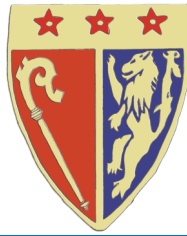


March



2021

## Testing Times....

Here is our fantastic in-school testing team. Volunteers from the staff were joined by parental volunteers to create our team of top testers back at the start of January. They all passed the special training with flying colours and gave their time most generously. By stepping forwards they enabled us to rapidly establish and operate in-school testing across the last 3 months here in school for our older Glendale pupils and for all staff across the nursery, first and middle schools. Although in-school testing finished on 11th March as we moved to home testing the team remains on stand-by should we need to again provide testing in school for pupils and staff.

Its is tricky to single out individuals for particular recognition as everyone here across our schools continues to respond magnificently to the challenges of the pandemic. However we would like to say a special **THANK YOU** to the team, without them we would have really struggled to manage testing in school this term.



The top team behind the masks are:

**Gillian Brown, Adrienne Harrison, Wendy Turnbull, Vickie Grey, Joan Ross, Richard Lowrey, Yas Darling, Leanne Bell, Hannah Humphreys, Justine Brown & Sara Elliot (who was not able to join us for the photograph).**



## Sports & Fitness

Being outside, getting fit and staying healthy are all important parts of getting everyone back into school this term. We have been incorporating fitness sessions into our P.E. lessons across the week at school to help everyone to increase levels of activity and recover lost fitness from the lockdowns of the last 12 months. We have been using the Glendale Challenge along with strength and stamina exercises to get fit. It has been great to see all of the children active and having fun together in their bubbles as they push themselves to improve their strength, stamina and teamwork again. We have also been discussing general health, a healthy diet and what the children can be doing to keep fit and healthy in body and mind over the coming weeks - particularly over Easter and as they return to school for the summer term.





## Forest School Fun

As we all got back into the swing of things in early March we took 5J's technology lessons out into our Forest School. Our focus this half term was to learn how to start and maintain a safe fire in the woods. We learnt about fire safety and how to use fire steels to make a small, safe cooking fire. Our challenge for the last week of term was to collect our fuel from the woodland, prepare our fuel and fire area, light and then manage our cooking fires so that we could roast marshmallows and make a delicious forest s'mores snack - we had a great time! The feeling of achievement when our little fires came to life was fantastic. We will be working on our hand tool skills after Easter.









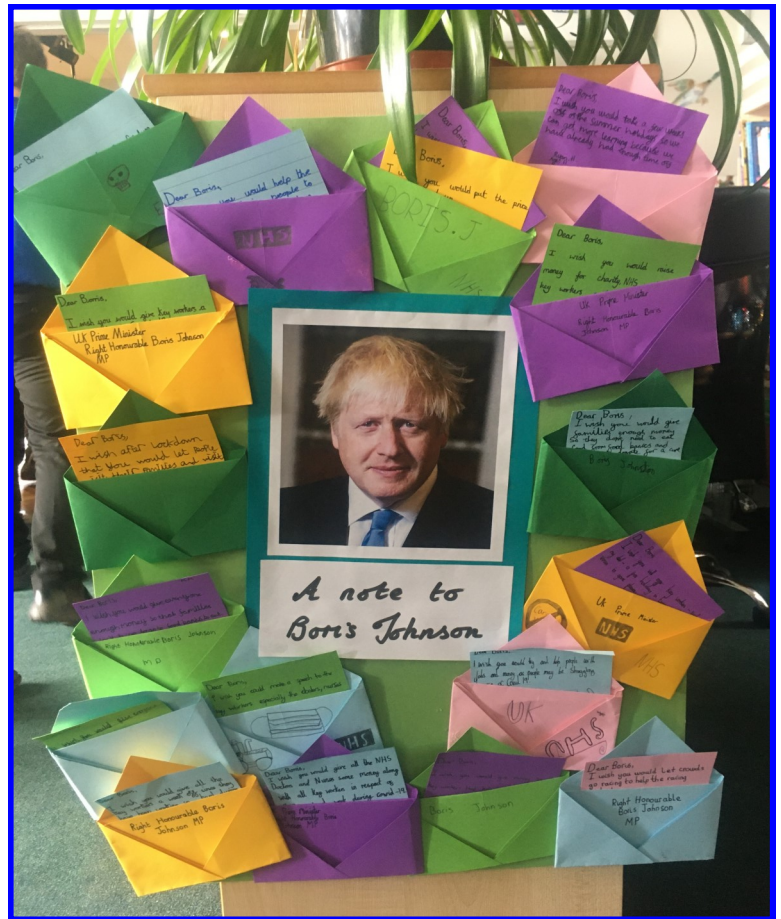
Prior to Lockdown (1 year ago!) the then year 7's started their first aid lessons and sadly they were unable to finish them. They are completing them now to gain their St Johns ambulance first aid certificates. They have been bandaging head injuries, leg injuries and arm injuries (and having fun together again while they are doing it!





