



# Newsletter

## Giles Junior School

**"Achieving excellence through Leadership"**

**Summer  
Term**

**Friday 5th  
July 2019**

### Giles Junior School News

As we approach the end of term the usual activities are underway. We had an exceptionally successful sports day for Year 3&4 and Year 5&6 last week. It was very well attended and we are really grateful for your support. The children all had a great time and enjoyed the variety of activities. I would like to thank Mr Mendes for the huge amount of time spent organizing these events.

This week we had the pleasure of heading off to Lidington PGL, where Year 6 children who attended took part in a wide range of activities including: canoeing, raft building, climbing, survival, buggy building, archery and fencing (to name just a few). The instructors made it known to us how excellent the behaviour, attitude and enthusiasm of our children were. We couldn't have been prouder. Taking a group of our children away where we could see how being involved in the Leader in Me programme makes them stand apart from other groups really is testament to all the work Mrs Davies has put in to embed this into the school. It is something we will be working hard to maintain and develop in the coming years.

Also, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff who attended: Miss Robinson, Mrs Jones, Mrs Allaway, Mr Bailey, Miss Mellor and Mr Mendes. It can't be denied that we all had great fun, but it is tiring and a commitment to give up your weekend and 3 evenings to make sure that the children are well looked after while they are there.



Transition sessions are now under way. The children have had two opportunities to meet their new teacher and to keep the end in mind by developing their class mission statement. Next week will see the final transition session where we will have the new Year 2 children coming into Year 3 and the Year 6 children going to visit their secondary school for the day. We hope all the children are feeling confident that next year will be a positive one! I certainly am!

Thanks, Mrs Racher  
Acting Head Teacher

### Online Safety Day - Wednesday 10th July

We are dedicating the whole day to making sure every pupil, parent and Governor has access to cutting edge information, in relation to safety online and when using social media and various apps which are available. On the 10th July, Marilyn Hawes, will be delivering age appropriate sessions to each year group. Also parent sessions will be taking place.

If you would like to attend please return the slip to the school office ASAP.

**We would like to thank FOG (Friends of Giles) for covering the cost of this very important day for our children, parents and staff.**

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

Description	Date	Time
School Camp Out	Sat 6th July	13:00
School Camp Out	Sun 7th July	Finish 13:00
Summer Reading Challenge Assembly	Mon 8th July	09:00
<b>Online Safety Day:</b> Parents session (all parents welcome) : 09:00-10:00 Year 6 Parent session : 14:15-15:15 Parent session (Yr7 & older ) : 18:30- 19:30	Wed 10th July	All Day
CAT Testing at Barclays (for children starting there in Sep)	Wed 10th July	09:00 - 12:00
Transition Day (Yr6 at their new secondary school & all other years to spend time in their new class)	Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> July	All Day
Reports to go out	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July	PM
Last day for ordering uniform (to be delivered to school before end of term)	Fri 12th July	AM
Yr 5 & 6 merit assembly	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> July	09:15 – 10:00
Dress rehearsal for Yr 5 & 6 play	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> July	13:30 – 15:00
Yr 5 & 6 production	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> July	18:30 – 19:30
Summer Picnic for children (orders on reply slip to be returned by 9th July)	Tue 16th July	Lunchtime
Yr 5 & 6 production	Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> July	18:30 - 19:30
Yr 3 merit assembly	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> July	09:15 – 10:00
Last Yr 4 swimming session	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> July	AM
Dance & Drama Production	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> July	17:00 - 18:00
Yr 4 merit assembly	Thur 18 <sup>th</sup> July	09:15 – 10:00
Rock Steady Concert	Thur 18th July	14:30 - 15:00
Bouncy Castle	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	All Day
Yr 6 leavers disco	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	18:30 - 20:30
Yr 6 Leavers Assembly	Wed 24th July	13:15 - 14:00
Last day of term	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> July	14:00 finish
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b>		
<b>INSET DAY — SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>Monday 2nd September</b>	
<b>INSET DAY — SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>Tuesday 3rd September</b>	
First day of the Autumn Term	Wed 4th Sep	08:50



**Summer Picnic**

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 we are holding our 'Summer Picnic' for the children and staff at lunchtime. The children will be given the choice of a school picnic lunch for £2.60 or they can bring in their own packed lunch from home. The picnic lunch will contain a chicken or cheese wrap, a vegetable bag, a packet of crisps, a cookie and an ice lolly. There will be no charge for the children that qualify for Free School Meals.

