



Gildredge House

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

Friday 26th April 2024
Newsletter





Aspire House Points



BADER

22133



CARTER

17504



HOPKINS

18668



JOHNSTON

17713



RAVILIOUS

19747

Dates for your Diary

- **Tuesday 30th April** - Y6 Library Trip
- **Thursday 2nd May** - GCSE Theatre Trip
- **Friday 3rd May** - Y4 Gildredge Park Trip / EYFC Church Trip
- **Friday 3rd May** - World Cultural Day for Diversity (Non-uniform day)
- **Monday 6th May** - Bank Holiday
- **Thursday 9th May** - Y10 DofE Silver
- **Friday 10th May** - Y10 DofE Silver

Upperton Neighbourhood Panel

We continue to work closely with our local community, and the Executive Head Teacher, Mr Bull, regularly attends the Upperton Neighbourhood Panel. The school has been working with a former Gildredge House student and local resident, Miss Meyer, on a survey for students to help us gauge the children's understanding of the idea of 'community' and where they live, play, work, and the interests they share. We would like parents of students in Year 5-Year 13 to ask their child/ren to complete the short survey.

Responses are anonymous and will help the school assist the panel in refreshing how it functions to ensure it reflects the young people and families it serves. Click here to access the survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GHCommunitySurvey2024>

Thank you in advance.

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: 15 th April 2024	
<u>Top class Attendance</u>	
<u>Primary Phase</u>	
4A	98%
1A	95%
<u>Secondary Phase</u>	
7B	98.7%
9C	96.8%
<u>Top year group Attendance this week</u>	
Primary	Year 1 = 95%
Secondary	Year 7 = 93%
Whole school Attendance this week	91%

Huge congratulations to those year groups and thank you to parents and students for showing great resilience.



ASPIRE Radio - Teacher Takeover: Episode 1 ft. Mr Bull!

ASPIRE Radio are proud to announce that we have released our first episode of Teacher Takeover, featuring Mr Bull!

Make sure you check it out by clicking here 



Keep an eye out for the next episode where we speak to... Mrs Stoakley!



Non-uniform day: World Culture Day for Diversity: Friday 3rd May



On Friday 3rd May, we will be celebrating World Culture Day for Diversity at Gildredge House. We hope the day will be taken in good spirits and we ask all students to kindly pay a voluntary contribution of £1 via sQuid, which will go towards our chosen charity UNICEF. A letter will be sent to all Parents/Carers at 5pm on Friday 26th April via EduLink.



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Morning Bounce Energy Club

 What better way to start your day than with some trampoline jumping to some awesome beats with Mrs Stoakley?! Even Mr Davey couldn't resist.



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Library visits

Lots of our Primary Classes have enjoyed visiting the library over the last couple of weeks, they loved sharing books together, learning about the library and listening to stories read by the librarian.





Sussex School Games Cross Country Finals

A huge well done to the children from Gildredge House who represented the South Downs Area at the Sussex School Games Cross Country Finals in Crawley on the 27th March. These finals saw the best runners from the nine School Games areas across Sussex compete with between 130 and 180 children in each of the 4 races - Year 5 Girls, Year 5 Boys, Year 6 Girls, and Year 6 Boys. The sun came out during the actual races, but it was one of the muddiest courses we have seen for a long time which added an extra challenge!

Our students have done extremely well to get to these finals and their efforts on the day were fantastic. They did South Downs Area and Gildredge House very proud. As with our area finals, the runners will know their finishing position from the numbered ticket that they were given on the finish line. The School Games do not publish results.

A special mention to the South Downs Area Year 6 Girls team who won Bronze in the team competition!



Year 2 - Jaws 'N' Claws

On Wednesday 17th April 2024, our Year 2 were treated to a visit from Jaws and Claws, as part of their topic of Australia and Science topic of Living Things and their Habitats. They truly got a 'hands-on' experience in seeing/touching reptiles and animals as well as asking questions to the expert. As you can see, it was an incredible opportunity for the children!



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISSING ITEMS

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their products despite payment being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to query a missing item, and they have between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed 'seller', it can be quite difficult to get back.

SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include cancelling shipment of an item once the payment has been processed or asking to conclude the chat and payment outside of the app, where the victim is no longer protected by the buyer protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Lately, certain apps have been under scrutiny for using spyware to track their members' activities – but all too often, the user's consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.

FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's certainly not unheard of for poor-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or clever wording. These disingenuous sales are sometimes outed by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of bagging a high-end item for a fraction of its usual price will outweigh any suspicions they may have.

SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this. For many people (especially during a cost-of-living crisis) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match, this isn't a reliable means of picking up on misleading marketing, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practices even exist. While it's illegal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shady traders use clever wording and omissions to get around this.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app on which they found them, to ensure they're covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as inspecting the name of the sender. Report any suspected phishing emails to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.

CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping label, along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package's tracking number to the buyer and keep a copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future claims that it never arrived. When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.

