

Glyne Gap School

Newsletter, Term 6, 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We have to acknowledge that this is the second consecutive school year where the impact of Covid-19 has been felt by pupils, families, staff....our school community as a whole. We have had two further periods of lockdown, a number of class closures (as advised by Public Health England or because the demand of Track and Trace has meant we cannot safely open classes) and latterly, a small number of cases amongst families. I remain thankful that those in our school community have not been seriously ill.

Throughout, the pupils of this school have been resilient, adaptable, tolerant, focused in their learning, joyful (see the Sports Day pictures!) and kind (see Friendship award winners Arwen, Violet and Reece). I am immensely proud of them....and thankful to them.

Several times this year I have returned to this line from our Ofsted report from 2019: 'This is a wonderfully happy school full of love, warmth, patience, kindness and understanding'. Pupilsand you, and staff....have made sure that in a year (2years?) of change, this strength of our school remains. This gives me optimism for the year ahead.

For one member of our community, the year ahead is going to feel very different from the 39 that have come before. Bridget Baker has made an exceptional contribution to this school and this year, she retires. Bridget has taught throughout the school and most of you will know her from her leadership and teaching in our Nursery. She has taught most children in the school; either directly or through her guidance to their families or her development of other school staff. To say we are indebted and grateful is an understatement. Farewell Bridget.

Keep well over the summer break.

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Jack and Diyar enjoying Sports Day

Dates for your Diary

Summer Holidays:
23rd July—1st Sept.

Back to school: Thursday
2nd September

Half term:
Oct. 25th— Oct. 29th

Sports Day

Following the absence of Sports Day last year, pupils definitely made up for it this year! Sports Day was held on two consecutive days for classes (for Infants, Juniors and Seniors). Pupils took part in a number of races and games including javelin, long jump, egg and spoon and of course the sack race! Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to come and cheer on pupils.



Junior 2's Independent Lady!

Mia was our worker of the week this term as she has made huge strides towards her independence with her eating. She is allowing different people to support her with her lunch. She is accepting hand over hand support to eat and is beginning to raise a loaded spoon to her mouth independently. Well done Mia!



What a Superstar!

FE1—It's all About the Planning....

FE1 have been getting ready and preparing for our summer garden party. They have got stuck in making banners and decorations with a very messy theme! The party will take place at the end of the term. Students have decided the food theme will be ice cream and mocktails! FE1 have certainly enjoyed tasting lots of flavours of ice cream, just to be certain what the best flavours are for their guests!



Award Winners 2021



What a year to remember! Although pupils, and their families, have had to contend with the unexpected challenges this year has brought pupils have, as ever, been incredibly resilient and continued with their learning in school, and at home. This year we celebrated the following pupils for their achievements:

Communication Award

Infants: Lola Moore
 Juniors: Nate Smith
 Seniors: Liam Weeks
 The Faculty: Harry Long

Personal Development Award

Infants: Rogan McMahon
 Juniors: Tiger Pelling
 Seniors: Eloise Doswell
 The Faculty: Luke Reyniers

Achievement and Effort Award

Infants: Finlay Ritchie
 Juniors: Elliott Ambrose
 Seniors: Xavier Goodsell
 The Faculty: Ashley Crosby

Friendship Award

Infants: Violet Jeapes and Arwen French
 The Faculty: Reece Kellie

Headteacher's Award— Jacob Horsler (S1)



Jacob with his grandmother at Sports Day

Well Done!

'Van Fest' comes to Glyne Gap School!



The Seniors' topic this term has been 'The Outdoors' and 'Going Places' and to celebrate the Seniors coming back together to work we all planned and took part in "Vanfest"!

Pupils made decorations for the classroom and car park and dressed up in festival clothes with flower crowns, face paints and face jewels. We had two campervans which we enjoyed exploring, sitting in the vans with our friends and listening to music. We cooked our festival snacks in the vans and enjoyed them in the snack/ food area. We also had a chill out/ music zone with two very talented musicians playing live for us. We ended our afternoon with a group campfire sing song!



Seagulls—Doing it by Themselves

In Seagulls our priority focus of learning is Communication and PSHE. Throughout the school day pupils have a range of opportunities to develop and gain new skills within these key areas and we recognise how important this is, particularly in preparing them for later on in life.

A great time to facilitate this learning is during snack and dinner times where there are opportunities galore. Pupils are supported and encouraged to make and communicate their choices using a range of methods, e.g. speech, signs, photos, symbols and communication books and to be as independent as possible. We promote opportunities for pupils to do things for themselves, e.g. carry their dinner plate from the hatch to the table, pour their own drink and to problem solve e.g. collect their cutlery needed for dinner or pudding, asking for help if they need a wrapper or crisp packet opened.



Safeguarding

We hope you stay safe and well over the Summer break. If at any point you need urgent help from social care, and don't have an allocated social worker, then please call the Single Point Of Advice (SPOA) Tel: 01323 464222

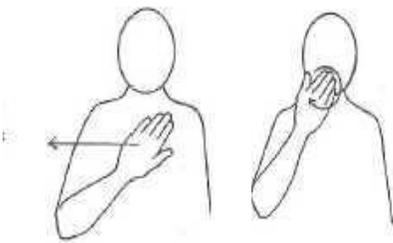
News from the Communication Team!

Hello Everyone,

The Communication Team would like to end the school year by celebrating all of our pupils. We recognise that 20/21 has not been without it's challenges yet despite this our pupils have continued to make great progress with their communication. They have demonstrated great resilience & have worked hard to move forwards in a core area of their learning. We want to say huge WELL DONE to all pupils & a big THANK YOU to all of our parents, carers & families for your input & support.

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

The summer holidays are fast approaching! Below are some key signs and symbols that you can use to give your child information about the holidays, if appropriate.



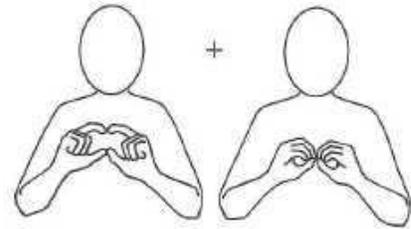
Sign 'No' then 'school'

Small circular movement front of mouth



Holiday

Small forward movement



Sign 'holiday' then 'club'

Summer Holiday Calendars Available!

To support your child with gaining information about their day during the holidays you can request one of our symbolised Summer Holiday Calendars. This contains dates of when school is shut, from 24th July - 1st September in calendar format, plus a sheet of 'no school' symbols for you to cut out and stick on each day with your child.

Pop a note in the home/school book to request a Calendar

'Little Gate Young Ranger' symbols are also available to use if your child is accessing this over this Summer

1. Calendar



2. Symbols to be cut up & stuck on the calendar as a countdown

