



Gladstone Primary
Academy

Summer Newsletter

July 2017

Farewell to Year Six

The Year 6 children move onto secondary school in September. They have been a fantastic Year 6 and I have been so impressed at how they have matured over this year. They have worked hard and and this was reflected in their SATs results; achieving the highest SATs results ever for the school. All subjects have improved on last year with Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar increasing by 19% to 71%. This year we have 28 children going to Jack Hunt School, 27 going to Thomas Deacon Academy, 3 children going to City of Peterborough Academy and one child going to the Iqra Academy. I know the children are ready for the new challenges and opportunities of Year 7. We wish them well in their new schools.

Staffing

We say farewell to a number of staff who are moving on at the end of this term.

Mrs Olaniyan is moving back to Nigeria. She has worked at Gladstone for 5 years and has taught many children over this time. Mrs Olaniyan will take what she has learnt at Gladstone to help improve education in Nigeria. We wish her well.

Mr Whipps, has been teaching in Year 2. He has really helped new children settle into Gladstone. I know his class will really miss him. We wish him well as he moves back to Canada.

Mrs Taj is a member of the admin team, she works hard to make sure all the school's bills are paid and places all the orders for new equipment. She is moving on to work in the finance department at TDA, so we hope to see her again as she is working within the Trust.

Mrs Hale is moving on to pastures new and we wish her well.

New staff

We welcome several new teachers next year.

- **Mrs McMurry** who is an experienced teacher from Australia.

- **Mr Thompson** will be the new Year 3 leader and class teacher. Mr Thompson is an excellent teacher who has been working at TDA.
- **Mr Harding** has been with us a term, but he will be teaching his own class in year 5 and his class are really pleased to have him as their teacher next year.
- **Mrs Saab** is another Australian teacher. She is an experienced teacher and has taught in the UK before.

We will also have some new admin staff from from September; **Mrs Gargiulo, Mrs Bale** and **Mrs Strange**.

Mr Fountain

Mr Fountain will be back at school in September after having a kidney transplant at the end of May. He is making a really rapid recovery and we look forward to having him back at school.

Facebook and Twitter



Keep up to date with news and events on our Facebook page and Twitter account. Our Twitter account and Facebook page will keep you up to date with events at Gladstone. There are some great pictures of sports days and trips from this term

Twitter - @gpapeterborough
Facebook - Gladstone Primary Academy

Star Pupils

Congratulations to the following 'Star of the Year' children -

RN	Ayaan	2N	Erikas	5R	Haseeb
RS	Paulina	2P	Romeo	5G	Beatriz
RW	Maryam	2W	Oliwer	5C	Rabia
R4	Mariagrazia	3S	Heleema	6P	Muskan
1G	Alise	3W	Mohsin	6D	Fizza
1O	Aleem	4O	Romeesa		
1R	Kristina	4L	Eliza		
2T	Anna	4W	Sana		

Attendance

We have a special group who have achieved 100% attendance since the start of February; they have not missed a single day of school. All of these children have received an attendance award.

<u>Reception</u> Nikola Leoandro Tamara Jokobas Arnas	<u>Year 1</u> Avin Zackry Florence Ionut Diane	<u>Year 2</u> Sanija Arnas Emilija Emanuel Erikas Noel Oliwier Ama Ernesta Anna Sania Adrian	
<u>Year 3</u> Ionela Lemmuel Daniel P Daniel T	<u>Year 4</u> Brigita Florin Allen Julie	<u>Year 5</u> Beatriz Orestas Austeja Muhammad	<u>Year 6</u> Atis

Well done to **6D** who won the award for the class with the best attendance in KS2, with **96.99%** over the year.

Congratulations to **2T** who won the award for the best attendance in KS1 with **96.52%**.

Topics for Next Half Term

Each half term your child's learning is carefully planned around a thematic topic. Here are the topics for next half term:

- Year 1 - The Enchanted Woodland
- Year 2 - Muck, Mess and Mixtures
- Year 3 - Tribal Tales (Stone, Iron, Bronze Age)
- Year 4 - Traders and Raiders
- Year 5 - Stargazers
- Year 6 - Gallery Rebels

More detail about each topic can be found on our website in the welcome to each year group pages under the Learning tab.

Autumn Term

Key dates for the autumn term:

6th September: School opens for children
4th October: Parents Evening
5th October: Parents Evening

20th October: School closed, staff training day
23rd-27th October: Half term
19th December: Last day of term.

Millfield Festival

Our tabla drumming group performed in assembly on Monday. They will be performing at the Millfield Festival. Please see the information below from the organisers of the festival -

Come and Drum at the Millfield Arts Festival!

Mr and Mrs Suali are looking for drummers to join them at the first **Millfield Arts Festival** on **Sunday 27 August** (*4pm onwards on The Triangle / New England Rec*).

Organised by Peterborough Presents, this FREE one-day event will feature arts, crafts, performances and food in a celebration of Lincoln Road. Pupils of Gladstone Primary Academy along with parents, friends and family are invited to join Mr & Mrs Suali to bring the festival alive with a drumming performance matched by a stunning fire display.

To take part, come along to one or all of these sessions for **FREE** or just turn up on the day:

Friday 25 August, 2pm – 4pm at Unity Hall on Northfield Road (the PARCA refugee centre)

Saturday 26 August, 2pm – 4pm on a corner of the Triangle festival field (if it's raining on the Saturday the workshop will be held at the Open Door church on Harris Street)

And if you fancy having a go at making big colourful decorations for the Festival site too, then come along to the Open Door Church on that same Saturday, 26 August, from 4.30-6.30pm for a free workshop led by Rose Croft.

Thank you for all your support over this year. Have a good break and we will see everyone back at school on

Wednesday 6th September 2017