



Newsletter - Spring 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

One in One Hundred Challenge

Congratulations go to Logan who in recent weeks has been busy raising funds for Autism East Midlands. Logan impressed everyone at the charity with both his determination to succeed and his effective fundraising. Logan took part in the charity's One in 100 Challenge and asked his friends and family to sponsor him for scoring 100 ice hockey goals in his garden. Not only did he raise £745 for Autism East Midlands he also took the opportunity to champion his autism in a positive way. Logan's certificate was presented in school in our Celebration Assembly but we wanted to share his achievement with all of our families too.



Gate Times

As restrictions ease, we will relax gate times accordingly to support our families who are struggling with long waits between opening and closing times. The children are amazing with their routines so we know they will manage this just fine. Lateness is still an issue for a minority so maybe use this opportunity for a fresh start in getting to school on time. The routines and important lessons missed in the first ten minutes of each day can have a major impact on your child. **These gate times will operate from MONDAY 24 MAY 2021:**

Class	Gate	Entry	Exit	Class	Gate	Entry	Exit
Saplings AM	GLNP	8.45am	11.45am	Saplings PM	GLNP	12.30pm	3.30pm
Walnut	GLNP	8.50am	3.20pm	Larch	GLNP	8.50am	3.20pm
Juniper	Glapton Lane Pedestrian	8.45am	3.15pm	Willow	Glapton Lane Pedestrian	8.45am	3.15pm
Chestnut	Manor Farm Lane	8.45am	3.15pm	Beech	Manor Farm Lane	8.45am	3.15pm
Oak	Glapton Lane Pedestrian	8.40am	3.10pm	Sycamore	Glapton Lane Pedestrian	8.40am	3.10pm
Alder	Green Lane	8.45am	3.30pm	Rowan	Green Lane	8.45am	3.30pm
Hazel	Green Lane	8.40am	3.20pm	Cherry	Green Lane	8.40am	3.20pm
Elm	Manor Farm Lane	8.40am	3.20pm	Birch	Manor Farm Lane	8.40am	3.20pm

Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club has been named 'The Snap, Crackle and Pop Club' and has got off to a wonderful start. Our Breakfast Club staff are now confirmed as Mrs Webster, Mrs Gee and Mrs Wallis.

The club has a new starting time of **7.30am** and the last breakfast is served at 8.30am.

Registration to attend can be made by completing our online form (link below), and sessions are then booked through the School Gateway app.

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=HCBDF7GBoEOqWbJW_OwBUanHQSAkeEhAsDSI1DyLH_BUM1cxTEVMRzdCWVdGRjhiMFVfVDI1NTREWS4u

Staffing News

Congratulations go to Mrs Quigg who is expecting her second child and who will be taking maternity leave in the autumn term next academic year. We know you will join us in sending your best wishes to her for this exciting chapter in her life.



We also send congratulations to Mr Ransford who will be leaving Glapton after almost 9 years of service to the children of Clifton and Nottingham South. He is leaving us for his new chapter as a 'Dean of Students' working with much older children in the secondary sector. We are very proud of his achievement but know he will be sorely missed when he leaves before half term. Miss Brockie will also be leaving us at the end of the year to return to her home in Ireland and to take up teaching there. We hope the experience at Glapton will support her new venture and know for certain that we are all going to miss her. We are currently recruiting to cover our two maternity leave posts as well as Miss Brockie's post.

Celebrating Reading & Writing at Glapton Academy.

We have achieved so much success this spring under the guidance of Mrs Kay. Unfortunately, Mrs Kay is very poorly at the moment and we continue to send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery. We hope you enjoy reading some of the achievements.

Foyles Foundation Grant

Our first bit of news is to announce that a recent bid submitted by Mrs Kay and Mrs Hurst has been granted £5000. Yes, £5000 to spend on more new books for our library. All the children have visited the new library and checked out a book to read in class.



We also have plans to install software to allow children to check their book out to read at home. Watch this space!

Scrapbook of Hopes Competition



The National Literacy Trust wrote to us recently in response to our entry to their Scrapbook of Hopes competition; part of our [Book of Hopes gifting campaign with Bupa Foundation](#).

I am delighted to say that Glapton Academy has been chosen as one of their favourite entries and has won a **beautiful signed 'Bird' print illustrated by Sam Usher** which features in *The Book of Hopes* plus a set of **Katherine Rundell's children's books** including *Rooftoppers*, *The Good Thieves*, *The Wolf Wilder*, *The Explorer* and the hardback edition of *The Book of Hopes*.