## A note to...

Year 6 has been focussing on literature and poetry in English, which helps to support wellbeing and positive mental attitude. On Thursday, the pupils wrote notes to Boris Johnson asking for just one thing that they would like him to do to make things better after Lockdown. All of the notes came from the heart and varied from offering all NHS workers a special day off - to raising the price of sheep wool. We may send them all off to him, if we can find an envelope big enough! We have made a display in the library of our work to share our thoughts with everyone across our schools.



**“The Hill We Climb” - Amanda Gorman**

When day comes we ask ourselves, where can we find light in this never-ending shade? The loss we carry, a sea we must wade. We've braved the belly of the beast, we've learned that quiet isn't always peace and the norms and notions of what just is, isn't always justice. And yet the dawn is ours before we knew it, somehow we do it, somehow we've weathered and witnessed a nation that isn't broken but simply unfinished.

We, the successors of a country and a time where a skinny black girl descended from slaves and raised by a single mother can dream of becoming president only to find herself reciting for one. And, yes, we are far from polished, far from pristine, but that doesn't mean we are striving to form a union that is perfect, we are striving to forge a union with purpose, to compose a country committed to all cultures, colors, characters and conditions of man.

So we lift our gazes not to what stands between us, but what stands before us. We close the divide because we know to put our future first, we must first put our differences aside. We lay down our arms so we can reach out our arms to one another, we seek harm to none and harmony for all.

Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true: that even as we grieved, we grew, even as we hurt, we hoped, that even as we tired, we tried, that we'll forever be tied together, victorious, not because we will never again know defeat but because we will never again sow division.

Scripture tells us to envision that everyone shall sit under their own vine and fig tree and no one should make them afraid. If we're to live up to our own time, then victory won't lie in the blade, but in all of the bridges we've made.

That is the promise to glade, the hill we climb if only we dare it because being American is more than a pride we inherit, it's the past we step into and how we repair it. We've seen a future that would shatter our nation rather than share it. That would destroy our country if it meant delaying democracy, and this effort very nearly succeeded. But while democracy can periodically be delayed, but it can never be permanently defeated.

In this truth, in this faith, we trust, for while we have our eyes on the future, history has its eyes on us, this is the era of just redemption we feared in its inception we did not feel prepared to be the heirs of such a terrifying hour but within it we found the power to author a new chapter, to offer hope and laughter to ourselves, so while once we asked how can we possibly prevail over catastrophe, now we assert how could catastrophe possibly prevail over us.

We will not march back to what was but move to what shall be, a country that is bruised but whole, benevolent but bold, fierce and free, we will not be turned around or interrupted by intimidation because we know our inaction and inertia will be the inheritance of the next generation, our blunders become their burden. But one thing is certain: if we merge mercy with might and might with right, then love becomes our legacy and change our children's birthright.

So let us leave behind a country better than the one we were left, with every breath from my bronchus, pounded chest, we will raise this wounded world into a wondrous one, we will rise from the golden hills of the West, we will rise from the windswept Northeast where our forefathers first realized revolution, we will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of the Midwest, we will rise from the sunbaked South, we will rebuild, reconcile and recover in every known nook of our nation in every corner called and beautiful, when the day comes diverse and beautiful will emerge battered and beautiful, when the day comes we step out of the shade affable and unafraid, the new dawn blooms as we free it, for there is always light if only we're brave enough to see it, if only we're brave enough to be it.

