



Giles Brook School

NEWSLETTER

The first half of the term at Giles Brook has been busy and productive. A big round of applause to our Foundation and Nursery students who completed their first half term! We are thrilled to see the amazing progress they have made in such a short amount of time. It's a joy to watch them seamlessly integrate into our school community.

We would also like to express our thanks to all the parents who participated in the parent consultations this week. These early meetings between teachers and parents are crucial for sharing progress updates and discussing any areas of concern. We appreciate the support you give your children at home, and those extra 10/15 minutes of skill-building, practicing times tables, spelling and reading can really make a difference. Thank you!

As the half-term break begins, we wish you all a restful and enjoyable time with your loved ones. We look forward to seeing everyone back, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, on Tuesday, October 31st.



We want to congratulate all of our pupils for their hard work and dedication this term. Your house points are well deserved! We're thrilled to announce that Queen Elizabeth has taken the lead as the winning house for the first half of the autumn term, with a total of 2735 points. As a special reward, children in this house are invited to attend school in their own clothes on November 3rd. Great job, Yellow House!



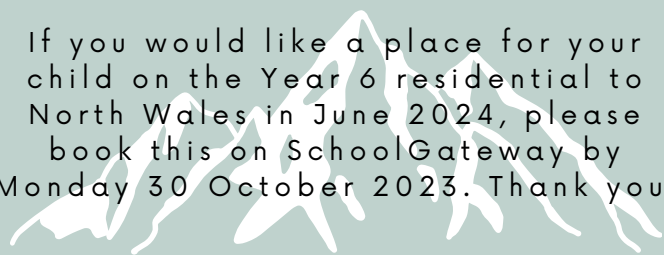
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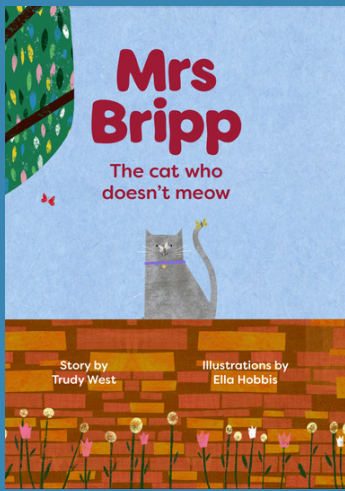
Well done to all our winners of the Governor's Award today for demonstrating our value of kindness this half term.

Three of our children, Sophia (Y6), Yasmine (Y4) along with their brother Zakariya (YR), volunteer with a local charity who distribute food parcels each week across Milton Keynes. They take part in projects throughout the year to raise money for local and international causes. They will soon be travelling to Uganda with a team from the charity on an Aid Mission, to support those living in extreme poverty by delivering food parcels to continue building on their work locally. They will also be meeting children who are part of an orphan sponsorship programme in collaboration with a local charity in Uganda, and seeing the next phase in a project to build an orphanage and education centre. What a lovely way of showing kindness to finish this half term!

North Wales residential - Year 6

If you would like a place for your child on the Year 6 residential to North Wales in June 2024, please book this on SchoolGateway by Monday 30 October 2023. Thank you.





One of our fantastic TAs, Trudy West, has published her first book!
Trudy says:

'It has taken two years, from the point of starting to write the story to getting it published, with lots of knockbacks and rejection. It has been a dream of mine to write books for children and this was a personal journey, proving to myself that with perseverance and belief I could achieve.'

The book is available to purchase on Amazon but she has said that she will kindly donate £1 to the school if any of our parents would like to buy one through school. If you are interested then please email at office@gilesbrook.co.uk where we can reserve you a copy.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- 20.10.23 School closes for half term
- 31.10.23 School reopens
- 02.11.23 Y6 visit Oxford Natural History and Pitt Rivers Museums
- 03.11.23 Mufti day - Queen Elizabeth House
- 06.11.23 Birch class swimming lessons begin
- 14.11.23 Y4 visit the National Space Centre
- 17.11.23 Children in Need
- 24.11.23 Friends Auction goes live
- 20.12.23 Rock Steady concerts
- 22.12.23 School closes for Christmas



CHRISTMAS DATES

- 5.12.23 Reception Christmas performance to parents (2pm & 6pm)
- 12.12.23 KS1 Christmas performance to parents (2pm & 6pm)
- 13.12.23 Christmas lunch
- 14.12.23 Y3 visit MK Theatre (pantomime)
- 14.12.23 Friends Christmas shop
- 15.12.23 Friends Christmas shop
- 19.12.23 Reception visit The Stables (Hansel and Gretel)
- 21.12.23 KS2 Carols on the playground (2.45pm)
- 22.12.23 School closes for the Christmas break



Times Tables Rock Stars - TTRS

Each week we celebrate the hard work our children put into their times tables practice. Well done to Caleb in Year 3 and Molly in Year 4 for an improvement in accuracy by over 40% and to Kiswah in Year 4 and Amara in Year 3 for managing to achieve 100% accuracy. Congratulations also to Danai, Riley and Katelyn in Year 4 for clocking up over 50 minutes of playing time!

Hip-hip-hooray! The children's tracksuit jackets are finally here! If you snagged one, it's winging its way home with your little one today.