The judges were very impressed with our Scrapbook entry, noting that our work was brilliantly tailored to reach and engage all age groups across the school; promoting and instilling a love of reading and writing in all of our pupils. Well done Superstars!

Puffin World of Stories



We were also very excited to receive our big book delivery and Yoto Player which arrived recently as a reward for all of the online training undertaken by Mrs Kay. The books are amazing and our Yoto Player will be available in the library and is an awesome screen free audio player that is controlled by playing cards inserted into the player. The player shares stories, music, activities and podcasts!

Creative Writing Competition: 'Friends, Family and Relationships'

The National Literacy Trust and 'Read On' Nottingham launched an exciting creative writing competition as part of the Connecting Stories project, with support from authors Darren Simpson and L. D. Lapinski.

This was a great opportunity to get our children writing and The Connecting Stories project invited children aged 7-11 from across Nottingham to create a piece of writing based on the theme 'Friends, Family and Relationships'. The aim was for children to write a piece of creative writing about their friends, family or other people that are important to them. I am delighted to let you know that the entries from the following children from our school were shortlisted to win the overall prize and are part of our exhibition and anthology from 3rd May onwards: **Lacey, Natalie, Darina, Isabelle S and Isabella A in Y3 and Erin, Lily and Leah in Y6. Congratulations!**



Children also being considered for the anthology are: **Taylor, Bobby-Scott, Lucan, Austin-John, Dalton, Arisa, Josh, Nayma, Neave and Tristan all in Y3.** They will all receive a certificate and the final winners will receive a copy of the anthology. School also receives a box of books and a copy of the anthology.

Free Audio Book Library

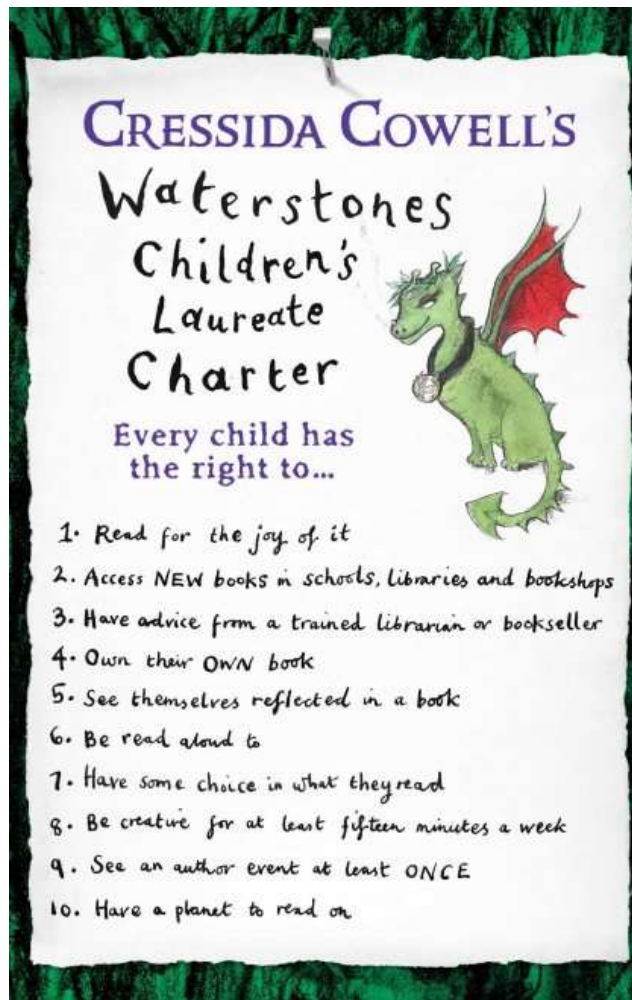
As part of The Puffin World of Stories programme, we have also been given free access to a free audiobook library. We can use [Audiobooks.com](#) to access a range of titles in school and to broadcast in-school lessons. There are some fantastic titles for all ages and we are very lucky to have this incredible addition to our library for free!

Virtual Author Visits

Matt Lucas shared his book *'My Very Very Very Very Very Very Silly Book of Jokes'* and [Thank You, Baked Potato](#) during a live author visit and Cressida Cowell shared *'How to Train Your Dragon'*. She is the Waterstones Children's Laureate and she also talked about her latest book, *'The Wizards of Once: Never and Forever'* and gave tips on becoming an author or illustrator.

