



Newsletter

Giles Junior School

“Achieving excellence through Leadership”

Summer Term

Friday 17th May 2019

Giles Junior School News

I have to start by saying a HUGE well done to our hard working Year 6 pupils. It was quite clear how the 7 Habits were used to help them overcome any nerves or anxiety. Spirits were high and they enjoyed the extra nutritional boost and a bit of a dance to get their fidgets out of their system before they started their tests. Now Year 6 are keeping the end in mind so they can be ready to polish their writing skills and continue their learning in preparation for secondary school.

The weather has been welcomed by us all, if I could remind parents to make sure the children have suncream on before school, and a hat to protect them from the sun that would be really helpful.

I can hardly believe that next week is our last week before half term. All the staff and pupils look forward to our summer events, sports days, school trips and transition to new classes. Details of these dates are on page two of this newsletter.

I have been enjoying my special Friday lunch with a range of children across the school. It makes me so proud to see how articulate our pupils are. The ease with which they have conversations with each other, sharing information and having good humour. My favourite part of the lunch (apart from the delicious school cooking of course) is finding out things which I never knew about them! Giles is a great place to be.

Mrs Racher
Acting Head Teacher

Reminders

Year 4 Swimming Costa Rica & Australia

Payments for swimming can be made via the school gateway or cash dropped into the office. The cost of swimming sessions are £4 per week or split into 3 instalments of: May 2019 - £15 / June 2019 - £15 / July 2019 - £13.10 or £43.10 for the whole of the Summer Term.

Thank you to those parents who have already made payments.

Year 3 Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park on Wednesday 22nd May 2019

Please be reminded that children will need a packed lunch, snack and drink either in a throw away carrier bag or small rucksack. The children should wear full school uniform on the day. If the weather is warm please apply suncream before they come into school & wear a sun hat. If the weather is not so good, then a waterproof jacket will be needed.

Yr5&6 Girls After School Football Club

On Wednesday 22nd May this club is cancelled due to staff training.

School Photo Orders

Proofs and order forms have gone out this week. If you have not received this yet please double check with your class teacher. All orders need to be handed into the office or ordered online at www.kittleorders.com before Tuesday 4th June.

Year 6 Booster Sessions

All booster sessions have now finished.

Times Table Challenge Results

The times table challenge takes place every half term, it consists of 150 times table sums in a 15 minute time limit. The top 100 children receive house points, first prize 100 house points, 2nd place 99 house points and so on.

A big well done to all the children for taking part, here are the top three children in the school:

Place	Name	Score	Time	House	Class	Points
1	Melvin	150	02:32	red	Finland	100
2	Sumit	150	02:48	Green	Germany	99
3	Aaron	150	02:59	Yellow	Finland	98

Summer Term Dates 2019 (These could be subject to change)
Highlighted Dates are new events added to the diary

Description	Date	Time
House reward afternoon for the RED Team	Mon 20 th May	PM
Barclays in to see Yr 6 children who are starting there in September	Tue 21 st May	13:30 - 14:30
Yr 3 trip to Paradise Wildlife Park	Wed 22 nd May	All Day
Thomas Alleyne in to see Yr 6 children who are starting there in September	Wed 22 nd May	13:30 - 14:30
Yr5&6 Girls After school football club cancelled	Wed 22 nd May	15:30 - 16:30
Yr 6 PGL parent meeting	Wed 22 nd May	18:00 - 19:00
Outdoor Classroom Day	Thur 23 rd May	All Day
Nobel in to see Yr 6 children who are starting there in September	Thur 23 rd May	13:30 - 14:30
Yr 3&4 Football Festival - Boys & Girls	Fri 24 th May	12:30 - 15:00
Half Term – SCHOOL CLOSED	27th May – 31st May	
Inset Day – SCHOOL CLOSED	Mon 3rd June	
Back to school after half term	Tue 4 th June	08:50
Deadline for all class photos & Yr 6 leavers photos to be ordered	Tue 4 th June	12.00
Barnwell in to see Yr 6 children who are starting there in September	Tue 4 th June	14:00 – 15:30
Parent Support Drop In - informal group for parents of children with any kind of additional need	Wed 5 th June	09:00 - 10:00
Father's Day gifts on sale this week	Mon 10 th June	All Day
Marriotts in to see Yr 6 children who are starting there in September	Tue 11 th June	13:45 - 15:00
Disco whole school	Fri 14 th June	18:30 - 20:30
Coffee Morning - All parents welcome!	Wed 19 th June	09:00 - 10:00
Rounders Festival – Boys & Girls @ Round Diamond	Fri 21 st June	12:30 - 15:00
School Camp Out	Sat 22 nd June	All Day
Yr 3 & 4 Sports Day (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY)	Tue 25 th June	09:30 - 11:30
Parents meeting for new Yr 3 children starting in Sep 2019	Wed 26 th June	18:15 - 19:15
Yr 5 & 6 Sports Day	Thur 27 th June	09:30 - 11:30
Cricket Festival – Boys & Girls @ The Leys	Fri 28 th June	10:00 - 15:00
Yr 6 PGL Trip to depart	Sun 30 th June	12:00
Times Tables Challenge	Tue 2 nd July	09:00 - 09:30
Yr 6 PGL Trip to return	Wed 3 rd July	15:45 (approx.)
Transition Day	Thur 11 th July	All Day
Reports to go out	Fri 12 th July	PM
Yr 5 & 6 merit assembly	Mon 15 th July	09:15 – 10:00
Dress rehearsal for Yr 5 & 6 play	Mon 15 th July	13:30 – 15:00
Yr 5 & 6 production	Mon 15 th July	18:30 – 19:30
Yr 5 & 6 production	Tue 16 th July	18:30 - 19:30
Yr 3 merit assembly	Wed 17 th July	09:15 – 10:00
Last Yr 4 swimming session	Wed 17 th July	AM
Dance & Drama Production	Wed 17 th July	17:00 - 18:00
Yr 4 merit assembly	Thur 18 th July	09:15 – 10:00
Bouncy Castle	Fri 19 th July	All Day
Yr 6 leavers disco	Fri 19 th July	18:30 - 20:30
Last day of term	Wed 24 th July	14:00 finish

