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SCHOOL AND NURSERY

THE Aquilian



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Welcome

from the Headmaster

Welcome to the much-awaited edition of The Aquilian, our cherished annual school magazine that serves as a delightful chronicle of the year that has passed.

Within these pages, you'll find a collection of cherished memories and remarkable achievements that have defined our journey together as a vibrant school community. From academic triumphs to artistic endeavours, from moments of laughter to those of profound growth.

Behind every event showcased here lies an incredible amount of hard work and dedication from our exceptional team - the teachers, TAs, support staff and volunteers. Together with the children, they pour their hearts into making each moment unforgettable. So, dive into these pages and let the stories



of our wonderful year unfold before your eyes.

As I pass the torch to Mr. Stewart, I'm confident that the remarkable Glebe family spirit will continue to grow stronger. Enjoy reading about the past year and may the Glebe legacy thrive!

With best wishes,
Louis Taylor

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From the Head of School

A farewell message and thanks to friends and staff at Glebe.

I am honoured to have been Head of School this year. This year we have put in more house events such as cake decorating and house music which me and Lily the deputy head sorted out for the school. I was happy to have stood up and read my speech in front of a lot of supportive people.

Thank you to all the staff and pupils for making this place so special to me and everyone. Thank you teachers for everything you have done for all of us to make this school a happy and fun environment to be in.

By
Jacob Hancock





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“ We are absolutely thrilled to be rated 'outstanding' second time in a row.”



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Glebe House Nursery

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“It was so lovely for our children for us to be able to open our doors to everyone once again.”

Rated Outstanding for the second time in a row!

Our Nursery celebrated its inspection which rated it as Outstanding for the second time in a row. It was rated Outstanding in the quality and standards of its early years foundation stage provision, maintaining the highest standard as set at its previous inspection in 2018.

Nursery Manager Marie Day and her hugely dedicated team were proud to share their extremely well-deserved news with the children for whom they care. The children showed their appreciation for the work of the staff in the weeks that followed the Easter holiday when a series of You Are a Star parties were held in Nursery and Reception. There were star balloons, celebration cakes with star candles, a host of star-based crafts and activities,

as well as You are a Star scented stickers for all children when they went home!

With the restrictions of Covid now a thing of the past, Nursery have enjoyed several events where parents and carers have been invited to join their children for some hands-on fun. There have been Mother's and Father's Day mornings as well as a Coronation Celebration!



A first year in Reception

Building a strong foundation in their educational journey

Another incredible Reception year has drawn to a close, and our little ones have had an absolute blast! Alongside the usual phonics, literacy, maths, art, music and P.E. lessons, we've embarked on exciting journeys into the world of seasons, animals, plants, castles and knights.



“My child has received a fantastic introduction to education this year, they have loved every minute!”

children's thirst for knowledge as they embark on their learning journey at Glebe.

Our adventures have been boundless - from thrilling beach trips to Norfolk Lavender and visits to The Shrine of Our Lady Walsingham, to the warm embrace of our very own St. Mary's Church in Old Hunstanton. We've cherished

We've also embraced numerous cultural celebrations, fuelling the

every moment, exploring our local area and making the most of our school grounds with enriching Forest School sessions, fun Pancake races, invigorating swimming sessions and spirited Sports Day events.

Our children are truly privileged to have such wonders at their doorstep, and we are thrilled to seize every opportunity to make their learning experiences extraordinary!





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“The children fully embraced the King’s Coronation as one of our themed highlights of the year.”

A magical time in Division I

Celebrating the next steps of learning.



Division I have had the most amazing year, enjoying the magical time that is between Reception and Division II. The children have loved the structure of more subjects, more topics and more books.

Together we have made everything fun, from plenty of opportunities to get outside, to taking photos of our own work, to termly walks down to the local library. When the children completed an activity, they have really made the most of time to

choose their own learning and what the classroom has to offer.

They have particularly loved craft, construction and the ‘creative castle’ writing area, especially when we accessorized it to celebrate Christmas and the coronation. They have always used them to practise all the skills they have been taught and the classroom has looked beautifully labelled and decorated all year.