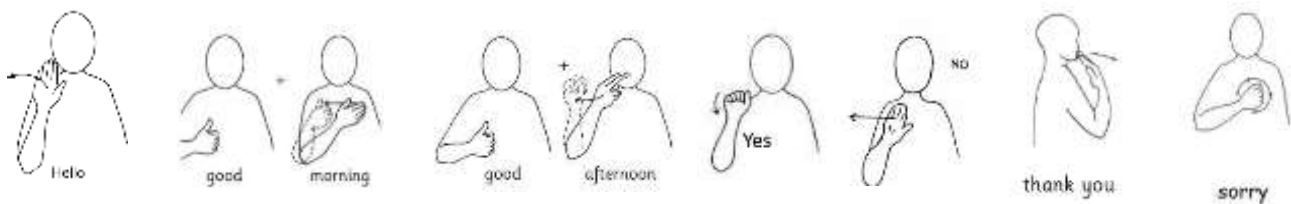
Simon James Green shared his book *'Life of Riley: Beginner's Luck'* which is shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book Awards 2021. All magical experiences for our children.

We are using Cressida's Charter in our school



Makaton

We have increasing numbers of children signing in school at the moment and have made a commitment to learn our new signs and use them as part of normal communication at Glapton. Ask your child to teach you what they have learnt so far.



Road Safety

KS2 took part in the annual Road Safety quiz and did well. We were particularly proud of Y5 and their results and will continue to work on knowledge for Y3 and Y4, as they become more independent road users. Here are the results of the road safety quiz.



Year Group	Class name	Number of pupils	Total
3	Oak	27	274 67.6%
3	Sycamore	28	281 66.9%
4	Rowan	24	207 57.5%
4	Alder	25	235 62.6%
5	Cherry	15	185 82.2%
5	Hazel	17	207 81.1%
6	Birch	19	209 73.3%
6	Elm	19	214 75.0%

Here are some dates for your diary to encourage active, healthy lifestyles for your children through more walking or cycling whilst also concentrating on road safety.

Walk to School Week 17 th – 21 st May	Brake's Kids Walk 16 th Jun	National Clean Air Day 17 th Jun
https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/projects-and-services/projects/walk-to-school-week https://www.twinkl.co.uk/event/walk-to-school-week-2021	http://www.brake.org.uk/kidswalk	https://www.cleanairday.org.uk/free-resources/schools

SCARF: Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship

There's now a proven link between pupils' health and wellbeing, and their academic progress. Crucial skills and positive attitudes developed through comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic education (PSHE) are critical to ensuring children are effective learners. We recognise how important these skills and attitudes are in unlocking pupils' potential, helping to raise achievement and closing the gap in educational attainment. SCARF is a new scheme we have adopted to provide a whole-school approach to building these essential foundations – crucial for children to achieve their best, academically and socially. Ask your children all about it!



Club News

Coming soon:

- Football & Fitness
- KS1 Gymnastics
- KS2 Netball
- Running
- After School Care Club (charged)

The Big Ask

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Dame Rachel de Souza is the Children's Commissioner for England and her job is to speak up for children, stand up for their rights and make sure that the people in power listen to what children need and want. Her message to children is simple 'It's time to give something big back to young people like you after COVID and **we need your help** to do it.' She has organised the largest ever survey of children and young people in England and plans to use what you tell her to show the government what you think, and what children need to live happier lives. The survey will only take **5-10 minutes** and can be found on the link above. This is your chance to have a say on things that matter to you. You can tell the government what your life is like, what you want in the future and anything you think is holding you back. Dame de Souza will use the findings to tell the people who run the country or our local area what you think needs to change to make your life better.



Dates for your diary for the summer term

The format of the events will be announced nearer the times, in line with government guidelines.

- 19th May** - Our new Cross Curricular Orienteering Course Installation Day
- 20th May** - 16 Day Book
- 27th May** - Thank-you Clubs
- 7th June** - School transition will commence this week & Election campaigns for our pupil groups start
- 8th - 11th June** - The Life Education Space visits to provide hands on experiences looking at safeguarding, relationships and health.
- 9th June** - EYFS Parents Session
- 23rd June** - Sports Day
- 25th June** - 16 Day Book
- 30th June** - Pupil Group Elections
- 2nd July** - Enterprise Challenge Day
- 5th July** - Thank-you Clubs
- 8th/9th July** - New starter and Y7 transition
- Week commencing 12th July** - Children's Topic
- 12th July** - 16 Day Book
- 21st July** - Class Power Points celebration of the year to Parents & Y6 Leavers celebrations
- 22nd July** - Thank-you Clubs
- 23rd July** - School breaks up to pupils
- 26th/27th July** - INSET for School Staff

Yours sincerely,


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