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

Friday 15th March 2024
Newsletter





Aspire House Points



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Dates for your Diary

- **Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th March** – Reception Parent Consultations
- **Thursday 21st March** – Primary Poetry Final
- **Wednesday 27th March** – Second Hand Uniform Sale
- **Wednesday 27th March** – Y11 and Y13 Parents Evening
- **Thursday 28th March** – Spring Term 2 Ends

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.

! Reminder – Glass Bottles

Last Thursday there was an incident on the plaza where a glass bottle was accidentally dropped and smashed. This is a reminder to parents and students that glass bottles of any kind are not permitted on the school site. Thank you for your cooperation.

✓ 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.

Week Commencing: 4th March 2024

Primary:

2A & 3A = 99.2%

1B = 99.1%

Secondary:

7R = 98.4%

8H = 97.3%



Top year group attendance this week is...

Primary: Year 2 – 98.8% 🎉

Secondary: Year 8 – 94% 🎉

Whole School Attendance 95%

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



RNLi 200th Birthday

Some of our Primary students spent some time this week learning how to throw a life buoy! Not only did they have a lot of fun, but learnt a valuable life skill.



To celebrate the RNLi's 200th birthday, the students from our History Society Club, carried out some research on this amazing charity.

They put together their research and presented it to all of the Primary students in a special assembly. Did you know it costs approximately £1593 to equip just one crew member?

We are collecting donations for this very important charity. You can kindly make a donation on your child's SQUID account. Thank you for your generosity.



Author Visit

Lindsay Galvin came to visit our Year 4-6 children this week to celebrate her work as an author. The children were inspired by her stories which are all inspired by history and loved learning about the inspiration for all of her different books, especially her book "My Friend the Octopus" which is set in historical Brighton! A big thank you to Miss Cunningham for organising this.



Poetry Competition & World Book Day

Primary students have been learning poems off by heart to take part in a Performance Poetry final. The class winners showed great skill at reciting their poems, some with gestures, and all encapsulated the audience in assembly this morning.

The winner from each year group will now go through to a Grand Final taking place at Gildredge House on March 21st, with special guests on the judging panel, and winners from Willingdon Primary joining us.

Huge congratulations to all those students who took part!





Year 5 Towner Trip

We visited The Towner to celebrate the Turner Prize 2023, and enjoyed seeing artwork from various artists such as Rory Pilgrim, Barbara Walker and Jesse Darling. We even had a go at creating some of our own artwork based on the ideas of these artists.



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Visit to Beechwood Grove

As part of our celebrations for World Book Day, our Year 5 and 6 Reading Ambassadors visited the residents of Beechwood Grove Nursing Home to share their favourite books.



As well as listening to the children's stories, they also enjoyed making bookmarks and hunting for 'book words' in a wordsearch.



A big thank you, as always, to the staff and residents for making our students feel so welcome.

Year 6 Netball

Congratulations to the Year 6 team that represented the school on Monday at Eastbourne Area Netball Event. They came joint second, completely tied in every way including goal difference. They are a dedicated group that have been playing 7 a side alongside our secondary students and we are looking forward to playing in the secondary netball league next year. Thank you to our secondary leaders who managed the Year 6 team, scored and umpired the event, their organisation and independence was impressive as usual. The team: Qayyisa L, Paige H, Niamh G, Maddie M, Alice LMR, Alicia O and Faye E.



Reception Police Visit



Reception children have been learning about important people in the community. On Monday the police paid a special visit to school to talk to the children about keeping safe, different jobs in the police and answered lots of questions. The children had the opportunity to look inside the police vehicle and try on different items of uniform.





Logan's trip to Uganda

Logan and his family spent a week in Masindi, North West Uganda during half term, spending time at Kabalega Primary School visiting the children and taking the time to read with them.



They enjoyed playing games including Football and Cricket and even introduced Frisbee to the children! With them, they took 7 suitcases worth of books, sports equipment, kit and shoes, as well as a large selection of books donated to the school by Gildredge House. The Headmaster of Kabalega expressed his extreme gratitude for the books, which has made a significant difference to the library and the lives/education of the children at the school. Logan and his family took 100 children and 12 teachers to Murchison Fall, spotting Crocodiles, Hippos, Elephants and Buffalos just to name a few.

Most of the school children had never been on a boat before, which made it an amazing experience for them. Logan had such a great time and is already collecting for the next time he and his family visit! We are delighted that you enjoyed your trip and if any other parents wish to send in details of their child's achievements, please do!



Scholastic Book Fair

The final sales for our book fair was an incredible record-breaking £2800. This means we'll have £1700 to spend on books for our school.

A big thank you to all of the children and parents that visited the book fair, also to our Sixth Form Business students who planned and ran the fair and to the student from primary and secondary who helped at the book fair.



It was great to see so much enthusiasm for books and reading!