## 'The Hill We Climb'

Year 6 delved further into the now famous poem by Amanda Gorman 'The Hill We Climb' which she recited at the inauguration of Joe Biden. We saw how many of the images, phrases and lines in the poem were relevant in the context of this difficult last year. Pupils 'stole' their favourite and most meaningful lines and transferred these to posters, in order to give hope to everyone.





We have lots of new and exciting books for the pupils. The new Libresoft system will be used after Easter for the Pupils of Glendale Middle School. COVID friendly of course!! Our talented staff here in school have made this wonderful reading display in the library

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# Easter Egg Competition 2021 Winners!



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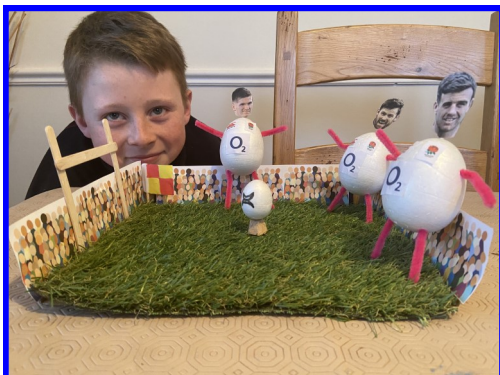
**EGG-cellent Work!**

**Year 5**  
 1st Prize - Matthew  
 2nd Prize - Lexi & Dakota

**Year 6**  
 1st Prize - Henry  
 2nd Prize - Brooke

**Year 7**  
 1st Prize - Rhys  
 2nd Prize - Reuben

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A special thanks goes to Susan Carr for her very kind donation to buy Easter eggs for the competition winners and an Easter treat for all of the children in school!





## The Importance of Breakfast

It has come to our attention that there are many children coming to school in the morning without having had any breakfast at home. Consequently they are often hungry and distracted in the morning learning sessions.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics says that children who eat a healthful, well-balanced breakfast are more likely to:

- Meet their daily nutrient requirements
- Concentrate better
- Have better problem-solving skills
- Have better hand-eye coordination
- Stay alert
- Be more creative
- Miss fewer days of school
- Be more physically active



Without breakfast, our bodies don't get the jump start they need to operate at their fullest potential throughout the day. Encourage young people to make breakfast a part of their regular household routines. By helping children learn important concepts about eating breakfast, it will lay a foundation of eating right for years to come.'

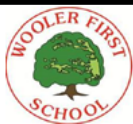
### **Making Breakfast Happen**

We understand home life is often chaotic and it can be difficult to make a healthy breakfast happen when you're rushing to get yourself and the children ready in the morning.

So try these practical suggestions to ensure that, even in a rush, your children get a good breakfast before they leave for school:

- stock your kitchen with healthy breakfast options (fruit, yogurt, toast, cereal, milk)
- prepare as much as you can the night before (gets dishes and utensils ready, cut up fruit, etc.)
- get everyone up 10 minutes earlier
- let children help plan and prepare breakfast
- have grab-and-go alternatives (fresh fruit; individual boxes of whole-grain, low-sugar ce-





# Academic Calendar 2020 - 2021



School Holiday
  Bank Holiday
  Pupil Day
  Training Day

September 2020							October 2020							November 2020							December 2020						
Mon	31	7	14	21	28		Mon	5	12	19	26		Mon	2	9	16	23	30		Mon	7	14	21	28			
Tue	1	8	15	22	29		Tue	6	13	20	27		Tue	3	10	17	24		Tue	1	8	15	22	29			
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January 2021							February 2021							March 2021							April 2021						
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## Sickness

Please ring the school office by 9am to report your child's sickness and keep us updated daily. Thank you.

## Contact Details

Please remember to inform the school office if you have changed your contact telephone number or moved address. Thank you.

Easter COVID email:

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