



GILBERT COLVIN NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen | 26 January 2024



HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

In less than a week, the icy cold weather has turned into full blown storms in some parts of the country. The same advice from school remains: please make sure your child is wearing a warm, waterproof (named) coat!

Trips for this term are underway and as well as library visits for each Key Stage 2 class, Year 5 is visiting Valentines Mansion as part of their Victorian topic and Year 6 went to Gurdwara Singh Sabha. If you are a parent and interested in attending trips as a volunteer helper, please speak to either your child's teacher or the office.

KEY DATES



Friday 2nd February
Number Day

Tuesday 6th February
Safer Internet Day

Monday 12th February
Y5 trip - Valentines Mansion

Monday 16th February
Parent Forum - focus: Behaviour

19th - 23rd February
HALF TERM

MAIN HALL CLOSURE

This year, all of the school's windows and pipes were replaced with work finishing just after the October half term. Unfortunately works in the hall were not completed as it was discovered that more needed to be done than originally anticipated. The Local Authority has informed the school that work must take place this half term and that the hall must be closed for five weeks from Monday 29th January until Monday 4th March. There will not be any disruption to the children's learning and PE lessons will take place as usual.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance w/b 22nd January 2024:

Reception - 92.40%

Year 1 - 94.82%

Year 2 - 96.67%

Year 3 - 88.34%

Year 4 - 94.11%

Year 5 - 93.95%

Year 6 - 99.55%

Year 2's attendance this week is above the government target of 95%.

Whole school attendance = 93.49%

YEAR 5 VICTORIAN DAY

Year 5 took part in a Victorian Day at school, where they dressed up as Victorians, were taught lessons following Victorian teaching methods, undertook frequent hand inspections and sampled some gruel. They were surprised how different a typical school day is compared to today and glad that schools do not use physical punishments anymore (although some did enjoy wearing the infamous dunce hat and writing lines for not following Victorian school rules!). A fun day was had by all and the children really enjoyed getting into character. Here are some photos from our day.



BIKEABILITY

Twenty-four Year 6 children had the chance to learn new cycling skills during a two day Bikeability session.

On the first day, they practised on the playground learning hand signals and observation skills. This prepared them for going on the road.

On day two, they were able to go onto the roads around the school and put all of their new skills into practice.

