

## OUR HALF-TERM HIGHLIGHTS

# Step into Spring with Glebe Farm School!



Glebe Farm Careers Morning!



PIC-COLLAGE



Find out how Glebe Performed at our interschools debate competition.



Read on to find your delicious Pancake Day recipes [👉](#)



Top Tips for living a sustainable life!



We're taking part in an exciting NHS Competition - Find out more inside.

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# Sustainability

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What is sustainability?

*Sustainability is when you manufacture and produce eco-friendly goods. We need to manage the Earth properly and not destroy it.*

How to be sustainable:

- Try not to waste food.
- Recycle all your plastic, glass, metal and paper.

**People** - to end poverty and hunger in all of its forms so that people are able to fulfil their true potential in dignity and equality.

**Planet** - to protect the planet from degradation and to make sure that the world becomes increasingly sustainable by managing its natural resources carefully.

**Prosperity** - to ensure that all people are able to lead prosperous lives in harmony with nature.

**Peace** - to ensure that peaceful societies are free from fear and violence.

**Partnership** - to mobilise the means and money to support this agenda.



## Key Word:

Ecofriendly - do things that are friendly to the Earth.



By Nyla, 7RW

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# Lent

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## How does 'Pancake Day' link to



### What is Lent?

Lent is an annual celebration which is celebrated by Christians for a period of 40 days. In this special time, we have the option to either fast or give up something as we prepare for Easter. We celebrate this for 40 days to represent the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert with no food or water while he was being tempted by the devil to eat and drink.

### What do you do in Lent?

Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent and a day of repentance. Christians have the opportunity to either fast or give up something that you love such as snacks or using a social media platform; not only do you have the opportunity to do that, but you also can help out in your local community or even at home!

Before Lent, all temptations needed to be removed. These included: meat, eggs, butter and fat and were removed during 2 days of celebration before Ash Wednesday. On Collop Monday the last of the meat was used in the house and on Shrove Tuesday all the eggs, butter and fat was used and the easiest way to do this was to make pancakes. 'Shrove' comes from the practice of being shriven meaning to confess your sins; a bell would ring on Shrove Tuesday calling people to church to confess.

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## LGBTQ+ History month

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For years, in our British culture, it was not socially acceptable or even legal to be part of the LGBTQ+ community. But now we welcome with open arms people in the LGBTQ+ community and we want to make sure everyone feels safe in any environment they are in, especially schools.

One of our crew representatives is Richardson-Walsh, they are a lesbian couple who are in the Olympic hockey team for Great Britain. They are both gold medal winners and the first same sex married couple to win an Olympic gold.

Someone you will have heard of is Alan Turing, but you may not have known that he was homosexual.

In 1952 he was convicted of 'gross indecency' which was a law that

incriminated homosexuality and bisexuality; he was arrested but soon after he killed himself with cyanide in 1954.

February 2024 is LGBTQ+ History month and is themed around medicine, so if you would like to find out about LGBTQ+ in medicine visit this website: [LGBTQ+ equality in medicine \(bma.org.uk\)](https://www.bma.org.uk) or scan this QR code:



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## Careers Morning

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**On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, we had a careers morning in the forum. Here are some facts about the volunteers' jobs. This was a great morning to help us decide what to do when we grow up.**

Mr Ball - Beverage Maker: He makes 1 million cans per hour at each site. His favourite part of his job is the travelling.

Mr Prince - Technical Director for Drone Racing: He scans cities to create a 3d model for drone racing games.

Mrs Gibbings - Aiimi Ltd: She uses AI to help jobs and businesses.

Mr Gooderman - Tesla: He likes the challenges that comes with his job and had a musical background.

Mr Lovegrove - Game Tester: He works with epic games to test updates.

Mrs Ball - Senior Commissioning Editor: She edits children's non-fiction books because she thinks they are the best type of book.

Mrs Garner and Mr Bailey - Sustainability Managers: They manage groundworks like foundations, pipes and drainage.

Mr Rabheru - Ceo/Director R2G Investments: He used to be an optician but now he teaches people how to invest in properties.

Mrs Browning - Enterprise Coordinator: She is a careers advisor who started because of her kids who didn't know what to do when they grow up.

Mrs Warner - Nurse and Baker: She has been a school nurse for 8 years and when she bakes, she starts at 1 o'clock in the morning.

Mrs Jones - Nursing: She is a cancer specialist (mainly bowel cancer).

Mr Chapman - Windward: He helps goods get transported.

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## A Glebe Debate

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On the penultimate week of the end of term, Glebe Farm school hosted and participated in a thrilling interschool debate competition.

The debate which took place here at Glebe had five schools participating including Glebe Farm itself. The schools participating with two teams each included Denbigh, Watling, Walton High, Glebe and Radcliffe. Each school had around three weeks of preparation and the chairs, who were both from Glebe Farm, hosted the event. The schools participating wanted their learners to engage in debate to further their schools and as a teaser to the Year 8 and 7 students to the bigger picture of national debate competitions.

The event was highly positive with a great deal of judges from a variety of schools and students proudly representing their schools. Glebe Farm was reported to have shown great resilience and skill during the debate. Miss Swan, one of Glebe's teachers, hosted the event and was pleased with the results considering it was Glebe's first interschool debate and she is excited to host more events and see where Glebe Farm takes itself. During the debate, all students showed great maturity and an exemplary use of emotive language, facts and statistics with certain learners using so much advanced language and skills that you would wonder if they really were Year 7/8s.

Now, whilst every school participating did great, it of course had some phenomenal speakers which included people from our own school. Our learners managed to get third although only by a slight margin to competitors Denbigh and Radcliffe, who took it all. Glebe Farm is proud of their result and is happy with how they behaved. Glebe hopes to progress with its development in debate and a push to public speaking for the future Year 9 learners. A lot is in store for Glebe's rhetoric career and the learners here hope to endeavour to push for that.

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## Very Special Visitors

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On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February, the mayor came to Glebe Farm School. He and his wife came to Glebe as to take part in our very own polling day. Here are some of the issues our student counsel shared with the mayor:

- There will be roughly 250,000 people in MK by 2050 – how will we prepare for this expansion?
- Developing a new system of trams and cycling in MK.
- The opportunity for less office work and more opportunities to work from home.



On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, Tess Khan one of our House Champions, visited Glebe Farm School. It was a real highlight of our half-term to share our work with Tessa. We want to extend a huge Glebe Farm THANK YOU to Tessa, who was so impressed by what she saw on her visit, she has kindly donated £500 to our school library!



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## NHS Poster Competition

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Learners in KS3 have been taking part in a competition held by the NHS to create a poster about a career in the NHS that interests them. The deadline is the 30<sup>th</sup> of April.

Overall national winner(s) will have their job advertisement displayed publicly for their local community to see. National winner(s) will also receive a class prize which will be discussed with the winning school.

- Regional winners will each receive an Amazon voucher worth £25, an NHS goody bag and a certificate.
- One highly commended certificate per entry will be awarded to the top entries per region.
- One certificate for best school entry will be awarded to each school who has no regional winners or highly commended entrants.
- Winners will have their entries showcased in an online gallery.
- Whether they enter individually or as a group, each student will receive a prize if their entry is chosen.
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They will be judged with this criteria:

30%: student appeal



- Fun, lively and appealing to peer group. Was the idea/solution showcased effectively? Does it have clear structure and presentation?

30%: creativity

- Are there any creative ideas shown? Is there anything particularly innovative in its execution? Have the student(s) created something different?

40%: understanding

- Understanding of role in job advertisement and what it involves such as duties and tasks. Understanding of entry routes to chosen career including qualifications and skills needed.

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