The sixth form students will be continuing this project with research involving staff and students to help decide on the books we order for our libraries and classrooms. A huge thank you to Mrs Edwards and our Sixth Form helpers.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March



To celebrate World Book Day and to continue to promote a love of reading, all primary children came to school dressed in their pyjamas and brought their favourite bedtime story to share. Throughout the day the children all took part in different activities linking to the story "Here We Are" by Oliver Jeffers which they loved reading and learning about.

The children shared stories with their reading buddies across the Primary Phase and they also enjoyed reading and sharing stories with each other. As well as this, teachers in the Primary Phase took part in the "The Masked Reader" inspired by the famous show "The Masked Singer" and they had to guess which teacher was reading which book – whilst their face was being hidden by a mask!

Each class also voted for a story and decorated their classroom door as the front cover. Our Primary Reading Ambassadors then voted for winners in each key stage: **R1, 2A, 3A, 6B.**

We ended the day by inviting parents to school to share stories with their children. It was lovely to see so many parents involved in this event. A fun day was had by both children and adults, reinforcing to them the importance of reading and love of books.

Our book swap was hugely successful with pupils from both phases of the school and we thank our Secondary Reading Ambassadors for running this throughout the day. We hope you are enjoying your new books!



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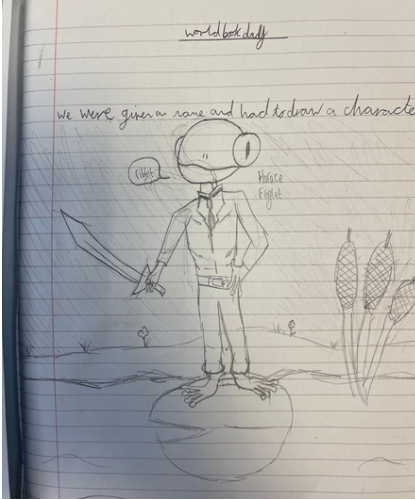


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World Book Day



We had a great day celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, 7th March 2024. All students in Year 7, 8 and 9 had a day full of activities all linked to World Book Day. They looked at poetry, short stories, characterisation and creating their own interesting stories. Additionally, our Student Ambassadors also ran a brilliant Book Swap in the Atrium. Students could bring in an old book and swap it for a new one. There was a great turn out for this and the Book Swap was very busy during both breaks. We hope the students enjoyed the day and were inspired to pick up a book when they got home!

*World Book Day is so much fun
Our school celebrates with everyone
Reading brings joy in every class
Leaving big smiles and lots of laughs
Don't have a book? Then do not worry*

*Book day is here no need to hurry
Our Atrium is full of lovely books to read
Only need to bring in a one pound indeed
Keep up your reading, make sure to have fun*

*Don't get books that will ruin your fun
Any books you do not read sits on the shelf
Yawning to read!*

By Tansi in Year 7

*Why it's important to read
by Connie in Yr 8*

Reading is important because it improves your reading skills and your knowledge. Reading is fun and better than looking at screens. When you read a book before the movie, you can imagine what the movie will be like before you see it. You might think reading is boring but then you obviously haven't found the right book for you yet. It doesn't have to be a book you read, it could be a comic, magazine or newspaper. Reading is a fun activity to do at school, in the car, bus or train or you can read at home or the library. There's a lot of places you can read! Reading is great for educational purposes. That's why you should read!



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Annual Prize Giving

On Wednesday 28th February, we held our annual Prize Giving ceremony at the Grand Hotel in Eastbourne, to recognise and celebrate the achievements of its outstanding students. The ceremony was well attended by parents, teachers, and students, who gathered to congratulate the winners. We were delighted that Lord and Lady Lucas, alongside Caroline Ansell MP were some of our special guests.

The event was opened by Mr Bull. He emphasised the importance of hard work, dedication, and persistence in achieving success, and applauded the students for their remarkable achievements. Richard Thornhill, the Chair of Governors, gave the keynote speech that emphasised the importance of having ambition, one of our six values.



Awards were given out in various categories including subject, academic excellence, sporting achievement, Special awards which were linked to the schools' values and concluded with celebrating our student leaders. The winners were announced by our Head of Secondary, Mrs Jenkins, who praised the students' commitment and contribution to their respective fields.

Mr Bull said "Our annual Prize Giving celebrates the individual and collective achievements of our young people and I was extremely proud and privileged to award so many of our students. It was wonderful to see students awarded for their achievements including academic, sporting, arts and service. The ceremony was a great success and served as a testament to the school's commitment to academic and personal growth of its students." A huge well done to all of our prize winners!