Everything that the children have done, they have done collaboratively. They are such a close group who always include and look out for everyone. They enjoy each other's company tremendously, so we have relished paired and group work, Show and Tell and teaching each other.

We are so proud that they made leaps and bounds together in their learning too. When we think of this year's class, we will always think of togetherness.

“School trips have played a valuable role in our children's learning this year.”



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“All of Division II really embraced their new topics and even enjoyed doing their homework projects!”

Making progress in Division II

Gaining confidence and establishing independence.

Division II has been an exceptional class, embodying a perfect balance of hard work and joyful enthusiasm. Each and every child has displayed unwavering dedication, resulting in remarkable progress that we celebrate with pride.

This year, I had the pleasure of awarding more Free Reader Badges and Pen Licenses than ever before, a testament to their commitment to learning.



While we bid a heartfelt farewell to Ilenia and Tommy during the Autumn term, our spirits were lifted with the warm arrival of Thomas in the Spring. The camaraderie and support among these young minds have had a profound and positive impact on both their fellow Pre-Prep students and the staff. As they transition into the Prep school, we wish them nothing but success and continued growth. Their

journey has been nothing short of inspiring, and we are eager to witness the incredible paths they will forge ahead.



“It was such fun to head out and learn about the local history of our School Houses.”





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PREP

“Another great year, watching our children flourish academically and grow both in and out of the classroom.”

Reflecting on a year in Prep

Nurturing the seeds of learning for the educational journey ahead.



World Book Day

World Book Day 2023 was an absolute delight, as our school community came together to celebrate the joy of reading. From the tiniest to the tallest, everyone participated enthusiastically, donning colourful and creative costumes that brought beloved literary characters to life.

The day kicked off with an exciting assembly, where we shared our passion for reading and showcased our fantastic outfits. Laughter and excitement filled the air as "Gangsta Granny" set the tone for a day filled with literary adventures.

Throughout the day, children from different year groups joined forces for shared reading sessions, coming together to immerse themselves in the magic of books. "Stop, Drop, and Read" moments added a peaceful pause to regular lessons, giving everyone, including teachers, five minutes of uninterrupted reading time.

Our Drawing Room was transformed into a charming second-hand bookshop, where the happy buzz of children exchanging their newfound treasures provided a delightful conclusion to this unforgettable World Book Day. The event truly embodied the spirit of celebrating literature and left lasting memories of the power of storytelling within our hearts.



Sea Fever 7 Trip

On Friday 16th June, Divisions III and IV were invited to the Sea Fever 7 Literacy Festival at The Maltings in Wells Next-the-Sea. Iona Rangeley, an Old Aquilian, was speaking about her books about Einstein the Penguin. Shortly after nine, we got in the mini-buses and headed off to Wells.



In the theatre, Iona talked about her brilliant books and read some of them to us. Her second book is called, 'Einstein and the Fishy Detectives'. It was really funny. After that, Iona showed us her books that she had created when she was a child. One was called, 'The Adventures of the Deadly Ice-cream'. It was really funny!

Then Iona did a quiz with us all about penguins. Some of the penguin facts were amazing and some surprising. Einstein was a Little Blue Penguin and Einstein's friend, Isaac, was a Rockhopper penguin.

Iona started out at Glebe and became a brilliant author! We all felt inspired!

After that, we all went outside and got our 'Einstein the Penguin' books signed by Iona. This was very special. We then headed back to school, just in time for lunch!

This was a great trip!

By Grace Chantree and Giovanna Hilario (Division IV)



Public Speaking Competition

The Big Lick

Hello, my name is Orla, and today I am going to be talking to you about 'The Big Lick'.

Now I know you are all probably thinking, "What on earth is The Big Lick?!" Well, that is why I am going to be explaining what this is and why it is so awful. Unfortunately, this type of animal abuse tends to be something people don't talk or think about much.

'Big Lick' is when Tennessee walking horses get heavy weights nailed into their hooves and then get ridden. This makes them stand at an unnatural angle and also causes a lot of chest pain to the horse.

When you were younger, did you ever try on your mum's high heels? If you did, you might remember them being quite uncomfortable. That is what it feels like for the horses, but ten times worse, as they also have someone on their back.

