



Glyne Gap School

Newsletter—Term 6—2022

Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends,

One of my favourite days in school is our Achievement Assembly that takes place at the end of the school year and is an opportunity to celebrate the learning of all pupils and award some certificates and trophies to pupils who have made exceptional progress.



The Headteacher's Award is given to a pupil who has made outstanding progress throughout the school year and to choose one recipient is delightful... and difficult. This year the Headteacher's Award has gone to Finlay Ritchie in Junior 2 (see photo). Finlay has made exceptional progress using his talker to advocate for himself...at school, home and McDonald's. He also uses his talker to comment and make jokes...with peers, his teachers and his family. Being able to make himself understood has been life changing for Finlay and has had a positive impact on his behaviour, his relationships...and his happiness. As a school we aim for pupils to lead happy and fulfilled lives, Finlay reminds us that learning is the key to this.

Our Leavers' Assembly is held in the final days of the term and is a time of mixed emotions as we say goodbye to students who we have had the privilege of knowing for many years. This year we say goodbye and good luck to Joel Fletton, Harvey Stanbridge and Luke Wolfe. We are incredibly proud of all that you are and all that you have achieved.

We also say farewell to two members of staff who have made a significant contribution to the life of our school and the outcomes for pupils and their families. Christine Izzard retires after 39 years of dedicated service to the school. Christine is the ultimate team player with never ending support and care for the pupils and staff she works with. Christine – this retirement is richly deserved and you will be missed. Jinny has worked as part of our Communication Team for 10 years. Her knowledge of how to support pupils' communication needs is exceptional and her ability to inspire others (pupils, colleagues, families) is golden. All Saints don't yet know what a gift they have in you Jinny. Thank you for all you have been and done for our school.

Pupils have worked really hard to make progress towards achieving their 'Supergoals'. This term, I have awarded 'Supergoal Superstar' status to: Armani Spencer (Skylarks), Oliver Moon (FE3), Harvey Stanbridge (FE1), Josh Ellis (J3) and Omar Azerkane (S2).

The success that all pupils have achieved this school year is testament to their determination, hard work and resilience within a third year that has seen a significant impact due to the pandemic. I thank all families for your understanding, support and partnership throughout this school year, perhaps the most testing of the pandemic years for the school. I am hopeful and optimistic that we can continue to 'bounce' back in the new school year.

The summer holidays are on the horizon and Holiday Club will be running for 3 weeks within the summer break. In addition, school is open for pupils to use the facilities with their families on August 4th, 11th and 18th between 10am and 3pm (drop in when you like). Just pack a picnic and turn up!

We are having some work done on our premises over the summer break including the installation of a multi use games area, new swings and play equipment that will support pupils' self-regulation needs and changes to the school gates. You will be able to see these at Parents'/Carers' Evening on Tuesday, 27th September.

I wish you all a very enjoyable summer break and I look forward to seeing pupils in school on Friday, 2nd September.

Kirsty

"I Was Very Proud"
- Xander Kente



Xander (FE2) has been doing work experience at SCOPE, in Bexhill, one day a week over the past two terms as part of his Pathway to Employability work.

Last month he was awarded SCOPE's Volunteer of the Month award.

Well done Xander!

Dates for your Diary

End of term

Thursday, July 21st at 1pm

Beginning of Term

Friday, September 2nd

Parents/Carers Evening (whole school)

Tuesday, September 27th

Girls Club

Some students at The Faculty have been participating in a club led and run by the girls!

This term club members have chosen to practice their self care routines and have been choosing how they spend their leisure time as a group. This has included supporting each other in making retail purchases and transferring skills learnt at college out in the community to enjoy some great times together!



Senior 2—Sensory Adventures

This term Senior 2 have been working hard on their learning through our topic Mini-Enterprise - Food. Pupils used all of their senses to explore the ingredients of a ploughman's roll, looking at herb plants, picking the leaves to smell and taste and then planting them in our garden outside the classroom. We all had a smell of the stilton cheese and were all able to show a preference, some thought the smell was very funny and some of us pushed it away! We used a hand held chopper to chop up our onion and garlic for our chutney, using our hands to pull the cord to spin the chopper. We made our own bread rolls using our switch skills to mix the dough and then used our hands to feel the different textures of the dry ingredients and the wet dough. Well done Senior 2!



Derry exploring an onion before chopping it up for her ploughman's roll.

Milly loving the smell of Stilton!



Seagulls—Regulated and Ready to Learn!

Seagulls pupils have been accessing the Lower School Sensory Circuit. The aim is to get bodies and brains in the best place to learn.

Below you can see Betsy in the 'alerting zone' jumping on the trampoline, Lara and Lola are both in the 'organising zone' throwing beanbags and walking on the stepping stones, and Betsy is enjoying the peanut ball being rolled over her body in the 'calming zone'. Pupils can then access opportunities to learn with more success.



