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ONE KIND WORD

Monday 15th ~ Friday 19th November 2021

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Anti-bullying Week 15th - 19th November

The theme for this year's Anti-bullying week was **'One Kind Word'**, which was introduced to the school through assemblies led by the Safeguarding Team. The week started with 'Odd Socks Day' where students and staff wore odd socks to show and celebrate our differences. Difference can sometimes be used to hurt others but we should be proud of being unique.

The week ended with our wonderful **'BLUE Day'** celebration where we are all reminded to **'Be Lovely and Understanding to Everyone'**

The events were a fantastic opportunity for us to reinforce how powerful our words can be, and to ensure that we use them to support, encourage and strengthen each other.



For up to the minute information, logon to the GCS website where you can find out about:

- Dates for Parents/Carers Events
- School trips
- The curriculum
- Emergency Closures (snow, power cuts)

www.gladesmore.com
or go to the
Gladesmore SIMS App

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Year 7 Saturday Transition School goes to the movies!

Attendance at the Saturday Transition School has been outstanding this term! The students have braved all kinds of weather to get in each Saturday to support their learning and understanding in Literacy and Numeracy. They have made new friendships and settled well into Gladesmore life.

At the end of November we had our first enrichment trip to a local cinema to watch a film. We all had a great day out and made the most of the popcorn and snacks on offer.

We are fortunate to be working once again with the sixth form students from Highgate Independent School who support our Year 7 students with their reading and numeracy, providing another exciting learning opportunity.

Transition Saturday School is a great occasion for all Year 7 students to enrich their learning and develop their social skills in a fun and engaging way. Saturday School will begin for Year 7 again on Saturday 15th January, 8.30am ~ 12.45pm.

For more information please contact Mrs Bardouille:  sbe@gladesmore.com



The staff at GCS wish you, our Gladesmore family,
all the very best for a safe & restful holiday
& a healthy & happy new year!

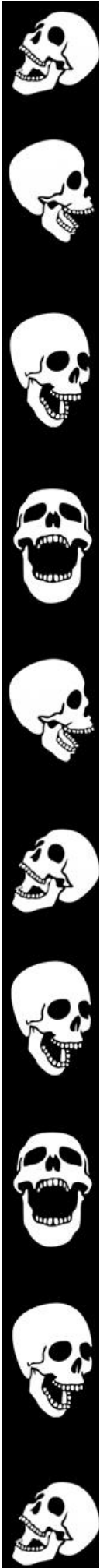
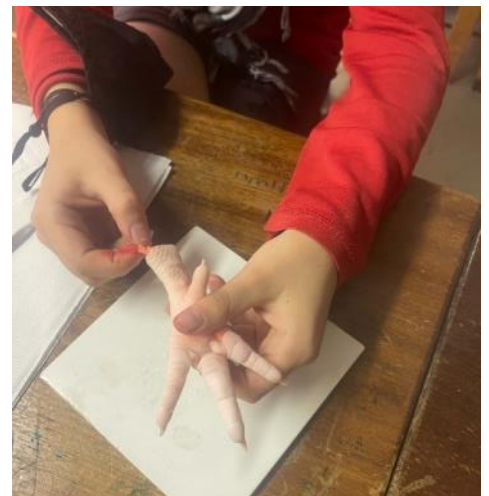
Year 7 readers get the Horror treatment!

We were pleased to host our scary Year 7 Horror experience at the end of November. Students were selected based on their commitment to our reading programme, 'Accelerated Reader'. Everyone is expected to read at least one book each fortnight and complete a reading quiz on that book. The weekly library lesson and designated reading time each morning during registration provide opportunities in school to meet each quiz deadline.

The names of over two hundred students who have made fantastic progress in their reading at Gladesmore, were placed in a hat and thirty five names of the lucky participants were pulled out!

The event was a mixture of scary storytelling as we walked through the school in complete darkness, crazy science experiments with chicken feet and, the re-telling of horror movies in the drama studio. It was a truly '**HORROR**ible' experience that celebrated that genre of books.

Well done and thank you to the library team for coordinating a great evening.



The Gladesmore Family supports our community



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PEOPLE IN CRISIS

Although Christmas is a time of celebration and families getting together, for some it is also a time of concern and worry. The strain that the pandemic has caused on finances may once again mean that some families have to choose between heating and eating.

We are supporting Tottenham Foodbank by encouraging students to use the 'Reverse Advent Calendar' by bringing in a range of food and toiletry items to help those less fortunate than us.

Student volunteers worked with the staff in our **REACH** team to pack the donations for the Tottenham Food Bank. All recipients were very grateful and moved by the generosity of the students and staff of Gladesmore Community School.

The end of term was marked with a non-uniform day. Students were asked to contribute a minimum of £1 on that day with all proceeds being used to buy additional items of food to support the foodbank drive. The day was a great success and we know our donation will go some way to ensure the good people of Tottenham get some great food over the Christmas period.