But let's put this into more detail. These horses get heavy blocks up to 6 inches high nailed onto the bottom of their hooves, making them very unbalanced and uncomfortable. They then get caustic chemicals such as kerosene, applied to their lower legs. And to finish it off, the horses get chains put around their ankles, which cause many scars.

I know that lots of you are probably wondering, "Why is it called The Big Lick?" So let's go back about 200 years ago to the 1800's. When people moved into the area now known as Oakboro, a man that moved there called Fred. T Morgan discovered that there were salt licks in that area which attracted many deer, so



this area eventually became known as 'The Big Lick'. As this cruel discipline was based in the same place in Oakboro where all this happened, it was given this nickname too.

So now we know why it's called 'The Big Lick' and how awful this abuse is. So why do people take part in the 'Big Lick' discipline? Some people do this because of the exaggerated leg motion of the horses, which can be seen as 'cool'.

Now, who thinks that the big lick is a terrible idea?

If you think this is bad, then to stop this you can sign petitions about it. Even just small things change an animal's life!

I hope I have helped people understand what this type of animal abuse is and what it causes.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my speech.

By Orla Jamieson





Maths Division III



Mathematics

Where numbers unlock the secrets of the universe!

Did you hear about the children in Div IV who all decided to wear glasses in their maths lessons? They found that it really improved di-vision!

Or what about the bird who joined the Div VI lesson? It came top in an owl-gebra test!

I can't guarantee that all of our maths lessons are as 'hilarious' as these jokes, but these pictures show the lighter side of our lessons and prove that not all learning has to be done with a textbook!



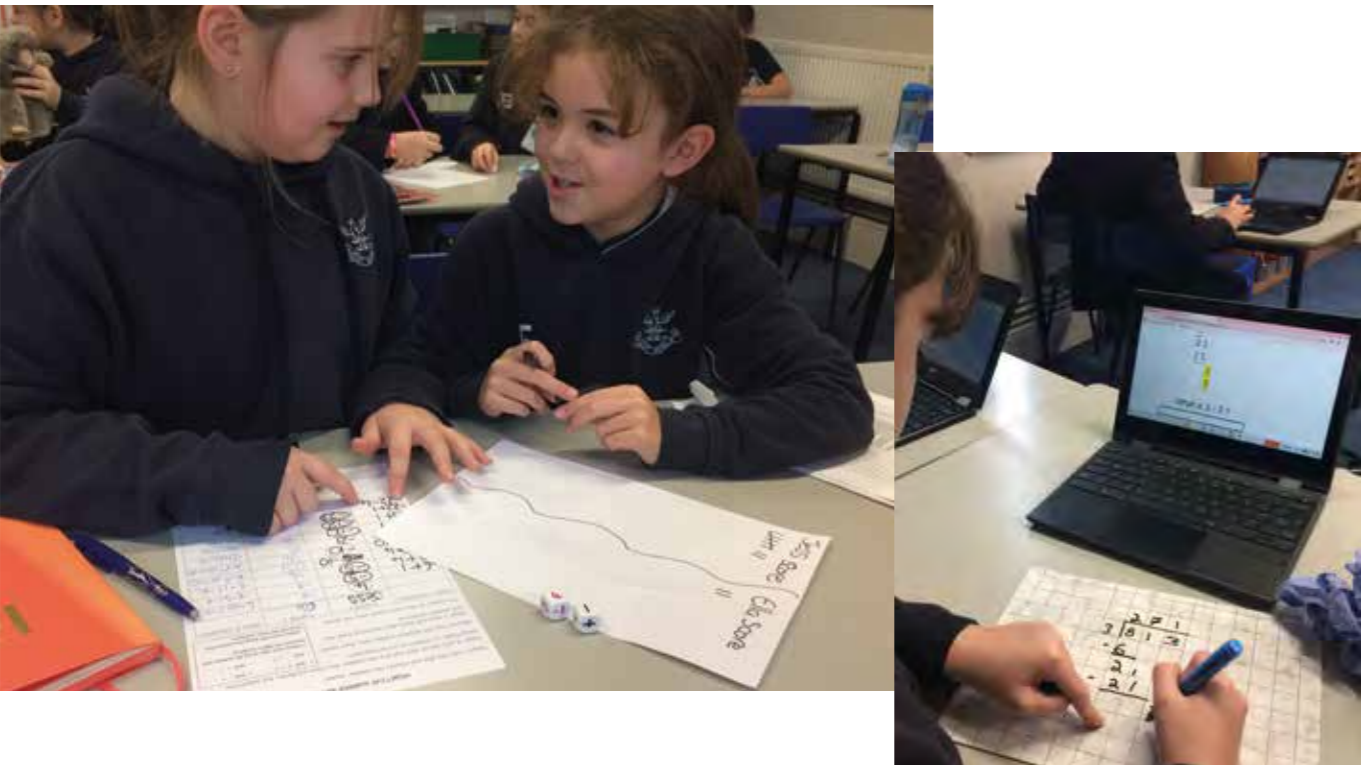
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Junior Prep Science

