



ASPIRE

Gildredge House

WEEKLY NEWS

WEEK 7 . TERM 1 . 3RD NOVEMBER 2023



ASPIRE IN ALL THAT WE DO

KEY REMINDERS

As the weather is getting colder we would like to remind all parents to ensure that their child brings a coat when coming to school. It's important to keep them warm and comfortable during the chilly days.



Just a reminder that poppies will be available for sale on Monday 6th November. If your child wishes to purchase one, kindly remind them to bring cash to put in the donation box.



Key Dates

3RD NOVEMBER
YEAR R- 6 HALLOWEEN DISCO

6TH NOVEMBER
YEAR 4 WAKEHURST PLACE

9TH NOVEMBER
YEAR 11 AND 13 PARENTS EVENING

10TH NOVEMBER
YEAR 7 DISCO

17TH NOVEMBER
PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

28TH NOVEMBER
GCSE MUSIC RECITAL EVENING



NUT FREE SCHOOL - 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.

ASPIRE Points Totals



BADER

6347



CARTER

5200



HOPKINS

5497



JOHNSTON

5353



RAVILIOUS

6179



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GH PRIMARY NEWS

Reminders about Primary drop offs



Please note that parking in the Disabled bay or top staff car park is strictly prohibited. The Kiss and Drop parking facility is exclusively for children in Years 1-6. Parents of KS1 children (Reception - Year 2) can walk their children up to the entrance, while children in Years 3-6 can walk up to the black gates. When dropping off children, cars should proceed to the top and wait for the staff to open the doors. It is advised not to drop kids beforehand and hold up the queue. Cars should follow in line and avoid overtaking

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Bike Safety tips

Riding a bike home from school can be a great way to get some exercise and fresh air but when it's dark outside, it can also be a bit nerve-wracking. However, with the right precautions, it's possible to make the journey safely.

First and foremost, make sure your bike is equipped with lights. A headlight is essential so that you can see where you're going, and a taillight will help drivers see you from behind. If you don't have lights, consider investing in some before you ride in the dark.

Next, dress appropriately. Wear reflective clothing or add reflective tape to your clothing or bike to increase your visibility to drivers. A helmet is always a good idea, but it's especially important when it's dark outside.

Finally, plan your route carefully. Stick to well-lit roads and avoid areas that are known to be unsafe. If possible, ride with a friend or in a group to increase your visibility and safety.

Riding your bike home from school in the dark can be a fun , but it's important to take the necessary precautions to ensure your safety. By following these tips, you can enjoy your ride with peace of mind.





Parent Steering Group for Year 7, 8 and 9 School Reports

Parents of Year 7, 8 and 9 students, your help is required. Mr Towner is inviting you to be part of a small group of no more than eight parents. This group will help him to ensure that the school reports that you receive at the end of terms 2, 4 and 6 are useful and can be widely understood by all parents. You do not need to have any past experience or knowledge of the education system, in fact a complete lack of understanding may perhaps be more helpful.

The steering group will take part in two sessions that will take place in school on:

- Tuesday 21st November between 4pm and 5pm
- Tuesday 28th November between 4pm and 5pm

If you are able take part and offer your support, please complete the form by clicking [here](#)





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SECONDARY NEWS



ICELAND TRIP

On Friday 13th October, 39 students and 4 staff left Gildredge House on a whistle stop tour of some of the fantastic sights Iceland has to offer. We left the UK from Stansted airport and landed in Keflavik, to be met by our coach driver, who took us to see several geothermal vents and a recent large lava flow that was still steaming. We then headed to Reykjavik and had dinner in the capitals famous Hamburger Factory, before settling in to our nearby hotel.

Students were woken early by our Icelandic tour guide, to jump back on the coach as we headed to an 8,000 year old lava tube that led us into the depths of subterranean Iceland. Our Welsh geologist guide explained how the lava tube formed and encouraged us to switch our lights off for a moment to appreciate the total darkness in the tube. From here we headed east and stopped at our next location, Solhiemajokull, a glacier that travels down from the nearby ice sheet covering a large volcano called Katla. Students put on crampons and ice axes and were led by professional guides up onto the glacier. We carefully walked between the moulins to a view point 500m above the glaciers snout.