Christmas Jumper Day 2021

On Friday the 10th December we celebrated Christmas Jumper Day, with all staff going to town and wearing their brashest, brightest and funkiest Christmas jumpers.

It was a great way to help us get into the Christmas spirit. All monies raised went to '**Save the Children**'. What a wonderful way to end the term! Congratulations to Mr Olubanjo, Mr Lawrence and Ms Beale, who each won a prize for their amazing outfits!



Coronavirus and Mental Health

The Coronavirus Pandemic has meant lots of changes for parents and young people. At times this has led to increased stress and changes to everyday life.

We recognise that being a parent/carers can be challenging in everyday situations but, now more than ever, taking care of your mental health is very important.

Changes to our mental health can sometimes affect our children's wellbeing, if you are struggling to cope it's ok to reach out to family, friends, colleagues and the many organisations that are here to help.

Here are some useful tips for maintaining good mental health from the NSPCC:

- Staying active will support good mental health and boost your immune system
- Maintain a regular sleep pattern
- Stay healthy by eating well
- Join an online support group

For more information go to NSPCC: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/mental-health-parenting/>

You can call them on: 0800 800 5000 or,
email: help@nspcc.org.uk



THE GCS SAFEGUARDING TEAM

All students and parent/carers are urged to make contact with the Safeguarding Team if they have a concern about the safety of any child.



Mrs Jones
*Designated
Safeguarding
Lead*



Ms Fagbohunge
*Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead*



Ms T. Marshall
*Safeguarding
Officer*



Mr Ojokor
*Safeguarding
Officer*



Mr Djemali
*Safeguarding
Officer*

Simply email or telephone the school, leaving your name and contact details and a member of the team will get in touch with you as soon as possible.

✉: safeguarding@gladesmore.com

or,

☎: **0208 800 0884**

GCS PANTO 2021

Gladesmore's LIVE pantomime tradition brought festive spirit to the school again this year with an incredibly talented cast of Year 10 drama students who wrote, directed and performed their original production of 'The Tale as Old as Time'. The cast were wonderful and performed four shows to packed audiences. The thrilling performances clearly demonstrated the wit and humour of our Gladesmore students.



A special thank you to everyone involved, especially Mr Lynch and Ms Osipova who are our sound and lighting experts and our talented guest performers, Mr Aibangbee, Mr Campbell and Mr Lawrence for their participation and humour.

We are extremely proud of all the students who took part and brought us lots of cheer. Well done!

We look forward to our current Year 9s carrying on the tradition next Christmas!



The Open University visits Gladesmore

On Tuesday 7th December a media crew from 'The Open University' visited Gladesmore's Mathematics Faculty to film the wonderful staff and students at work. The good practice captured on film will be featured as part of the Open University's course to train teachers of the future.



Our amazing students embodied the school's **REACH** ethos. The visitors, mentors and film crew were hugely impressed with the school, Mathematics Faculty, students and teachers.

A huge thank you and well done goes to Mr Osei, Mr Kelly, Mrs Francis, Ms Goshine and Mrs Mezue as well as the fantastic students who took part.

We share a few pictures below, but keep an eye out for the videos in the future!



The Autumn Term Jack Petchey Awards

As ever, it has been an eventful term for the Jack Petchey Awards which are given to students and staff in recognition of outstanding achievements. This can be for bravery, overcoming a personal challenge, volunteering or helping others, over and above expectations.

Each of the award winners received an award letter, a framed certificate, a Jack Petchey membership card, a pin badge and £250 to spend on something of their choice that will benefit the school.

This term's winners, voted for by the hardworking School Council are Ryan Tran from Year 11 and Shanniaz Mwesigwa and Artie Feeny-Willings from Year 10.

Daniela Marquez and Maya Burton, fellow Jack Petchey winners are currently part of the 'Achievers Network 10' and work as representatives for the Jack Petchey Foundation. They do fourteen hours of volunteering work around and outside the school so you may have seen them with the official Jack Petchey shirts handing out certificates to our latest winners! Gladesmore is very proud to have our own students holding such a great responsibility and proving just how successful our students are. We hope that they will continue to demonstrate the **REACH** values within their work.

We look forward to giving you an update next term.

Happy holidays and stay safe!



Parental Controls



With Christmas just around the corner, we thought we'd provide a little reminder about setting up appropriate parental controls for any new phones, consoles or games your child may receive.

Games/consoles

First, check the Pan European Game Information (PEGI) rating of any new games to check that your child is old enough to be playing them. PEGI provides age classifications for video games and considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration user generated content within games (such as on Roblox) and the chat facilities within games. Visit PEGI here: <https://pegi.info/>

For any new consoles, it is important to set up appropriate controls such as restricting spending limits and managing who they can communicate with.

