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Hello everyone

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the parent's evening this term. Please find attached a summary of the fantastic feedback you gave us—we are very grateful for your support and love working with you to make sure the children's efforts are celebrated!

In response to the questions about parent workshops, we have arranged a few over the coming weeks. We are starting off with:

Friday 2nd February 9-9.30am Year 5 parents/carers 'Reading for Pleasure'

workshop

Monday 5th February 9-9.45am Year 4 parents/carers 'Chinese New Year' assembly

9-9.30am Year 3 and Year 4 parents/carers

Digital Safety workshop

Thursday 8th February 9-9.30am Year 5 and Year 6 parents/carers

Digital Safety workshop





We are also making plans for our World Book Day events on Friday 8th March...more about that next week in the newsletter!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher



Tuesday 6th February







Article 1 makes clear that everyone under the age of 18 has all the ights in the Convention.

Afficie 4 states that governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.

rticle 41 states that if a country has laws and standards that go urther than the present Convention, then the country must keep less laws.

This Article of the Week will support you to explore these rights in more detail and consider what must be done to make rights happen for all children.





Here is a song by the students at Glade Primary School. We listened to this in assembly. Could you write a song celebrating children's rights?

EXPLORING ARTICLES 1, 4 & 41

In 4RE, the children are getting more confident at knowing they have rights and what those rights are. In assembly, we discussed how the government ensures all children can enjoy their rights. Ideas included:

- ·Every child must be registered with a name at birth.
- There are parks and play areas provided.
- We have education and health care systems.
 Some people's job is to protect children.
- •The school curriculum includes learning about the CRC. Children are given protection when they need it.
- Most schools have ways of listening to children's views.
- •There are Children's Commissioners whose job it is to make sure children are listened to.
- Social care services and the police work to keep all children safe. •Many schools are UNICEF UK Rights Respecting Schools and children learn about their rights.
- •There are laws which include some rights from the CRC, such as equalities legislation and the Children Act.

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'Author(s) of the Month'



January







Lola Morayo is the pen name of writers

Tólá Okogwu and Jasmine Richards. Together, they have written the Aziza's Secret Fairy Door' series. Scan the QR code to get a taster of the stories.

Lola Morayo





Jasmine is the founder of an inclusive fiction studio called **Storymix** and has written more than fifteen books for children. She lives in Hertfordshire with her husband and two children.

Their creative partnership aims to give children from different backgrounds characters that they can relate to. Both women are passionate about telling stories that are inclusive and fun.



School Attendance

Class Attendance

Well done to class **3AJ** who achieved our school attendance target of 97% and above last week.



Our school attendance last week was 92.8%

Reporting Absences to school

If your child is absent from school please call before 9am to let us know the reason. Please provide school with as much detail as possible about your child's absence. If you need to discuss your child's symptoms with a school first aider please request a call back. Thank you very much for your support.

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 29th January

Year 6

Tuesday 30th January Year 4

Wednesday 31st January Year 3

Thursday 1st February

Year 5

Swimming for Class 4RE

Friday 2nd February

Swimming for class 4SH

Ready, Respectful, Safe.

Each week we introduce a different word associated with our school's expectations to reinforce our school's ethos, which is to be ready, respectful and safe.

This week's word of the week is: 'cautious'

Cautious is a word linked to our expectation to be safe, but what does it mean?

"Being cautious means you are aware of your surroundings and you will see if there is a danger" **Hareem 3GJ**

Ready
Respectful
Safe

Mr Mason - Deputy Headteacher

JCC Child Care Course

Do you want to work in childcare? Do you want to learn tips and skills in parenting?

From **Monday 29th January** we will be offering, in partnership with **Joseph Chamberlain College**, **L1 Introductory to Caring for Children**. The lessons will be held at Thornton Primary school every Monday from 1:30-3pm, until the end of June.

The course will cover:

How to support young children during everyday experiences

How to provide creative activities for young children

How to provide reading activities for young children



This course is open to anyone over the age of 19, has E3 or higher in ESOL or English and has not studied a vocational course L1 or above in the past.

If you are interested in starting the course, please come on Monday 29th January to meet the teacher. If you would like more information, please email the teacher; dwhiteman@jcc.ac.uk

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