Please note hot dinners will not be available on this day.

**Please can you return the slip with your order by Tuesday 9th July 2019.**

If you need another letter please collect one from the school office.



### School Games Day

Last week our school hosted the annual School Games Day. To make sure everyone was fully engaged we had the Year 3&4 and Year 5&6 activities split on two different days. All pupils that took part were divided into teams, representing their respective House. On both days, we watched everyone trying their best and having a good time whilst practicing some of their favorite sports.

Congratulations to all pupils in the Blue House in Year 3&4 and Red House in Year 5&6, as they won their respective year group competitions.

Congratulations to the Blue House Team, who were the overall winners of School Games Day.

Well done everyone for taking part.

#### Year 3&4

1st blue 558 pts  
2nd green 518 pts  
3rd yellow 501 pts  
4th red 474 pts

#### Year 5&6

1st red 560 pts  
2nd yellow 508 pts  
3rd blue 501 pts  
4th green 449 pts

### Ultimate Competition

1st blue 1059 pts  
2nd red 1034 pts  
3rd yellow 1009 pts  
4th green 967 pts

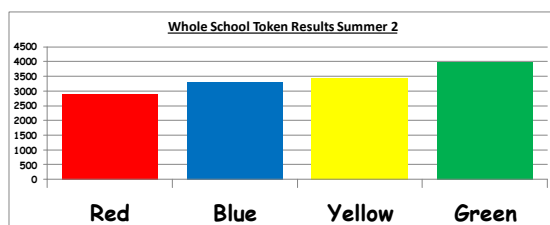
### Year 4 Trip to Rye Meads

On the 28th June, Year 4 went on an exciting trip to Rye Meads Nature Reserve where they took part in activities such as pond dipping and a mini beast hunt. They learnt about the different variety of habitats that these living things adapt to and then learnt how to classify them into groups. The children also had a great picnic in the sunshine amongst the local wildlife to round off a lovely day out!

Thank you to all the parent helpers that came along on the day.

### House Tokens

Well done to the Green Team who are currently in the lead for this half term.



### Celebrating Pupil Success

#### **Monaco championship round 4.**

Harry managed to qualify in 3rd place which was great as the wet conditions made it very tricky!

A good start off the line saw him move up to second but for a slight bump from 2 other drivers forced him slightly wide, losing 3 places, dropping down to fifth. But knuckling down slowly over the 28 laps Harry managed to slowly catch the others in front and take 3rd place on the podium.

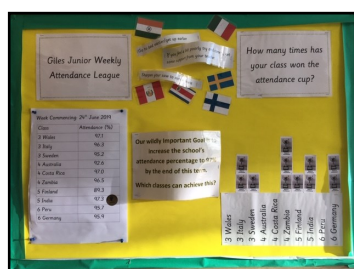
Well done Harry!



### Attendance Data

Last weeks highest attendance goes to Year 5 India.

**- They achieved an amazing 97.3%**





## Clubs for September Autumn Term 2019

There will be a letter going out in the next couple of days, detailing all of the clubs that are available from September 2019. There are no clubs running in the first week of term, therefore they will start running from Monday 9th September.

**Please note that paper copies of the club letter will not be going out. If your child would like to join a club we are holding copies of the club letters and reply slips in the office, from Monday 8th July. Please just pop by to pick one up ASAP if your child would like to join. Thank you.**

You will receive a message to say your child has a place in the following clubs at the start of the Autumn Term: Pop Stars, Dance, Drama & Stevenage FC.

Once you have applied for a Mr Mendes Sports Club, you will automatically be put on the list for that club. No messages will be sent about Mr Mendes Sports Clubs, you will only be notified if the club is over-subscribed.

### Come and meet the original Gangsta Granny



Actress Gilly Tompkins becomes Granny and reads from David Walliams bestselling book, followed by a craft session.