Follow the links below to find out about Parental Controls for each device:

Nintendo: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-SwitchParental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls1183145.html>

PS5: <https://www.playstation.com/engb/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/>

Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/community/foreveryone/responsible-gaming>

Tablets and Smart phones

As well as setting up parental controls on the device itself, remember to check any apps your child would like on their device, is it suitable for their age and review all settings and privacy options for each one. For the devices, use the available settings to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings. Follow the links below to find out more:

iPhones/iPads: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201304>

Google Play: <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738>

For further information, tips and advice on setting up parental controls:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Let's TALK

The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) have created a TALK checklist to help you keep your child safe online. This guide has been created for all parents and carers to increase awareness of the risks of online child sexual abuse. The TALK checklist lists four steps that you can use to help keep your child safer online.

- Talk to your child about online sexual abuse. Start the conversation ~ and listen to their concerns.
- Agree ground rules about the way you use technology as a family.
- Learn about the platforms and apps your child loves. Take an interest in their online life.
- Know how to use tools, apps and settings that can help to keep your child safe online.

The site also provides advice on spotting the signs as well as contact details for other organisations should you need any further help: <https://talk.iwf.org.uk/>

Is your child playing games online?

Children can communicate online through lots of different apps, social media and games (Snapchat, WhatsApp, Instagram, FIFA, Fortnite for example), so it's important to know what your child is doing online and who they communicate with so you can talk about the potential risks together.

Some games include communication between players, this could be via the in-game text chat, direct messages or talking through headphones. Some games do offer the ability to switch communication off or restrict bad language so make sure settings appropriate to your child are set up for each of the games they play.

Chatting to strangers

When playing online, your child might be playing games with people they don't know. It can be difficult to moderate online chat so ensure your child knows how to block and report other players that make them feel uncomfortable and that they know to talk to you or a trusted adult if they have any concerns.

Be kind

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they wouldn't if they were face to face with each other. Please talk to your child about how they are speaking to others online and encourage them to be respectful, like they would if they were speaking face-to-face.

Ensure that your child understands that if they receive unkind messages (or sees something that worries them) then they should not reply or engage in conversation with the person, but they should instead tell a trusted adult.

**Please note all dates and events are subject to change**

Friday 17th December ~ Tuesday 4th January 2022	Christmas Holiday
Wednesday 5th January 2022	8:35am ~ All year groups return to school
Monday 10th ~ Friday 14th January	Uniform Drive Week
Saturday 15th January	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 12
Monday 17th ~ Friday 21st January	Uniform Drive Week
Thursday 20th January	Year 9 Parents'/Carers' Evening
Saturday 22nd January	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 13
Monday 24th ~ Friday 28th January	Attitude Week
Saturday 29th January	9:00am ~ Year 9 Preference Morning Year 7 Saturday Transition School 14
Monday 31st January ~ Friday 4th February	School Exams Week 3
Saturday 5th February	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 15
Monday 7th ~ Friday 11th February	Year 11 Trial Exams Week 1
Wednesday 9th February	Teacher Training Day 3 Year 11 School Exams Timetable suspended for Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 groups
Monday 14th ~ Friday 18th February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 21st ~ Friday 25th February	Year 11 Trial Exams Week 2
Monday 21st February	Staff PPM Day Year 11 Trial Exams Timetable suspended for all Years 7, 8, 9 & 10
Tuesday 22nd February	8:35am ~ All Year Groups return to school
Thursday 24th February	Year 10 Parent/Carers' Evening
Saturday 26th February	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 16
Monday 28th February ~ Friday 4th March	Uniform Drive
Wednesday 2nd March	Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting 3
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
Saturday 5th March	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 17
Monday 7th ~ Friday 11th March	National Careers Week
Saturday 12th March	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 18
Thursday 17th March	4:30pm ~ Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Evening 2
Saturday 19th March	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 19
Monday 21st ~ Friday 25th March	School Exams Week 4
Thursday 24th March	Moderation Day Timetable suspended for all year groups
Saturday 26th March	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 20
Friday 1st April	Last day of term Day ends at midday, lunch is available in the Glade Diner
Saturday 2nd April	Ramadan begins
Monday 4th ~ Monday 18th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 4th ~ Wednesday 6th April	Easter Revision Classes
Tuesday 19th April	8:35am ~ All Year Groups return to school

Student of the week 2020 ~ 2021

Congratulations to:

19/10/21

Zahera Rahman, 8SWS

10/11/21

Ana Figueroa Rosso, 9GGL

11/11/21

Jakub Tyra, 10BKY

15/11/21

Jasmine Farrant, 7CHE

19/11/21

Benedicte Musesu, 11HSN

23/11/21

Erjon Iseni, 8CMI

25/11/21

Ozan Agcadag, 10CJS

01/12/21

Georgia Greensmith, 9JOH

03/12/21

Sofian Mahmood, 11JPY

06/12/21

Shanita Shaw 7FWD

09/12/21

Chang Lin 10MMY



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