



# Glenmere Primary School

## Personal Development Newsletter

### December 2024

*Personal development at Glenmere is built upon the foundations of our school ethos; at Glenmere we are GREAT because we Grow, Respect, Enjoy, Achieve Together.*

### Christmas at Glenmere!

The children enjoyed our workshops where they were able to design and create beautiful tree ornaments for Christmas. Trips to the Snowdome, the Curve theatre and a Pantomime certainly helped to get the children in the mood for the festivities.



### Be Bright, Be Seen!

We are always mindful for the safety of our children near roads and conscious of how vulnerable they can be. At this time of year, with reduced visibility for drivers your child is even more vulnerable near roads. With new bikes and scooters arriving at Christmas for some, the temptation to go out in the evening will be even stronger so we have included some safety tips below so that you can discuss with your child/ren how important it is to be visible when near roads. These tips emphasise how wearing brightly coloured clothing shows up well in daylight but, as it gets dark, reflective clothing and accessories are far more effective in signalling pedestrians or cyclists to drivers. If you're a driver, remember it will be more difficult for you to see pedestrians and cyclists when it's dark. Unlike this image, not everyone will be dressed in bright colours or reflective clothing. Children and others often wear dark coloured school uniform, or winter coats.



There's a child in the same position on both photos (left). Which one is easier to see? For more information and activities to do around this topic with your child(ren) please visit: <https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/be-bright-be-seengame/>

### Protected Characteristics Day

We had a really great day with a variety of Workshops, where all children in school learned more about the protected characteristics. These are protected by a law called the Equality Act 2010. The children spent the day visiting different classrooms in mixed age groups, where they took part in a variety of activities. We are always blown away by the remarkable attitudes our children at Glenmere possess! For more information about how we teach protected characteristics at Glenmere, visit our website.



### Be Bright Be Seen



## Enrichment at Glenmere That Promotes Our Children's Personal Development

Our personal development learning goes more deeper and beyond the National Curriculum. It provides our children with an enriched cultural capital by offering a varied and diverse set of experiences. We believe that we help to prepare them for modern life in Britain. We take pride in the fact that we offer our children so much that supports their growth.

### Diya painting to celebrate Diwali



### A visit to Pizza Express to learn about jobs after school and cooking skills



### A visit to the National Justice Museum



### Residential visit support bonding, through team building exercises and independence away from home



## Advice on new devices for Christmas

As the Christmas season approaches, many parents will be considering getting children their first internet connected device. Whether it's a smartphone, a tablet, or a gaming console, it's important to set boundaries from the start to ensure healthy tech habits and safety. Take a moment to think about how your child currently uses technology and how you envisage them using the new device.



## Primary Picture News

Picture news aims to support pupil's development of spiritual, moral, social



and cultural elements of learning and behaviour. It encourages children to engage with current affairs alongside worldwide news stories and provides them opportunities to learn about and discuss what is happening within assemblies and the classroom. Our Primary Picture News is linked to British Values, Protected Characteristics as well as the UN Rights of a Child. Check our school X (formerly Twitter) page each week for the latest news stories.







## The Safeguarding Curriculum

We believe that one of the best ways to safeguard children is to equip them with the knowledge and skills to be able to keep themselves safe. Safeguarding themes are interwoven throughout our curriculum and the opportunities we offer in school. Some examples include:

- Our 'Values' assemblies which are delivered to all children from EYFS to Y6
- Online Safety days with age-appropriate workshops
- Online safety discussions within computing and other relevant lessons
- Involvement in Anti-Bullying Week and Mental Health Awareness Week
- Relationships, Sex & Health Education (RSHE) lessons
- Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) lessons

Our Values for this half term have been: **Honesty** and **Politeness**

Our values for next half term will be: **Creativity** and **Enthusiasm**

School Values		
	grow	Self-Belief and Independence
	respect	Honesty and Politeness
	enjoy	Creativity and Enthusiasm
	achieve	Patience and Determination
	together	Friendship and Kindness

If you are worried about a child's safety please do not hesitate to contact any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away. The following members of staff are Designated Safeguarding Leads for Glenmere Primary School:

- Mrs Conlon (DSL)
- Mrs Dorrington
- Mrs Carton
- Mrs Siddons (Filtering and Monitoring Lead)

They can be contacted via the school office, or by telephone on 0116 2882228.

Safeguarding Governor and Filtering and Monitoring Governor:  
Andy Jones



## Online Safety

**At Glenmere we take Online Safety very seriously.**

Occasionally, we have to respond to issues with Whatsapp and hope that by weaving this into the assemblies and the online safety teaching that we can educate the children on sensible use of this particular app.

**Whatsapp have reduced its minimum age from 16 to 13 this year.**

To support you the NSPCC have produced some top tips to help. More information is available by clicking the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>



Our school participates in a national scheme called 'Operation Encompass', which is a joint partnership between Leicestershire Police and schools. One of the principles of Operation Encompass is that all incidents of domestic abuse are shared with schools, not just those where an offence can be identified. This system has been established to help schools provide in-house support to children who have been present at, exposed to or involved in any domestic abuse incident. We know that children can be significantly harmed physically and/or emotionally during these situations and that it negatively affects their learning and behaviour. Therefore, as part of the Operation Encompass procedure, and to help mitigate the resulting negative impact, the school receives and email the morning after a child has been witness to or involved in any reported domestic abuse incident. We are then able to use this information to provide the right support to any child and their family as and when it is needed