New Member of Staff

Miss Vanessa Robinson Learning Mentor

Hi everyone I am Miss Robinson and I have worked in Hertfordshire schools for some time, helping children overcome tricky situations. I love English and Drama and I take part in acting outside of school.

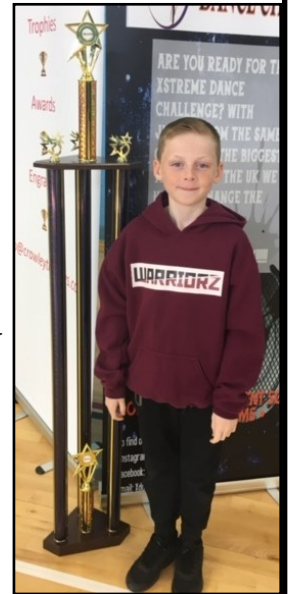
I am looking forward to my new role as a Learning Mentor where I will be based in "The Den" and Year 3 Italy class.



Celebrating Pupil Success

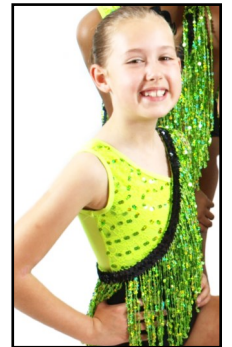
Jack - Year 3 Wales

Jack competed at the Xtreme Dance competition with his dance school, Warriorz Performing Arts. He was placed 1st in the under 8 solos, 1st in under 8 duos and 1st in his crew, "Army Force". He went up in the finals with "Champ of Champs" and battled against five children ages from 4 - 13 years. He also won this, taking home the trophy that is bigger than himself!



Holly - Year 5 India

Well done to Holly in Year 5 India, who has just starred in a three day dance show with Molly Vickers School of Dance at the Gordon Craig Theatre Dancing Ballet. She covered different styles of dance which included contemporary, tap and freestyle.



GILES JUNIOR SCHOOL



Vacancy: Midday Supervisory Assistant Required

- **Hours:** 11.30am – 1.30pm, Monday – Friday, term time only
- **Deadline for application:** Midday Wednesday 22nd May 2019
- **Start date:** Tuesday 4th June, or asap
- **Salary:** HB.1 (£9.00 per hour)

If you are interested or know anyone that would be interested, please see Mrs Alexandrou/Mrs Brown in the school office asap!



Attendance Data

Last weeks highest attendance goes to:
Year 6 Germany - They achieved an amazing 99.1%

House Winners for this Half Term

Well done to the Red Team who are the winners for this half term. On Monday 20th May the Red Team will be enjoying their house reward where they will be watching a film, playing games on their electronic devices and enjoying popcorn!



CRAIG TRIBE (CPsychol; HCPC)
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SUPPORTING & UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN'S EMOTIONAL NEEDS

(Including understanding 'behaviour that challenges' and 'anxiety')

(FOR PARENTS – PRIMARY PHASE)

Session led by

Vaneessa Sudan, Autism Consultant

Craig Tribe, Chartered Child and Educational Psychologist

Date: Wednesday 12th June 2019
Time: 9:30am to 12:30 pm
Venue: Welwyn Garden City Central Library, Campus West, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6AJ
Cost: Only £35

Limited spaces available.

To book a place please email:
v.sudan@spectrum-autism.co.uk
www.spectrum-autism.co.uk

Parking available - £3.50 for up to 4 hours

Angels

AUTISM & ADHD SUPPORT

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Do you have a child, or look after a child, either awaiting a diagnosis or already diagnosed with ADHD or an Autistic Spectrum Disorder?

SUMMER TERM 2019

Evening Meetings

Thursday 23rd May 2019 7pm-9pm

Q & A on Education Issues

Thursday 4th July 2019 7pm-9pm

Workshop: Managing Meltdowns, Low arousal approach

Anyone is welcome to come along to these meetings. You will also be able to find out more about:

- ADHD, Autistic Spectrum Condition, AS
- Dyslexia, Dyspraxia and Tourette's
- Disability and Carers Benefits
- SEN information and support
- Local services and support
- and meet other parents

Held at

**Greenside School, Shephall Green
Stevenage SG2 9XS**

Refreshments will be available

Please contact Kirsten on 07979 345858 if you have any questions about the evening.

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