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ICELAND TRIP



After this fabulous experience we headed back to the coach and visited the southern most point of Iceland, perched on headland where huge arches and volcanic black sand beaches stretched off into the distance. That night we stayed in a remote hotel, where we aimed to see the northern lights, but unfortunately were not lucky enough.

Following another early start, we were soon standing under the huge Skogafoss waterfall before traveling behind nearby Seljalandsfoss. From here we travelled into the famous Golden Circle to visit Strokkur, a very active geyser. Our day continued seeing incredible sights before we dined in another restaurant, before heading to the world famous Blue Lagoon luxury spa. For two hours in the Iceland night, students sipped on ice slushies, whilst bathing in the naturally heated pools. Now very relaxed, we headed to our final hotel, before waking to fly home.

It was a fantastic trip which showed how incredibly diverse Iceland is.

I would like to thank Mrs Maxwell, Mrs Nicolle and Mr R Dyer, who were the fantastic staff that attended and helped make the trip run so smoothly. I would also like to thank the students for being excellent ambassadors for our school. They were a joy to spend time with and I hope they have made memories which last them a lifetime

Mr C Dyer



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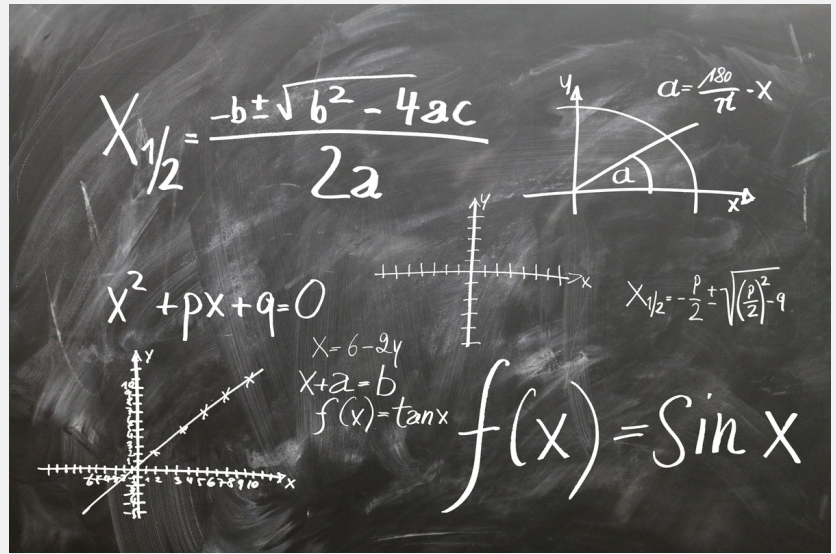


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SIXTH FORM

SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

Last term 13 students from Years 11 & 13 took part in the Senior Maths Challenge. This is a national challenge and examples of the questions are...



The numbers x and y are such that $3^x + 3^{y+1} = 5\sqrt{3}$ and $3^{x+1} + 3^y = 3\sqrt{3}$.

What is the value of $3^x + 3^y$?

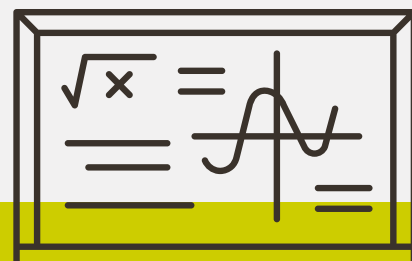
- A $\sqrt{3}$
- B $2\sqrt{3}$
- C $3\sqrt{3}$
- D $4\sqrt{3}$
- E 5

What is the smallest prime which is the sum of five different primes?

- A 39
- B 41
- C 43
- D 47
- E 53

Well done to Kara Marrufo and Jasmine Mlahegue who gained bronze certificates and Rose Maxwell who gained a silver certificate and also best result in the school.