At Glebe, our children have a lot of fun learning about science and the world around them. Enquiry skills and investigations are the cornerstone to how we encourage our budding scientists and whether the topic be Earth and Beyond, Electricity, Forces etc, we promote the ability to not only to say what and why, but also how.

Conducting fair tests, recording accurate results, group work and problem-solving are key skills that we promote in all our scientists. We celebrate success, reflect and learn on mistakes but encourage our children to take risks in their learning and simply have a go.

We have had a great time this year and here is to more of the same next year!

Jon Turner

Senior Prep Science

This year in science, we've embraced the wisdom of Chinese philosopher Lao Tze, who observed that involvement leads to understanding. Our practical program in science teaching has allowed our pupils to fully engage with their learning, and it's been an exciting journey after the challenges of Covid.



Highlights from this year include introducing new areas of learning, like demonstrations of fractional distillation and group 1 metal reactivity for Division VIII pupils. Division VII pupils earned their Bunsen burner licenses, while Division VI will receive theirs early next term after their end-of-year exams.

To ensure inclusivity, we've added screen visualiser technology to microscope practical work, making sure all students have the tools they need to succeed. We also had the pleasure of hosting visiting classes of Italian children, giving them their first experience of science learning alongside Divisions VI and VII.

Above all, the dedication and enthusiasm of our pupils have made this year truly remarkable. I want to express my gratitude to all pupils for their hard work in science and wish them a happy and relaxing summer break.

To those moving on to new schools, I wish you every success in your onward journey and I look forward to welcoming many of you back in September for another incredible year of scientific discovery!

Andrew Scott, Head of Science

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“ Our cultural highlight of the year, continues to bring excitement and enthusiasm as they celebrate all things European!”



European Languages Day

Celebrating the Diversity and Richness of Our Continent's Languages.

Our children enjoyed a European Languages Day to celebrate the diversity and richness of the many languages spoken on our continent. The children came to school dressed up as foreign characters or in the colours of their chosen country. During the weeks leading up to this, the children were taught about the importance of learning other languages which can promote a better understanding and respect for different cultures.

Instead of following their usual timetable, the children took part in a number of cross-curricular activities, each with a foreign theme in mind. This included playing some French card and board games, learning how to play Boules, choosing their own language to study with Duolingo and learning German with our former Headmaster, John Crofts.



Everyone enjoyed hot chocolate and croissants at first break, and then at lunch time the children were intrigued by the menus for the day which were translated into French, German, Italian and Spanish.

During the day, the Big Wheel, a touring foreign language theatre group kept the children thoroughly entertained by performing 'Voulez-Vous', an immersive and very interactive French workshop. The pupils were involved in the action the whole time and the two actors were very skilled at making contact with every child to create a fun and safe atmosphere for participation. The children were immersed in the language and some were surprised at how much French they actually knew and how much more they understood. It was really good fun!

Later in the day for those staying on at school the children watched a French film with English subtitles called 'Les Vacances du Petit Nicolas' about the hilarious events that ensue during a family holiday to the seaside. It was a hugely enjoyable day just ahead of breaking for half-term.