Last Friday, 28 Year 9 students arrived at Alfriston campsite ready for the practice expedition section of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. It was already quite cold, so the first job was to get tents set up quickly. They did this really well and made sure that their camping areas were neat and tidy. We then had a campfire and lots of marshmallows along with hot chocolates. Then, after lots of running round (they clearly did not feel the need to conserve their energy for the expedition the next morning) they were off to bed to try and sleep.

Duke of Edinburgh Expedition



We were up with the larks, or more precisely the sheep and a variety of other birds! 6am and they were getting stoves on ready to either cook breakfast or make a hot drink. The first group left just after 8am, having packed away the tents and gone through the route. There was a slight diversion for all groups due to the flooding in Alfriston, but everyone did well coping with the water!





Duke of Edinburgh Expedition



We were really proud of everyone involved in the expedition. We had several members of the public asking up about what they were doing and saying how polite our students were. Always so nice to hear this.

Our qualifying expedition is on Friday 22nd March and Saturday 23rd March. Fingers crossed for very little rain that weekend too, and maybe even a little less wind!



Well done to all the Year 9 involved and a huge thank you to the D of E staff, Mrs Bray and Mr Kenth. Without them willingly giving up their weekend time, these expeditions could not happen. You have shown great ambition and resilience.





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Sports Leaders

Thank you to the sports leaders who supported The South Downs Area Bee Netball Final hosted by Gildredge House as part of the Sussex School Games.

Their independence and organisational skills make timing, scoring and collating the final results a super smooth process, and they are very much appreciated.



Literacy Awards

Congratulations to two of our secondary students who achieved the highest literacy points. As a reward they were able to choose a book from our fantastic new vending machine. Keep it up!

Key Stage 4 Scholars Programme Graduation Event

A selected group of our Year 10 students celebrated the successful completion of The Scholars Programme, a national university access programme, by attending the programmes graduation event at Goldsmiths University. As part of the programme, these students were encouraged to think and work independently across seven tutorials with a subject expert PhD researcher. During the programme their topic focus was “Things Can Only Get Better: A Short History of Ideas about Progress”, with the final assessment requiring them to formulate a challenging essay which was given a university-level grade. In addition to this, at the event Jugaldeep Singh and Rayner McGhee delivered an outstanding speech about their experience on the programme and the skills they had developed. The Scholars Programme has enabled these students to learn beyond the core curriculum and has helped them to develop key skills for university and later in life, such as critical thinking and problem solving.

The key stage 3 Scholars Programme has begun with a selected group of Year 8 students, and we are excited to see the work they will produce in their final essay.



WEEKLY
MENU

Gildredge House School Week two



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Chicken Meatballs with Fusilli Pasta & Tomato Herb Sauce	Oven Baked Cumberland Sausages	Minced Beef Pasta Bake topped with Cheesy Sauce	Chicken Korma Curry with creamed Coconut	Catch of the day - Breaded Fish - Gluten Free also available
Tomato Macaroni Cheese with Panko Crust (V)	Oven Baked Quorn Sausages (V)	Vegetable & Lentil Pasta Bake (V)	Sweet Potato, Spinach and Chickpea Curry (V)	Vegetable Bean Burger with Coleslaw (V)
Garlic Bread Slice	Mashed Potatoes	Vegetable Medley	Braised Rice	Chipped Potatoes
Steamed Garden Peas	Caramelised Onion Gravy		Mini Naan Bread	Peas
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	Garlic Green Beans	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	Fusilli Pasta with Basil Pesto	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise
Whipped Strawberry Mousse	Fusilli Pasta with Spiced Tomato Sauce	Lemon & Poppy Seed Shortbread	Fruit Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Salad
	Cinnamon Apple Crumble			

Week commencing 18th March

Available daily
Salad Bar

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WEEKLY
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Gildredge House School Week Three



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Beef Lasagne topped with Cheese and Crispy Onions	Sweet and Sour Pork with Pineapple in a Tangy Sauce	Beef Cottage Pie with Caramelised Onion Gravy	Black Bean Chicken Casserole	Catch of the day - Breaded Fish - Gluten free option also Available
Butternut Squash, Lentil & Spinach Lasagne (V)	Sweet and Sour Quorn pieces with Pineapple in a Tangy Sauce (V)	Spinach, Sweet Pepper and Spinach tart (V)	Egg Noodle Stir Fry (V)	Vegetable chilli Bean Tortilla Wrap with Salsa and Cheese (V)
Garlic Bread Slice	Braised Rice	Thyme Roasted Carrots	Braised Rice	Fried Chips
		Steamed Baby Potatoes		Steamed Garden Peas
Fusilli Pasta with Tomato Basil Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans		Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese	Fusilli Pasta with Pesto Dressing
Marbled Sponge	Chocolate Orange Brownie	Fusilli Pasta with Tomato Herb Sauce	Cinnamon & Oat Cookie	Fresh Fruit Salad
		Orange Jelly		

Week commencing 25th March

Available daily
Salad Bar

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