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GILDREDGE HOUSE DRAMA PERFORMANCE

13TH DECEMBER AT 5PM



ROALD DAHL

THE

WITCHES

**TICKET PRICES £3 ADULTS & £2.50
CHILDREN**

Tickets can be purchased on [sQuid](#)



GCSE MUSIC RECITAL EVENING

**TUESDAY 28th NOVEMBER
CREATIVE iMEDIA SUITE**

17:00 pm - 19:00 pm

£5 Tickets available on sQuid



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MUSIC SCHEDULE

MON 1.35PM

SECONDARY
CHOIR



TUESDAY

11.20AM

ORCHESTRA



TUESDAY 3PM

GUITAR &
UKULELE
CLUB



WEDS & THURS
11.20AM

GCSE
COURSEWORK



WEDS 1.35PM
& FRI 11.20AM

PRACTICE ROOMS
BOOKING



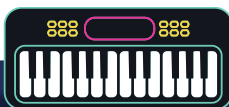
THURSDAY
1.35PM

MUSIC
TECH
CLUB



FRIDAY
1.35PM

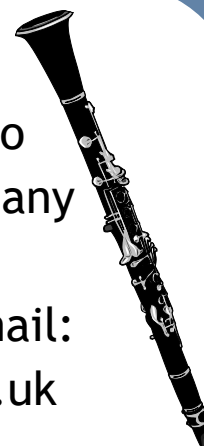
KEYBOARD
CLUB



NOTES

Don't forget that you can also have a free taster lesson on any instrument you like!

Ask your parent/carer to email:
a.willis@gildredgehouse.org.uk



ATTENDANCE



WEEKLY CLASS 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 9th October

Congratulations to:

Primary

3A = **99.2%**

6A = **98.3%**

Secondary

8J = **100%**

9B = **97.3%**

Top year group attendance this week is

PRIMARY YEAR 3

SECONDARY YEAR 7

Whole school attendance this week **94.4%**

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School Meals

Our school takes pride in offering healthy and nutritious meals for our students. We understand that a well-balanced diet is crucial for their growth and development, which is why we invest in providing high-quality ingredients and preparing them in a way that is both delicious and healthy. Our menu is designed to cater to different tastes and dietary needs, ensuring that every child can enjoy a satisfying meal that meets their nutritional requirements. We believe that by promoting healthy eating habits at a young age, we can help our students establish a foundation for a lifetime of good health.



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			

Available daily

Saled Bar



FRIENDS OF GILDREDGE HOUSE

FORTHCOMING DATES

EVENT	SCHOOL YEAR	PROPOSED DATE
Spooky disco	Reception to Year 6	3 November 2023
Year 7 Disco	Year 7	10 November 2023
Christmas Jumper Day	Primary and Secondary	1 December 2023
Christmas Fayre	Whole School Community	2 December 2023
Christmas Movie Night	Primary and Secondary - Limited ticket event	13 December 2023
Open mic night with surprise guest appearance	Secondary	19 January 2023

REMINDERS

- Do not forget to book your Year 7 disco tickets. Pop your form and money into the FoGH letterbox in the main reception
- Primary Christmas card orders must be in by **Monday 6th November**
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UNIFORM SHOP

PRIMARY & SECONDARY

The second hand uniform shop will be open on the following dates until the end of the year. Come and visit us in Master's House between 14:30 and 16:00;

Friday 17 November

Wednesday 6 December

Please note that the shop is cash sales only

The shop will open again on Friday 19 January with further opening times planned for each month after that.



CLOTHING DRIVE

We need your PE kits, fleeces and blazers for resale please! All good quality donations are welcomed and can be handed in to the secondary school reception.

We'd also like your pre-loved dressing up clothes! Anything medieval, roman, space, superhero and Victorian related for resale and swap is welcome.



STAFF VACANCIES

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WE ARE CURRENTLY RECRUITING FOR THE BELOW VACANCIES:

- **DATA MANAGER**
- **ESTATES OFFICER**
- **SECONDARY TEACHING ASSISTANT**
- **TEACHER OF MATHS**
- **TEACHER OF SCIENCE**
- **ASSISTANT HEAD OF YEAR**



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