😊 Old Town Community Library - Book Donations

At Gildredge House, we have a surplus of old books which we have donated to the Old Town Community Library, located on Victoria Drive. This library offers free internet, book rentals and a place to meet others for tea and coffee. We will continue to partner with the library as they are a vital part of our local community.



😊 New Year 7 Welcome Evening

A huge thank you to all parents/carers who attended our Welcome Evening for our Y7 September Starters. We hope that you are as excited as we are to begin your journey with us here.



Celebrating student success - ASPIRE

This week, Mr Simmonds has been celebrating student success via our ASPIRE points. During morning assemblies, students have been receiving their ASPIRE badges to signify how many points they have reached. It has been amazing to see so many students gaining their bronze, silver and gold award badges.

A massive congratulations to Mason in 7 Bader, who reached 300 ASPIRE points and became the first student to reach his platinum badge reward. He is proudly pictured pointing to his badge. Well done to all students who received their badge.



Secondary Reading Ambassadors

Some of our Secondary Reading Ambassadors have been reading a book as part of their role and the Carnegie award. They thoroughly enjoyed reading "Cinderella is Dead" by Kalynn Bayron, here are some of their reviews:

This book is incredible, it takes the fairy tales we all have heard as a child and turns them into a reality far past our eyes and deep into our imaginations. I would definitely rate this book a 10/10. By the end you will know to never underestimate the power of a truly good book. - A, Year 8

A thrilling page-turner. It kept me guessing until the end. Full of fancy dresses and magic, Sophia's story is inspiring and exciting. This plot-twister is one of a kind, combining the classic story of Cinderella into a modern adventure with a dangerous mission to change Lille for good... - L, Year 8



I am currently half-way through this book, and I would highly recommend this to anyone who loves adventure, mystery and magic. I would say this is suitable for 12/13+ as some parts are a little sad. - A, Year 8

I have loved this book, it is a great adventurous book that will keep you on the edge of your seat. - G, Year 8



1 KS3 Inter-house Competiton



Year 7 Update

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Highest Attendance % Spring Term

1. Ravilious
2. Carter
3. Hopkins



Most ASPIRE Points Spring Term

1. Bader
2. Ravilious
3. Hopkins



Languages

1. Ravilious
2. Carter
3. Bader



Art

1. Carter
2. Ravilious
3. Johnston



Food

1. Bader
2. Carter
3. Ravilious



Current Overall Standing

1. Ravilious
2. Carter
3. Bader
4. Johnston
5. Hopkins



Year 8 Update

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Highest Attendance % Spring Term

1. Hopkins
2. Jonston
3. Ravilious



Most ASPIRE Points Spring Term

1. Johnston
2. Bader
3. Ravilious



Languages

1. Ravilious
2. Hopkins
3. Johnston



Art

1. Bader
2. Johnston
3. Ravilious



Food

1. Ravilious
2. Bader
3. Johnston



Current Overall Standing

1. Johnston
2. Ravilious
3. Bader
4. Hopkins
5. Carter



1 KS3 Inter-house Competiton



Year 9 Update

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Current Overall Standing

- 1. Carter
- 2. Bader
- 3. Ravilious
- 4. Hopkins
- 5. Johnston

Highest Attendance % Spring Term

- 1. Carter
- 2. Johnston
- 3. Ravilious

Most ASPIRE Points Spring Term

- 1. Carter
- 2. Hopkins
- 3. Ravilious

Languages

- 1. Carter
- 2. Hopkins
- 3. Bader

Art

- 1. Carter
- 2. Ravilious
- 3. Bader

Food

- 1. Carter
- 2. Bader
- 3. Hopkins

London Mini Marathon

Byron (8J) competed at the London Mini Marathon Championship (British Road Championship) for the South East Team on Saturday racing 2.6km. The 221 competitors ran from Horse Guards Parade, around St James Park towards Buckingham Palace and down The Mall to the finish. Byron finished an impressive 5th place in a time of 8m32s. Making Byron the 5th fastest U13 boy in Great Britain & NI. As a team the U13 Boys South East Team achieved 2nd place team overall. Congrats!





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EASTBOURNE EDUCATION
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Do you like cooking? Could you be our Young Chef of 2024?



Olympic / Paralympic Games 2024

This year the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games are to be held in Paris with athletes from across the globe competing. Every country in the world has its own special food dishes and flavours and as people have travelled, these different flavours have travelled with them. You should select one country and prepare a dish that best represents the food from that country. You will need to explain your choice of country and dish choice to the judges and why you have chosen these.

Your teacher Mrs Chalk will organise the first round of the competition in your school, one finalist from each year group (years 7/8, and 9/10) will be chosen and then you will get together with the finalists from other schools where a team of judges will choose the overall Eastbourne Young Chef of 2024.

What will you need to do?

You will need to explain your choice of dishes to your teachers and the Judges

You will need to create and cook two portions of a hot main course meal

You will need to work out the cost of the ingredients of each meal

You must also choose and cost (but not prepare) a suitable starter and dessert which will be considered should there be a tie break with other finalists

For more information about how to apply please see Mrs Chalk for more details.