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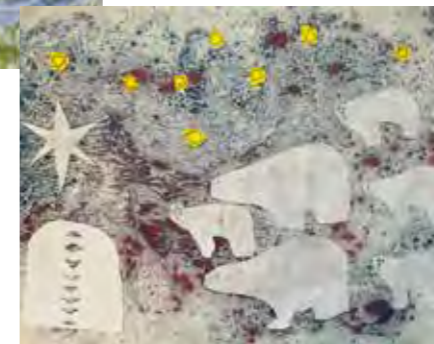
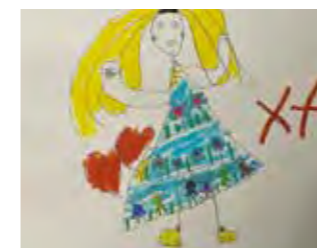
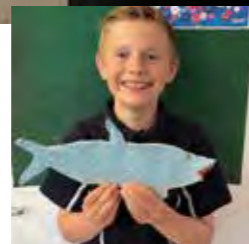
Glebe Art

Art is not what one sees, but
what one makes others see

Edgar Degas

Making and creating never stops at Glebe, making imaginary worlds, things to treasure, models that move or light up, drawing and painting what you see, remember or imagine, showing us how you see the world and how amazing it is. Well done everyone for another great year in this Department. Thank you to all who contribute in so many ways.

Alice Hipwell, Head of Art



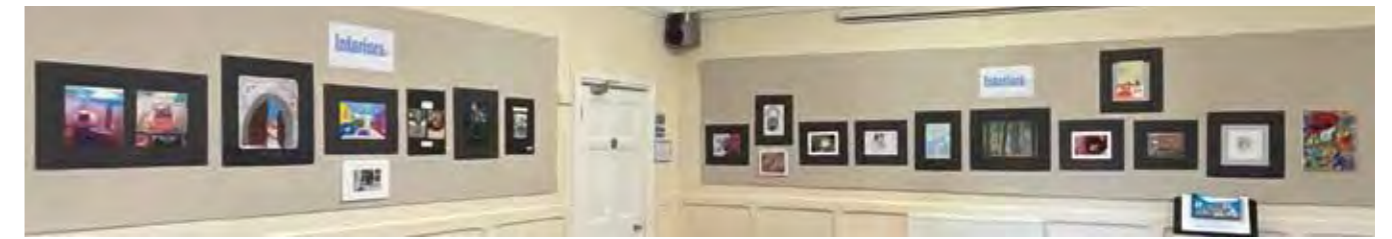
Capturing our Headmasters

Pupils in Prep showcase their artistic talent through a captivating collection of portraits, honouring past, current, and new headmasters.



Design Technology

A year of Design Technology at Glebe has been a creative journey, empowering pupils to innovate, design and construct remarkable projects that inspire and amaze.



Interiors Competition and Exhibition



In May we held our Art and Photography Competition 'Interiors' and were very lucky to have local artist and photographer, Harry Cory Wright, to come and judge the competition. He was very impressed with the variety and creativity of the work. Harry made some insightful comments about everyone's work which were included on their certificates. The exhibition was held in the Drawing Room and we enjoyed a morning of coffee and cake with members of the Glebe community as they enjoyed the work on show.

Winning photographs

- Enid S, Reception, Photo of a shell
- Alice N, Division III, Amazing tree and home of the snail
- Emilia TS, Division VI, Still life

Winning paintings

- Benjamin C, Reception, Fridge
- Lucas C, Division III, My bedroom
- Tom R, Division VII, Expressive portrait



“Glebe continues to amaze with its high end stage productions and wonderful dramatic performances!”



Senior Prep Musical

This year our Senior Prep musical was 'Paws and Claws': Romeo and Juliet as you have never seen it before!

The students had a ball; from designing and making their own masks, constructing props, running the sound and lights to performing on stage, there were exciting opportunities for all. We enjoyed two afternoons and evenings of top-quality musical entertainment and these professional performances were followed by two lovely evenings of socialising over refreshments in the Drawing Room. The annual senior production is the outcome of immense commitment from our drama and music teachers and volunteers, as well as dedicated parents, the Hunstanton & District Men's Shed and of course the children. Special thanks go to Lucy Hawkins and Gina Veale who choreographed and produced the show, Chris Allen for his video skills and everyone who helped put on a fantastic show.

