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Compton Place Road, Eastbourne
East Sussex, BN20 8AB

Thursday 28th March 2024
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Aspire House Points



BADER

20385



CARTER

15971



HOPKINS

17288



JOHNSTON

16277



RAVILIOUS

18081

Dates for your Diary

- **Monday 15th April** – Summer Term 5 starts
- **Thursday 21st April** – New Y7 Welcome Evening
- **Tuesday 23rd April** – Y10 Big Futures Show
- **Thursday 25th April** – Y4 Fishbourne Roman Palace trip

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 over the Easter break and by 9.00am on Monday 15th April 2024. 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.

Top tutor group Attendance in T4	
SECONDARY (top in each year group)	
7R	95%
8H	96%
9C	94%
10C	94%
11C	96%
PRIMARY (top 2 classes in Primary)	
4B	97%
2B	96.80%

Top Year group Attendance in T4	
Secondary	Year 8 with 93.6%
Primary	Year 2 with 96.7%

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



Term Dates 2024–25: INSET Day Update

Please see the term dates on our website – there has been a change of date for the last INSET Day of the 2024–25 academic year.

TERM DATES FOR 2024–25

	START DATE	END DATE
Autumn Term 1	Wed 4 Sept 2024*	Thu 17 Oct 2024
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Mon 21 Oct 2024	Fri 1 Nov 2024
Autumn Term 2	Mon 4 Nov 2024	Thu 19 Dec 2024 (12.30pm)
Christmas Holiday	Friday 20 Dec 2024	Fri 3 Jan 2025
Spring Term 1	Tue 7 Jan 2025	Fri 14 Feb 2025
Spring Half Term Holiday	Mon 17 Feb 2025	Fri 21 Feb 2025
Spring Term	Mon 24 Feb 2025	Fri 4 Apr 2025
Easter Holiday	Mon 7 Apr 2025	Fri 18 Apr 2025
Summer Term 1	Tuesday 22 Apr 2025	Fri 23 May 2025
Summer Half Term Holiday	Mon 26 May 2025	Fri 30 May 2025
Summer Term 2	Tue 2 Jun 2025	Fri 18 July (12.30pm)

INSET DAYS:

Mon 2 Sep & Tue 3 Sep 2024

Fri 18 Oct 2024

Mon 6 Jan 2025

Wed 25 Jun 2025



Year 6 PGL

We abseiled, zip-wired, played hide and seek in the dark, practiced archery, had a laser gun battle and learnt how to build shelters and light fires, amongst other wonderful activities all run by the PGL staff.

The food was delicious and everyone shared their cabin space respectfully, although learning how to repack a sleeping bag was a challenge in itself!

Very proud of all the students who completed every activity and demonstrated all of the ASPIRE values tremendously!





Eastbourne Town mascots

On Saturday 23rd March, some of our Gildredge House students from Eastbourne Town U10 Yellow's were mascots for the first team at the Saffrons as they took on Shoreham FC. Our students got to run out on to main pitch and meet both teams in the game. There was even some shirt signings, including from an ex Gildredge House student, Delwin. A great experience for them!



Drusillas trip

Drusillas was really fun. I would recommend on going. It's so fun. You can see animals and tick them off in a little book. There are two books. One for ticking them off and one for all the Olympic stuff you can do. There is how long you can hang on a bar and how long you can stand on one leg near the flamingo section. We touched a chinchilla. It was so soft.

By Alice 3B



Yesterday, we were lucky enough to go to Drusillas. It took about 30 minutes to get there on the comfy coach. I loved the view from outside the window. When we got there, nearly everyone was cheering. We went to the farm and saw donkeys, goats and ponies. We got to milk a fake cow. We saw monkeys that were swinging on branches. Then we continued to explore Drusillas. We saw sleeping servals, pink flamingos and friendly penguins. After that, we had lunch and went on the train. In the workshop we got to stroke a snake and a furry chinchilla. Everyone loved it. We also went on some rides including tea cups, jeeps and the carousel. At the end, there was a frog that spat water at us! Finally, we got the coach back to school. By Amara, Rayan and Isobel 3B



Year 5 Ocklynge Cup Report



The Year 5 Ocklynge Cup took place on a very rainy Tuesday. Gildredge House, the reigning champions, entered the tournament with high hopes of retaining their title. Their journey to the final was marked by impressive victories over formidable opponents. They triumphed against West Rise, Ocklynge B team and Cavendish.

Facing them in the final were the hosts, Ocklynge School. It was a closely contested match and, despite their best efforts, neither side managed to break the deadlock during regular play, resulting in a penalty shoot out. Unfortunately for Gildredge House, luck was not on their side on this occasion. Despite a valiant effort, they fell short in the penalty shootout. Nevertheless, the students of Gildredge House should hold their heads high, for they showed true sportsmanship and determination throughout the tournament.

As the final whistle blew, signaling the end of the tournament, the disappointed but proud students of Gildredge House vowed to return stronger next year. Congratulations team!

