



# Glyne Gap School

Newsletter—Term 4—2019

Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends,

Our school is a place of learning and there are some great examples of pupil learning within this newsletter including:

- ◇ Bailey achieving his Supergoal by driving his wheelchair independently when out and about (shout out to Piper (sister) and Fin (brother) for their support of Bailey to achieve this)
- ◇ Harvey using his communication book to express how he is feeling
- ◇ Willow using her mobility and independence skills to deliver messages to the school office

This learning brings autonomy, independence... and ultimately a happy and fulfilled life.

I want to draw your attention to Eleashia's work placement at Hastings Police Station on page 3. Last term I wrote to you about Elly Frost who was the first Glyne Gap pupil to leave school and take up paid employment. Eleashia is working hard to ensure that Elly is not the first and last pupil to achieve this and as such, has completed a number of week-long work placements over the last 18 months to find out her strengths and preferences. Her work with the police was highly regarded and she has been invited back on a regular basis for terms 5 and 6. Eleashia aspires to get a job....you go Eleashia!

School Governors invited East Sussex Safeguarding, Standards and Learning Effectiveness Service team to review safeguarding practices in school this term and as such; two reviewers spent a long day in school looking at our safeguarding practice. This included supporting pupils' medical and health needs, how we support pupils who are looked after, how we manage concerns and how we create a culture and practice that ensures pupils' safeguarding needs are met. I am pleased to report to you that the key finding of this review was:

**Pupils are safeguarded well at this school.**

I hope that the sunshine returns for the Easter holidays and I look forward to seeing pupils back in school on the 24th April.

Happy Easter!

Kirsty



Joe (Senior 1) - working on his weekly jobs in his role as Site Team's Assistant.

## Dates for your Diary

### Easter Holidays

8th April—22nd April

### School closure day

Tuesday, April 23rd

### Summer Picnic Party

June 15th—12—4pm



## Making a Meal of It in Senior 2

This term some pupils in Senior 2 have been cooking a meal to take home for themselves. We have been visiting supermarkets and pupils are beginning to make choices about what ingredients they would like to put into their meals by touching, smelling and tasting different foods. Pupils have then worked hard on preparing the ingredients before cooking the meal, enjoying the sensory experience of being in the kitchen and experiencing different temperatures, smells and tastes. Not only have Senior 2 created some delicious meals to take home they have also helped to wipe down their tables and wash up some of the equipment.



Andrew and Sofia preparing their meal and cleaning up afterwards!





## Supergoal Superstars

**Bailey Horton (FE3)**— I can drive my chair with my family

**Harvey Martin (S1)**—I can express how I am feeling and what I want to do about it using my Communication Book

**Leah Peacock (S1)**—I can complete tasks independently by following a symbolised check list.

**Jade Coat-Reppington (FE2)**—I can travel on the bus to go shopping with support

**Well done, fantastic work!**

## Response from East Sussex Healthcare re. reduction in provision of continence pads

Following Kirsty's letter to this service raising our serious concerns re. reduction of continence pads for children the service has responded to reiterate that, although they are sympathetic with our concerns, this decision is unlikely to change. They have advised all children will receive a thorough assessment to make sure that the products they are receiving are suitable and if other interventions can be offered to improve wellbeing. Frances Hall (Skylarks teacher) will be meeting with, Kate Campbell—Lead Nurse (East Sussex Healthcare) to discuss this further. Please contact the school office if you would like to make Frances aware of how this decision is impacting on your child. Thank you.



## Parent Café

This term's Parent Café was run by the Communication Team and focused on developing your child's receptive language (the way they take in information). It was a busy one and it was great to see mums, dads and grandmas sharing their experiences and ideas and supporting one another.

Our next Café is on Wednesday, 15th May and will be about the 'core' signs and symbols that we use in school. Alongside this the Communication Team will also be running a resource making workshop in the summer term. Details will be on the school website and letters will also be sent out nearer the time so you can book a place.

As a parent/carer of young men with SEND I'd also like to recommend linking with ESPaCC (East Sussex Parents and Carers Council) if you haven't already, either via their website ([www.eastsussexpacc.org](http://www.eastsussexpacc.org)) or on Facebook. This support group run useful workshops and also are very up to date with information that could be useful to all parents and carers of Glyne Gap pupils.

Have a wonderful Easter,

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and Carers' Council  
(ESPaCC)**



## Harvey Takes a Staring Role



Harvey (FE3) has begun to explore his leisure preference "what I like to do with my time" as part of his Special Access Curriculum.