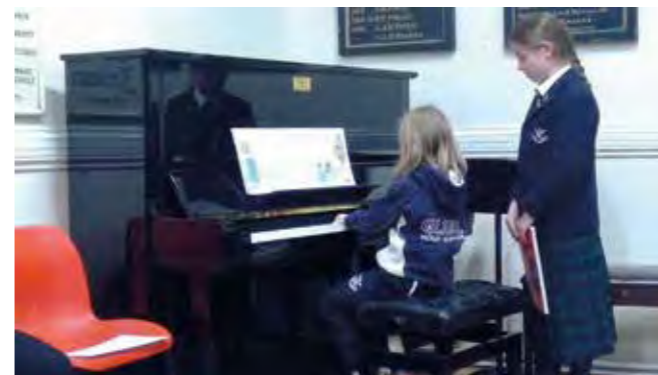




Junior Prep Musical

The Junior Prep entertained us this year with their musical performance of Roald Dahl's Cinderella. The costumes, the characters, the music and the humour all made for a fabulous hour of entertainment. There were two performances and the children were incredible in both! Listening to the round of applause at the end of the final show, there was certainly a thirst for the performance to continue. Well done to everyone involved!

Special thanks go to Felicity Hancock and Gina Veale who choreographed and produced the show, Lydia Snaith for her photography skills and everyone who helped the creation of an outstanding performance.



Informal Concerts

Throughout the year Mrs Hipwell, Mrs Carnell and all our wonderful music teachers organise half termly Informal Concerts for the children to share with their families their musical progression, be that singing, playing or composing.



The Pre-Prep Choir have performed their topical Spring Chicken and Pancake songs, there were both solo and duet performances from Prep singers, a mother and daughter duet played the piano, and children from across the school also shared renditions on the piano, flute and recorder. The Informal Concert is always such a delightful event as term draws to an end.

Nativity

The Nativity play at Glebe House School was a heart-warming spectacle, filled with adorable performances and joyful spirit, celebrating the true essence of Christmas.



Glebe Music

Enchanting melodies, talented children and joyful performances from a year of music at Glebe.

Music continues to grow from strength to strength. Some highlights from the year are Uppingham Orchestra Day, Christmas show, amazing performances from Lily Hawkins, Max Hawkins, Jemima Snaith and Robyn Flux for Speech Day.

Thank you everyone who gets involved and brings their energy to the department I won't forget the whole school singing along to Mr Taylor's song Special with beautiful harmonies and the band accompanying everyone singing Happy.

A massive THANK YOU to Prof Nelly Rodriguez who leaves us for sunny Valencia.

WELL DONE TO Lily Hawkins and Robyn Flux who leaves us with music scholarships to Wisbech Grammar School and Ely Cathedral School.

Alice Hipwell, Music Teacher



“The school was alive with the sound of music once again this year, from piano to brass and woodwind to percussion, the children continue to develop their musical skills.”



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Glebe Sport

A run down of sport from this academic year, including rugby, hockey, cricket and netball.

Glebe has celebrated another exceptional year in sports. From inter-house competitions to regional IAPS contests, every student embraced the chance to participate, representing the school with pride. With stellar coaching and diverse activities like hockey, rugby, netball, and more, our students displayed remarkable progress. Our Dynamo Cricket teams stood out as Norfolk runners-up, senior



girls shone in East Region Athletics, and our sports teams demonstrated remarkable sportsmanship and passion against larger schools. While there are countless achievements, let's spotlight the dedication and accomplishments of each extraordinary student who has truly showcased the school's excellence this year.



Look at the successes
our sports teams
achieved this last year!

Over the last year, our school has achieved remarkable success in a wide range of sports. From team victories to individual accomplishments, our students demonstrated exceptional dedication and sportsmanship. As we celebrate these achievements, we eagerly look forward to more sporting success in the future.



*“It’s been a truly
fantastic year for so
many of our sporting
greats!”*



Well done
Glebe!



Sports Day

We were thrilled to once again witness the excitement and enthusiasm of our annual Pre Prep and Prep Sports Day.

