

10th February 2017

*****NEWSFLASH – MUST READ*****

School Progress Update – GLF Audit

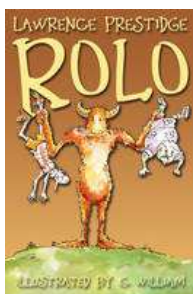
I am delighted to let you know that last week we had a very positive visit from GLF School Improvement Team. They spent two days in the school observing all teachers, talking to children, speaking with staff and looking at the work the children have been doing. It was recognised that there is still work to be done but the school has made significant improvements over the past two terms. The team was led by the Head of Education for GLF, Richard Evans. These were some of the findings from the 2 day inspection:

- The children are very well behaved and are enjoying their learning, they are happy and polite.
- The **teaching overall was good with some aspects that were outstanding**. In these cases, every child had work matched to their ability, they were engaged with the learning and being challenged.
- The school is **looking amazing** with the new signage, new uniforms, great displays and classrooms that are enabling good learning.
- **The school feels alive and buzzing!** The William Morris team were all working hard to provide the best for the children.
- **Excellent leadership** within the school is was giving clear direction to ensure the school rapidly improves.

Overall, although thorough and rigorous, it was a very positive experience that endorses all the hard work that has taken place. Thank-you to the team at William Morris. **(Richard Evans – Head of Education)**

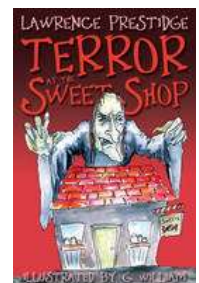
**WILLIAM MORRIS LIBRARY GRAND OPENING:
THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY**

As part of celebrating a new William Morris, **we would like to invite parents and grandparents in to school on Thursday 23rd of February**. Please see attached timetable from Mrs Martin. This is a very special day for us as we are officially opening and unveiling the **William Morris Library**.



The day will include:

- A visiting children's author to officially open the library and read stories to the children (Lawrence Prestidge).
 - Teachers will plan exciting activities around their favourite book for the day.
 - Children will visit the library where they can hear a story and share a book with their parents or grandparents with a biscuit and juice.
 - A book sale stall run by our Year 6 children – all books 50p!!!!
- A book stall with copies of Lawrence Prestidge's books: 'Rolo' and 'Terror at the Sweetshop'.



A reminder to all parents that it is not permissible to use Facebook or any other social media site to bring the school or any member of staff's name into disrepute. We work very hard at providing a good education for the children and we also work hard at building relationships with you, the parents. Please make an appointment to come and see the class teacher, key stage leader or senior leader if there is something you wish to discuss in person.

School uniform

A reminder to all parents that **the school is providing a £3 voucher for each child** and they will be ready to collect after half-term. I would like to thank the governors of the school for being so generous in this offer. Our new school uniform has been noted by visitors and children as something to be very proud of.

Clubs for next term

Monday: Football Club

Wednesday: Dance Club

Thursday: Gardening Club & Drama Club

Please see Mrs Denny in the office if you wish to sign up for the new Gardening club or to join in with any of the existing Football, Dance & Drama clubs.

School day change

7:50am – breakfast club will start

8:30am – main gates will be opened

8:35am – side gates will be opened

8:40am – morning bell will go and children will be registered

8:50am – side gates will be locked

HEALTHY SNACKS

A reminder to all parents that we are a healthy school. **Children should not bring chocolate or sweets to school and should not have sugary drinks.** Children with these items in their lunchboxes will not be allowed to have them at school and they will be sent home unopened.

TESCO

There are only 18 days left to collect Tesco tokens!!!! Please get as many friends and family as you can to buy from Tesco. Any tokens left lying in your bag or purse can be left at the office and we will add to the total.

The winning house for the week is **Oscar** and the winning house for the term is **Nobel**:

Oscar



Nobel



Sports Inclusion at BGN

A big WELL DONE to the year 5&6 children who took part in the sports activities at BGN last week. An extra well done to Phoenix Coates for winning an individual event and thank you to Mr Needle, Mrs Shepherd and Mr Pemble for organising the event.

Diary dates for upcoming events:

Year 1 parents – there will be a meeting at 3:15 repeated at 6:00 on **Wednesday 1st March** to let parents know about the Year 1 phonics test which all Year 1 children will take in June. It is important that all Year 1 parents attend one of the meetings.

Year 2 parents – there will be a meeting at 3:15 repeated at 6:00 on **Wednesday 8th March** to let parents know about the Year 2 SATs test which all Year 2 children will take in May/June. It is important that all Year 2 parents attend one of the meetings.

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March. Children can dress up as their favourite book character. More details to follow.

Year 6 Tuition – After half term, tutoring will be taking place on **Mondays 3.15-4.15pm.**

Brass and Swimming – Please note that in the first week back after half term there will be no brass or swimming while the Library Opening event is on.

HAVE A WONDERFUL, SAFE AND FUN HALF-TERM

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Julie Hiddleston and the school team