 students visited Goldsmiths University in the final week of term 5, to attend a graduation event and celebrate their completion of The Scholars Programme.

During the programme for Year 8, their topic focus was "English: An Introduction to Literary Theory", where students were required to explore the meanings behind specific pieces of literature and delve deeper into literary theories and how they can be used when analysing text.

To complete the programme, students were required to write a 1500-word essay and received a university-level grading from their PhD tutor. In addition to attending the event, Ayana Reid and Shane Ravenscroft also delivered an amazing speech about their experiences on the programme and the knowledge and skills they had acquired.

It was clear to see how completing the programme and attending the graduation event at a prestigious university has allowed these students to see what they can achieve through being ambitious and persevering when faced with challenge.

We are extremely proud of them, and we look forward to reporting on the outcome of The Scholars Programme that some of our Year 6 students are currently completing.



## **School Laptop Grant**



**The school would like to say a huge thank you to The Lawrence Charitable Trust, who have assisted the secondary phase of the school with a grant of £10,500 for new laptops.**

**These laptops will be used by students working in our Oasis Centre, and those students that are permitted to use a laptop during specified timetabled lessons.**