Harvey is a natural showman and has been participating in drama sessions with Active Arts once a week. He has clearly enjoyed working with Active Arts and has performed to his peers. He will be performing with them at the Bexhill Street Festival in May.



## Fun and Flour at Comic Relief!

Thank you to everyone who sponsored pupils for this year's Comic Relief. We raised an impressive £595.45 from our cake sale and sponsored danceathon. Classes at school competed against each other in a very impressive 'Bake off', with special guests 'Mary Berry' and 'The Swedish Chef' judging proceedings and misbehaving with lots of flour!



A race against time in the Bake-off in the hall.

## Competitive Cricket in Hove



A team of 7 pupils pitched themselves up against 7 other school teams in a table top cricket competition at Hove County Cricket Grounds in February. It was a fantastic experience for all involved, pupils were able to transfer the skills they had learnt at school into a very exciting and competitive environment. We played four very intense games and gave our all! Well done Elisha, Ashley, Xander, Harrison, Alfie, Flinn, Sean and Joe, great team work!



Elisha, Flinn and Ashley participating in the competition

## Eleashia's Work Placement with Police

This term Eleashia successfully completed a block week work placement at Hastings Police Station. Part of Eleashia's responsibility during her placement was to create 'Protection against Vulnerable Victims of Fraud' information packs. These packs will be given out to the general public at next month's Crime Awareness event. Well done Eleashia for your contribution...Superb Job!



## This Girl Can!

This term one of Willow's personal autonomy goals has been to make her way independently to the office each day to deliver a message and then return to class. She began doing this with an adult shadowing her, but can now do it independently using her 'Now and Next' card for visual support. She will now begin to transfer these skills to other locations in school.

Well done Willow, great independence work!



## Student Council at the Faculty



Kindness

Student Council love finding ways to make college better. This term students have been thinking about 'kindness'. Students all agreed that kindness is important to them and that they would like to flood The Faculty with random acts of kindness. They have been planning ways to do this and working together to prepare thoughtful surprises. They want to encourage the recipient to 'Pay it Forward' by showing kindness to someone else. The students plan to launch this initiative in term 5. Students demonstrated superb thinking skills and teamwork. Well done Josh Smith, Danny, Brendan, Eleashia, Joe, Connor and Leo!

## News from the Communication Team!

Hello Everyone,

We all have things that we really like doing, such as watching sport, putting your feet up with a cuppa or reading your favourite book. But there's also things we're not so keen to do like the ironing, cleaning the oven or emptying the dishwasher! We understand that this is part of everyday life but this can be tricky for our children and young people to accept.

### *Something for you to try at home.....*

If your child appears reluctant to do something they're not so keen on you can support them by breaking the activity down and interspersing it with something they really like, telling them using simple language. For example if your child wants to play in the bath and really doesn't want to wash, you could say 'Now wash, next bath toys'. You can use this strategy for all sorts of tasks, here's a few examples:

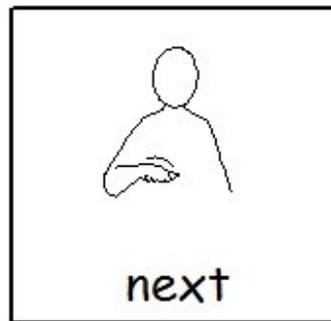
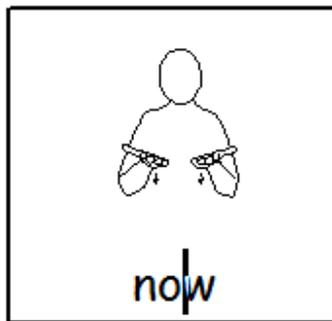
Meal times — 'Now dinner, next play'

Getting ready ~ 'Now getting dressed, next iPad'

Going out ~ 'Now Tesco's, next park'

Sharing/taking turns ~ 'Now Dad's turn, next your turn'

You could use these signs to support your speech as well as pointing to objects or pictures. For example, you could say 'Now (sign) lunch (point to their plate), next (sign) garden (point outside). Good Luck!



What a  
Star!



Jody in Senior 2 has been working really hard on learning how to use a Now and Next card. The class team add photos to the card of the activities that Jody is going to do 'now' and what's going to happen 'next'. The team present the card to Jody regularly during the day to signal changes in activities and what Jody needs to do. Using simple language, the team say and point to 'now shoes—next toy' for example. By giving Jody the visual support and using motivating toys or activities for the 'Next' activity, Jody is having more and more success in carrying out tasks and transitions she was finding tricky. Superb work



A Now and Next card

And finally..... Thank you to everyone who supported Skylarks' coffee morning today. It was a wonderful event and you helped raise £325 for Multiply Dystrophy U.K.