



Glyne Gap School

Newsletter Term 6—2023—2024

Dear Parents, Carers 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 Jayden in Skylarks class. Jayden has made exceptional progress in his communication skills and his personal development including using his talker to ask questions, make comments and advocate for himself. As a school we aim for pupils to lead happy and fulfilled lives, Jayden 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 Ben, Elisha, Aaron, Evie, Ashley and Leeroy. We are incredibly proud of all that you are and all that you have achieved.

I thank all families for your understanding, support and partnership throughout this school year. Our relationships with you remain a strength, something that I enjoy and central to the learning and wellbeing of your child. I so enjoyed Sports Day on Wednesday, not only do we have the joy of pupils racing and throwing (and check out Dantae finishing his running race when he only took his first independent steps earlier this year!) but we also get to do it with so many of you (and siblings/grandparents/aunties and uncles too!).



Dantae finishing his race

A number of classes are moving classroom in preparation for the new school year. You will be able to see your child's classroom at Parents'/Carers' Evening in Term 1 of the new school year. I wish you all a very enjoyable summer break and I look forward to the start of term - Tuesday 3rd September.

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What a great afternoon for Sports Day! Thank you to all the parents/carers and extended family members who came to cheer pupils on.

Dates for your Diary

INSET day—Monday,
2nd September

Start of term for pupils
Tuesday, 3rd
September

'Sea Week'

This term we held a curriculum enrichment 'Sea Week'. The week was filled with sea themed events and activities including art and drama workshops, a visit from HM Coastguard, a story teller, shanty singing, a trip to the RNLI, a sea procession around school and lots of treasure hunts! It was rounded off with a fish and chip lunch on the playground and a visit from the ice cream van!



Communication Superstars in Wrens

Wrens have been working hard using their individual communication systems to express their wants and needs at school, at home and out in the community. This term we have been working towards our goals using our communication books and talkers in the classroom, honing our skills to make leisure and snack requests for our favourite toys and foods in our snack and leisure cafes.

We have also been out and about visiting Tescos, M&S café and McDonalds where we have been very brave making requests at the counter and asking where items are in the shop.



Lexi-rose building a sentence with her communication book in McDonalds



Rupert using his Choice Board to make a request in the cafe



Kayden playing with picnic basket he has requested by exchanging a PECS symbol



Lexi-rose and Lara enjoying the drinks and snacks they asked for themselves in McDonalds

Sports Day—Worth the Wait!

After 2 false starts it was great to have the sun shining down on us on Wednesday for the 3rd time lucky date for Sports Day. Such a great afternoon with lots of competitiveness and fun. The relay was a highlight with what looked like the whole school community all joining in one big race!



Learning all new things in Junior 2

Lwanele joined our school as a new pupil in term 5. He has been learning new class routines alongside building wonderful friendships with his peers.

Lwanele's key learning this term is to begin to give attention to a photo presented on a 'now' card to gain information about what is happening or where he is transitioning to around a new school environment. He particularly likes to visit the café to buy bubbles as a reward from the vending machine.

Well done Lawanele!



Award Assembly

Congratulations to this year's super Achievers who picked up their awards this week. Special congratulations to Jayden for receiving the Headteacher's Award and for Aaron who won 'Pride of Glynegap School' award. It's always such a great ceremony and pupils loved having family members and carers watch on as they picked up their awards.



Grace Davis and Jelano Gonzales who won prizes for Personal Development and Friendship. Well done to all our award winners!

Smooth Running in Junior 3!

Pupils in J3 have been focusing on our key skills of independence and communication. We have been following checklists, Now and Next cards and timetable strips to support us to complete familiar routines and transition between areas of the school. Here you can see Olivia and Lenny following their checklists to help with classroom jobs and make requests.



Seagulls—Transformational Learning

Seagulls continue to work towards achieving their Supergoals. A supergoal sets the direction of travel for pupils' learning and it is the most important piece of learning for every pupil. Lola's Supergoal is "I will exchange for all snacks and leisure activities in school, at home and when out in the community". Here you can see Lola working towards achieving the last piece of learning to enable her to receive her award. You can see her demonstrating appropriate behaviour whilst in the community when being directed to wait with a hand held. Lola is exchanging her PECS sentence strip to communicate her choice.....a chocolate doughnut! Go Lola!



Vivre Les Jeux Olympiques!

(experience the Olympic Games!)



This term our topic has been 'The Olympics'. Pupils have explored this topic through stories, music, food and events. As the Olympics is held in Paris this year, pupils explored different types of food from France including: onions, garlic, strong French cheeses and bread. Elliott and Bailey both expressed that they liked the smell of the garlic! Oliver used his communication book to say 'yes' he liked the stinky cheese and the crème brulee.



Pupils explored different skills to participate in different sports including: throwing, jumping, running and teamwork. Biz was brilliant at aiming the basketball in the net. All pupils participated in an obstacle course with the Senior department too!

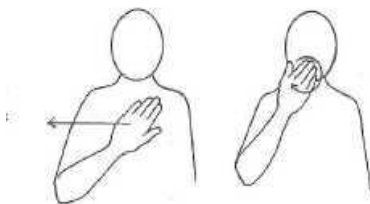
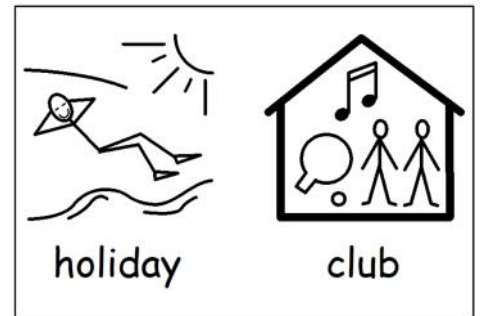
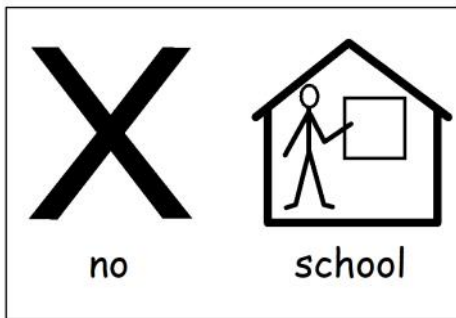
News from the Communication Team!

Hello Everyone,

Well what a super year we've had. So many superb communication achievements have been celebrated and so much progress has been made. A huge well done to all pupils for their hard work in communication! We also want to celebrate the parent workshops with fantastic attendance across the year, these are a great resource to support your child's communication at home as well as meet the team, other parents and of course tea and treats!

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

The summer holidays are nearly upon us. Below are some signs and symbols that you can use to give your child information about the holidays. When the holidays begin, you can sign or present the symbol to your child to tell them that there is 'no school' today or they are going to 'holiday club' or you're going on 'holiday'.



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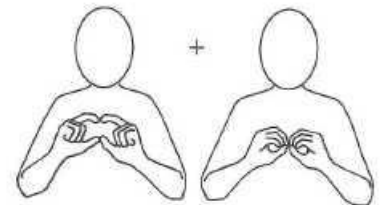
school

Small circular movement in front of mouth



holiday

Small forward movement



Sign 'holiday' then 'club'



What stars you are...

This term we are celebrating one of our amazing College students



Milly performed in the Active Arts summer show at the De La Warr. Milly's role in the show was a fashion catwalk model. Milly went shopping for her own outfit for the show, using her fantastic formal communication to advocate what she liked and what she didn't! Milly chose a fabulous outfit and modelled this walking in her walker on stage in front of a packed out De La Warr Pavilion! We are so proud of you Milly.

