

St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Friday Note



11th October 2024

Weekly Theme

Next week, we will be concentrating on e-safety and how we can keep safe online.

Parent Assembly

On Monday 14th October, Miss Mason's class will lead our assembly on the importance of e-safety. Parents/carers of children in Class 13 are welcome to join us for a 2:45pm start.

School Photographs

Photographs were taken this week. These have been sent home today, and you can order directly via the QR code.

Reception Photographs

On Monday 14th October, Reception children will have a class photograph taken which will be displayed in the Wigan and Leigh Observer. If you do not wish your child to be included in this photograph, please let Reception teachers know by 8:30am on Monday morning.

Y5/6 Visit to Chester Zoo

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a visit to Chester Zoo on Tuesday, where they took part in a workshop about animal habitats and explored around the zoo. They saw lots of different animals and had a lovely day.

Parents Evening

Our first parents evening for this academic year, takes place on Wednesday 16th October. Appointment times should now have been sent home.

Early Years and Key Stage 1 teachers will hold meetings in the Dining hall, which can be accessed via the door at the main office. Key Stage 2 teachers will be based in the big Hall, which can be accessed via the front playground.

Prefects will welcome you and sign you in on arrival. We will also be joined by David, our Mental Health School Link Worker, who will be available to speak to parents with concerns for their child's mental health: anxiety, bereavement, trauma etc.

Clothing Donations

We still have our box for our charity Collection4clothes, this is located outside the school office. We are still accepting donations of unwanted/pre loved clothes. Thank you for any support you can give for this great charity.

Parent Library

We have a selection of donated books for parents to access at the school entrance. Please help yourself to a book.

Food Items

On Friday 18th October, we will have a trolley of food items available for parents/carers to take items from. This will be located at the top end of the playground at the back of school. Gates will open at 3pm for any parent who wishes to browse or take items from our food stock. Everyone is welcome to come along and take some items to help over the half-term.



Talk Homework

In Key Stage 2, each Friday, we discuss a topical news item. This is the story today. Please talk to your child about how important human interaction is to us, and how it makes you feel.

TAKEHOME 7th - 13th October



How important are human interactions?

In the news this week

E-commerce company, Amazon, has told all staff they need to return to the office five days a week next year, ending the option to work from home. In a message to all workers, Chief Executive Andy Jassy said the company expected everyone to be in the office full time (apart from some exceptions) from 2nd January, 2025. Amazon's new policy is very different from the UK government's approach, which is to make flexible working a right for employees, as promised in a new law proposal, due to be announced later this year.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you believe Amazon's decision is fair? Talk to someone at home, do they agree?
- Do you think you might prefer working from home, or from a workplace with others? Why?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of otherswww.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



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Complaints

A positive working relationship between home and school is important for your child's education. There may be times when you wish to raise concerns or need clarification on specific matters.

Please rest assured that we want to work with you to address your concerns. If you wish to raise a concern, it is necessary to follow the complaints procedure.

In Short:

- 1— Speak to class teacher
- 2— Speak to a member of SLT with responsibility for your child's year, or for pastoral matters ask for Mrs Ashurst.
- 3— If the matter cannot be resolved, arrange to meet with Mrs Williams.
- 4— At this stage, your concerns may be escalated to our Chair of Governors.

Residential Trips

There are two residential visits booked for this academic year. Separate letters, with further details, have been sent home.

1 - Y6 residential to Dobroyd Castle on Monday 2nd-Wednesday 4th June.

2 - Y3/4 residential weekend to Low Bank Ground, Coniston on Friday 23rd—Sunday 25th May.

Bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis. We are sending this information now to give you plenty time to cover the costs with a payment plan. If your child would like to attend then please return the slip with a deposit.

Y6 High School Applications

Please note that the deadline for high school applications is approaching. In recent years, anyone who has applied late has NOT been able to secure a place in their preferred school. The deadline is **31st October 2024**.

The application form is available through the web page at [Secondary schools \(wigan.gov.uk\)](https://www.wigan.gov.uk/secondary-schools), before an application is made you must read the 'Applying for a Y7 place' booklet which is available on the web page. The booklet will explain how applications are considered, the oversubscription criteria for all Wigan Secondary School and how to apply.

Half-Term

School finishes at the normal time on **Friday 18th October** for half-term. It re-opens on **Monday 28th October**.

AWARD WINNERS THIS WEEK

This week's certificates are awarded to:

★ **Chloe and Jessica** for showing **RESPECT**

★ **Kara, Mia and Uandje** for showing **HONESTY & COURAGE**

★ **Lilly, Harley and Deion** for showing **RESPONSIBILITY**

★ **Riley** for showing **FORGIVENESS**

★ **Arlo and Evie** for showing **LOVE**

★ Class 3 - **James** ★

Class 4 - **Penny**

Class 5 - **Enzo**

Class 6 - **Hollie**

★ Class 7 - **Amaiya** ★

Class 8 - **Braelan**

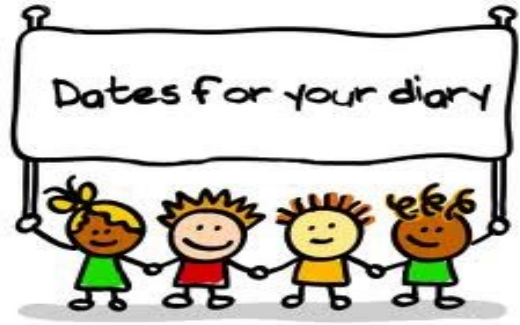
Class 9 - **Lexi**

Class 10 - **Emilia**

Class 11 - **Declan**

★ Class 12- **Refan** ★

Class 13- **Alyzah**



14th October

Class 13 assembly on E-safety

16th October

Parents Evening

18th October

Close for half term

For showing **EFFORT** (Star of the Week)

Congratulations and Well Done!