It was a day filled with laughter, camaraderie and boundless energy as all our pupils actively took part in various sporting events. From running races to relay competitions, every moment was brimming with fun and enthusiasm. The cheers from the crowd and the determination on the faces of our young athletes created an electrifying atmosphere.

One of the highlights of this year's Sports Day was the organisation of zones for each house, brilliantly orchestrated by the Parents' Committee. This addition added a whole new level of excitement and enjoyment to the event, as pupils competed to earn points for their respective houses.

We extend our appreciation to Mr. Turner and all the other staff members who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this day a tremendous success. Their dedication and commitment ensured that everything ran smoothly, allowing our pupils to have the best possible experience.



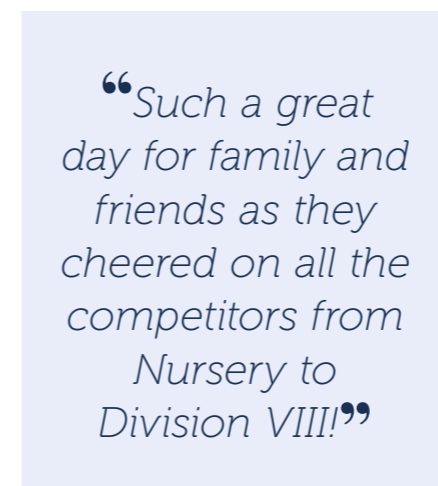
Pre Prep Sports Day



Well done Saints!

Winning team 2023







Swimming at Glebe

At the beginning of the academic year in September 2022, our school faced disappointment as our beloved swimming pool couldn't open due to some essential repairs that needed to be completed. However, in true Glebe community fashion, parents, supporters and staff rallied together to raise funds and support the necessary improvements to get the pool back on track and ready to welcome eager swimmers.

After the Easter break, there was an atmosphere of great excitement as the first swimming lessons commenced. Pupils, staff and parents alike were thrilled to finally have the opportunity to enjoy the pool again. As a cherished asset of the school, the swimming pool plays a crucial role in offering Glebe's children the chance to learn the vital skill of swimming while providing them with a space to have fun during events like the exhilarating swimming gala.

As we move forward, the ripples of this achievement will continue to create positive experiences and enrich the lives of the pupils for years to come!



“Such a joy to see the children diving into our beloved swimming pool once again.”

Broadening horizons & learning beyond the classroom

Throughout the year, children at Glebe House School ventured on exciting educational outings to various historical sites and museums.

Division III embarked on a captivating trip to Norwich Castle, where they delved into the mysteries of Ancient Egypt. Engaging in role play and creative activities, they discovered the ethical considerations of archaeologists bringing artefacts from tombs to museums, giving them profound respect for history and culture.



“Abseiling down the rocks at Burbage Edge was so much fun!”



Division VI enjoyed an eventful week after Easter, exploring the Castle Museum in Norwich. They immersed themselves in the world of the Norwich School of Painters and learned about the challenges faced by artists in the past. A fascinating opportunity awaited them as they discovered the story of 'The Gloucester,' a shipwreck off the coast of Yarmouth. Pupils showcased their artistic talents through sketches of stuffed animals, enriching future Art lessons. Additionally, they experienced a Victorian Activity Day at Gressenhall, embracing hands-on learning outside the traditional classroom setting.

Division VII visited the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge, exploring great paintings by renowned artists from various eras.

In yet another adventure, Division V embarked on a thrilling residential trip to Derbyshire. From Chatsworth House & Gardens to engaging in



outdoor activities like climbing, abseiling and weaseling at Burbage Edge, the pupils had unforgettable experiences. They also learned about The Plague in Eyam village and explored medieval and Tudor periods at Haddon Hall, deepening their understanding of history and geography.

“What an amazing way to end our time at Glebe, we've loved every minute from beginning to end!”



Leavers' Programme

Making memories before heading off to senior school!

Our Division VIII Leavers had a fantastic time celebrating the end of exams and making cherished memories before transitioning to senior school. They enjoyed memorable residential trips to London and Anglesey, as well as an exciting surprise day out planned by the headmaster. The farewell atmosphere was filled with camaraderie, laughter and expressions of gratitude for the experiences shared over the years. As they said their goodbyes, they carried fond memories and excitement for the new chapter in senior school.