**Saturday 6th July:**  
St. Albans 10.30 - 11.30am  
Stevenage 1.30 - 2.30pm

**Sunday 7th July:**  
Hemel Hempstead Library  
1.30 - 2.30pm

Tickets: £3.00 per person, available in the library and online



For further details 0300 123 4049  
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries



### Children's self-published author event

#### Stevenage Library

**Saturday 20 July 2019**  
**11.00am – 3.00pm**

**Buy books and speak to authors**



www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries



### uPlay Sports

#### Summer Holiday Netball Camps in Stevenage!

Led by qualified Netball Coaches!

@ The Nobel School

Mobbsbury Way, Stevenage, SG2 0HS

**Wednesday 31st July**  
**Thursday 1st August**

**Wednesday 14th August**  
**Thursday 15th August**

10am- 3pm

Can be booked as a single or 2 day camp

Qualified UKCC netball coaches and DBS checked. First Aiders on site

Ages 8-13 (School Years 3 to 8)  
Cost: £35/£60

**BOOK ONLINE NOW!**

Go to [www.uplaysports.co.uk](http://www.uplaysports.co.uk) to book your place on these camps and for more information email: [office@uplaysports.co.uk](mailto:office@uplaysports.co.uk)

**DSPL** Domestic Support Programme  
Promoting Safety  
Preventing Abuse

**Natural Flair Coaching Ltd**  
Presents  
**Natural Steps to Stronger, Safer Families**  
*A Protective Behaviours Approach To Emotional Wellbeing*

A interactive and fun 6 week course, providing a safe place to explore feelings, be heard and understood.

**Topics covered include:**

- What it means to feel safe - how do we know?
- Feelings, Thoughts, Behaviours and how they link
- Problem solving and resilience skills
- How to support our child's worries
- Why do we get triggered? Our 'unwritten rules'
- How to build & maintain an effective support network
- Communicating effectively with our family
- Strategies to stay in control of our emotions
- What is behind anger and how this impacts behaviour
- Choices and consequences

**VENUE:** The Oak Suite - Peartree Spring School, Hydean Way, Stevenage  
**DATE:** Tuesday 10th September 2019 for 6 weeks 9.30-11.30am

This fun and inspiring parenting programme develops confidence, resilience and emotional wellbeing - packed full of strategies to use straight away.

**Funded by:** Hertfordshire County Council - Family Services Commissioning  
Spaces are limited - Parents need to be referred onto this course or can self refer with a specific parenting need  
For more information or to book a space please call 01992 446 051  
Email: [admin@natural-flair.com](mailto:admin@natural-flair.com)  
Course reference NF-LSD

**0808 800 2222**  
[www.familylives.org.uk](http://www.familylives.org.uk)

**DSPL** Domestic Support Programme  
Promoting Safety  
Preventing Abuse

**family lives**

**8-week group for parents / carers**  
**Thursday 9.30am – 11.30am**  
**12, 19, 26 September & 3, 10, 17, 24 October & 7 November 2019**

**Bringing Up Confident Children for Parents / Carers of Children with Special Educational needs**

**The Oak Suite**  
**Peartree Spring Primary School,**  
**Hydean Way, Stevenage, SG2 9GG**

**Contact Louise on**  
**01707 247 032 / 01163 666087 to book a place**

**Parents/ Carers can book direct on this number**

**Professionals - please send completed referral forms via HertsFX to [louisev@familylives.org.uk](mailto:louisev@familylives.org.uk)**

Please note this group is available to Parents/ Carers of children within Hertfordshire including the DSPL2. Stevenage, Aston, Benington, Datchworth, Gravely, Knebworth, Walkern

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**A 6-week group for parents / carers of children who are at risk and where there is a concern of risk.**  
**Thursday 9.30am – 11.30am**  
**14, 21, 28 November & 5, 12, 19 December 2019**

**Getting on with your Pre/Teen**

**Oak Suite**  
**Peartree Spring Primary School, Hydean Way,**  
**Stevenage, SG2 9GG**

**Targeted parenting group to meet the needs of parents who feel their child is at risk of:**

- Risky behaviour online / social media
- Attraction to gangs
- Drink and drug temptations
- Sexual health concerns
- Self-harm
- Aggressive and challenging behaviour

**Contact Louise on 01707 247 032/01163 666087 to book a place**  
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