Primary Poetry Final

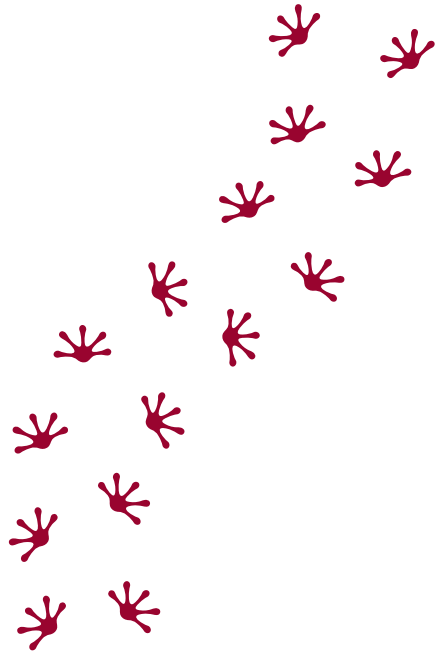
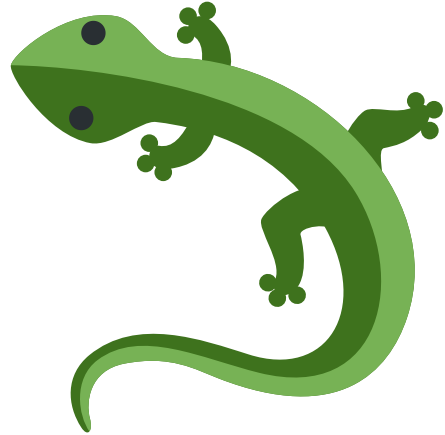
What a fantastic term we have all had writing Poetry. Every student has done tremendously well and created some brilliant poems, showing bravery to read them out loud in front of their teachers and peers. We held our Poetry final and invited students from Willingdon School to visit and compete with their creations. A huge well done to all involved!





Year 2 – Jaws ‘N’ Claws

On Wednesday 17th April 2024, our Year 2 are being 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 will get the opportunity to get a ‘hands-on’ experience in seeing/touching reptiles and animals as well as asking questions to the expert. A fantastic experience for Year 2!





Easter Egg Hunt



A big congratulations to all of our ASPIRE winners this term across Primary and Secondary. They were rewarded with an Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday morning. Mrs Punter-Bruce and Mrs Jenkins hid Easter Eggs all around the school site, with some taking a lot longer than others to find theirs! Keep up the good work all.





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FOGH Easter Fayre

Last Saturday, the annual Friends of Gildredge House Easter Fayre brought together students, families and teachers for a wonderful fun afternoon.

Despite dodging rain and hail, the Egg Hunt in the garden and the Easter Bonnet competition were still able to take place outside. This year, the addition of a helter skelter was an added bonus for the children to enjoy.

In the end, we raised an impressive total of £1,429. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed by baking cakes, making donations, attending, and lending a hand on the day. Your support makes all the difference!



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👏 Year 11 Brighton and Hove Albion Girls call up

Huge congratulations to Phoebe M in year 11 for securing a 4 week trial at Brighton and Hove Albion. Good luck Phoebe and really well done on your successes so far 👍





Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

So, another weekend and another Duke of Edinburgh Expedition. This time, it was the qualifying expedition for the bronze award!

We all set off from school on Friday 22nd March already wearing waterproofs as it was typical D of E weather....raining! Everyone stayed upbeat walking through the rain and working well within their teams. It was certainly a test of resilience as the rain did not let up until about 6pm! All the training we had done paid off, as they were prepared for the weather. It was a real team effort at the campsite, putting up tents in the rain, but everyone did incredibly well.



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6am saw everyone getting up and getting stoves on to make a much needed hot drink and some porridge. By 8:15am the first group was ready to leave, having packed all their belongings away and put down the tent. We were very lucky as it was a gloriously sunny day. Everyone was on a mission to get back to school by 1pm, as there was rain forecast then.

Lots of great teamwork meant that everyone successfully made it back to school. One group was a bit unlucky as they were still walking when we had the 30 minutes of hail....still, they showed their inner strength and made it back with smiles on their faces along with a look of relief! As always, these students never fail to amaze us with their positive attitude and their teamwork. They did so well and deserved their long soak in the bath at the end of the expedition! Roll on starting their silver award, more news on this after May half term.

Thanks again to Mrs Bray and Mr Kenth who gave up their time to help with the expedition. Mrs Bray even made about 80 cupcakes to keep morale up at checkpoints!

Karen Maxwell



UK National InterCounties Cross-Country Success

Byron Roberts was part of the Sussex U13 Boys Team top 4 finishers who won the Silver Team medal at the UK National Inter-counties Cross Country Race at Wollaton Park in Nottingham at the weekend.

Byron finished 2nd in Sussex, 14th overall. Well done to Oliver B (5th in Sussex) and Joshua W (7th in Sussex) who were also part of the team representing Sussex. Well done boys!





Sussex Schools at National Cross-Country

Byron 8J was part of the Sussex Schools winning team at the English Schools National Cross-Country Championships at Pontefract Racecourse near Leeds at the weekend.

He was one of only two Year 8 students selected to compete in the whole of Sussex, with only the best 8 cross country runners in the county selected. The other 6 runners in the Sussex Schools Team were from Year 9.

As one of the youngest competing Byron had to start last in the pen, with almost 300 racers starting ahead of him. Byron showed grit and determination to quickly move through the pack and finished 59th overall (6th in Sussex Team and the 7th Yr8 runner to finish overall).

Byron's fast race meant the Sussex Schools Team had the lowest score for the 1st 6 finishers in any of the 46 counties taking part and were awarded the 1st place Gold Team Trophy. Meaning they are the National Champions!!

This is a massive achievement and we are so proud of Byron.





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EASTBOURNE EDUCATION
BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP



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.



Akeelah becomes our Youth Parliament Representative

Akeelah is a fantastic student, who has demonstrated a real passion for making a positive change within her community. It was this clear self determination to become ever more involved within both our school 's and local area communities. That made her application so poignant.



Akeelah has demonstrated her enthusiasm for working within groups and independently, whilst she has been part of the Gildredge House Student Leadership. Since becoming a Student Leader, Akeelah has set an example to others in how she approaches situations with such enthusiasm and positivity.

We are very proud of her achievements in becoming our Youth Parliament representative and have every faith she will go onto to have a very positive and measurable impact on or town and local area.

Well done Akeelah!!



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From all of us here at Gildredge House, we hope you have a restful break and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 15th April.

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