Senior 3—'Teenager Awards'

The Teenager Awards were held in Senior 3 last week. This was created by pupils in Senior 3 through their PHSE lessons, where pupils requested they set up their own awards ceremony. Having watched clips of The Oscars and The BAFTAs, pupils planned and created their own Teenager Awards, deciding on categories, entertainment and overall 'look' of venue (S3 class).

Pupils set up tables with table cloths, home made cheese and pineapple canapés and wine glasses for soft drinks. Pupils chose a class teacher to present and lead proceedings. Some pupils chose to give out awards whilst others chose to do a performance during ceremony. Pupils from another class were invited as guests.

Award Winners:

Tech Wizz—Harrison
 Kindness and Best Singer—Liam
 Best performer—Eddie
 Class Photographer—Kory
 Best Dressed—Eloise
 Best Joke and Best Friend—Alfie
 Best 'Dude' - Jesse
 Best Cook—George
 Best Dancer—Jacob



Welcome Baby Ralph!

Huge congratulations to Chloe (Teaching Assistant) for the arrival of Ralph. Chloe and Ralph paid a visit to school last week and were greatly received by pupils and staff. Here you can see Milly (Senior 2) having the best time with him, consistently signing 'yes' when she had him on her lap!

Junior 2 – Learning in the Community

Tiger is learning to transfer his Supergoal to the community this term. He is learning to wait in different contexts supported by a long wait system, which is a visual cue of traffic lights and a motivating activity, a ball on a string.

He has made outstanding progress by waiting in a variety of shops in a queue, quietly and appropriately, for up to 5 minutes at a time. He even let four people go ahead of him in the queue in B&M as he was waiting so nicely. Go Tiger!



Sports Day

Sports Day certainly did not disappoint this year! All classes at school were on the field, the weather was perfect and pupils really did show us all what they were made of! Some amazing performances, highlights included pupils working so hard using their walkers, motivated by a great crowd of cheering parents and carers! Great to be back on the field together enjoying a wonderful afternoon.

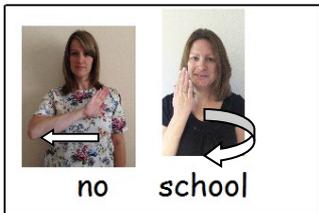
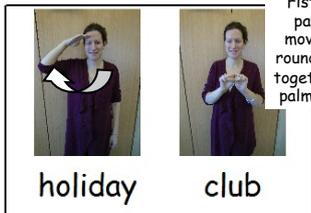
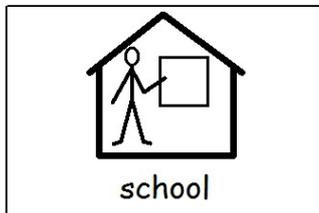
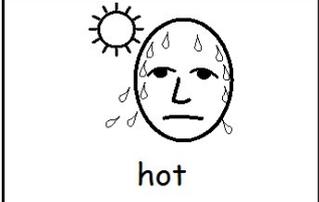
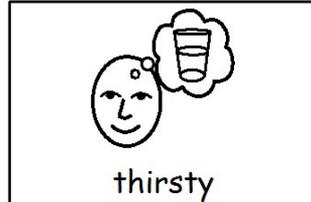
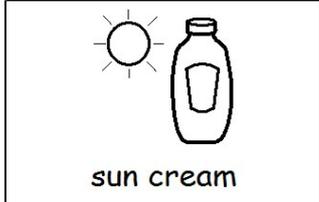


News from the Communication Team!

Hello Everyone,
As the Summer Holidays are nearly upon us, here are some signs and symbols that you may find helpful.

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

You could use these signs and symbols to support your child's expressive communication and to give them information. You could ask your child if they are hot or thirsty by signing or showing them the symbol as you speak. You can tell them that you're going to help them put on sun cream or that they need to put sun cream on. You can also support your child's understanding of the holidays by signing or showing them the symbols that indicate that there is no school or there is holiday club or today you're going to school. Good luck!

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|  <p>no school</p> |  <p>holiday club</p> | <p style="font-size: small;">Fist hands palm out move out & round & meet together with palms facing</p>  <p>school</p> |
|  <p>no school</p> |  <p>holiday club</p> |  <p>school</p> |
| <p style="font-size: small;">Mime wiping your brow</p>  <p>hot</p> | <p style="font-size: small;">Pluck neck twice</p>  <p>thirsty</p> | <p style="font-size: small;">Mime rubbing in cream to appropriate body part</p>  <p>suncream</p> |
|  <p>hot</p> |  <p>thirsty</p> |  <p>sun cream</p> |

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* or print one from attachment to newsletter email. . This contains dates of when school is shut, plus a sheet of 'no school' symbols for you to cut out and stick on each day with your child.

1. Calendar



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