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Italian Visitors

Our Italian Amici!

This year, we welcomed a number of Italian students to Glebe who visited us from The Collegio San Carlo, in Milan.

Over the weeks, four groups of students immersed themselves in the Glebe life, enjoying boarding, studying and forming friendships with our pupils. The integration proved to be a special experience, creating lasting connections and allowing our pupils to embrace diversity and meet new people.

The overwhelmingly positive feedback highlighted the

inspirational bilingual skills of our Italian guests. The sense of belonging was evident as our Italian visitors expressed feeling like part of the Glebe family, basking in the unique atmosphere of Glebe House School.

The valuable feedback received will help establish a long-lasting relationship with San Carlo, ensuring continued opportunities for enriching exchanges.



Boarding at Glebe

Another year of boarding at Glebe House School has proven to be filled with cherished memories and valuable experiences, with pupils forming strong bonds and lifelong friendships,

Engaging activities, fun outings and exciting events enriched their time at Glebe this year, ensuring a well-rounded and fulfilling boarding experience.



“What a hugely successful day it was, inviting our local community and friends to enjoy a morning of hands-on fun!”



Family Fun Morning

To start the May Bank Holiday weekend, we hosted our first community early years event since pre-Covid. It was wonderful to be able to open our doors and invite people in again!

The sun shone and over 200 people came through our doors and enjoyed the range of free activities on offer. There were award-winning Hartbeeps sensory music classes, opportunities to get up close to minibeasts, reptiles and invertebrates with the Mini Monsters Creepy Crawly Roadshow, tables full of fun, hands-on early maths activities with the Numberblocks as well as coding, creative play and an opportunity to enjoy our large outdoor play area.

Thank you to all who came and made the morning such a success!



Pause Day

Every year we embrace the opportunity to support Children's Mental Health Week.

This year our timetable included Pyjama Day which highlighted the importance of rest and sleep to our mental health and wellbeing, and Pause Day when children enjoyed a day away from the curriculum and embraced a variety of activities with their classmates.



“I wish we could all come to school in our pyjamas every day.”

For Pre-Prep activities included cooking, junk modelling, water colour painting, using the Chromebooks and different mindfulness activities, and for the Prep school options included nerf gun activities, board games, toasting marshmallows over an open fire as well as art activities and reading by the fire in the headmaster's office.

As a school we find such value in this week, as it allows us to truly highlight and support such an importance issue whilst creating great excitement for the children as they spend time exploring and trying out new things.



2023

L'Estrange

L'Estrange House has had an incredible year, and I feel honoured to have served as its Head. The dedication shown in all the Inter House Competitions fills me with immense pride. In the Autumn, our efforts in tag rugby were valiant, securing a commendable third place.

However, we truly excelled in cross country, clinching the top position overall, with two of our athletes ranking in the top five—a remarkable achievement! Spring brought netball and hockey, where we shared the top spot in netball with Barbers. Special mentions go to Abi for her advancement to the Seniors and to Lily and Savannah for their excellent attack in netball. While hockey placed us last, our spirited efforts were evident. In Summer, swimming was a closely contested event, and our third-place finish showcased everyone's hard work.

Cricket proved more fruitful as we secured a commendable second place. Sports Day was a nail-biting affair, with a narrow 2nd-place finish, just three points short of victory. Overall, L'Estrange House displayed exceptional spirit, making this year a resounding success. I wish you all the best for the upcoming year and extend my best wishes to Freddie, the new Head of House!

Samuel K



House Reports

Barbers

In the Autumn, the inter-house Rugby saw Barbers putting up an impressive performance, though they narrowly missed victory. As for the Cross Country, we came remarkably close to triumph. In the Spring, Barbers emerged victorious in the inter-house hockey, displaying a tight competition. In Netball, despite our best efforts, Barbers secured the 2nd place, while our Junior team achieved victories in their matches.

Moving on to the Summer term, Barbers excelled in inter-house cricket, with special mention to Jacob Hancock for retiring twice, and Benjy and me as well. Orla and Zoë's wickets also deserve recognition. In swimming, we secured the second position, with Saints leading again. Nonetheless, we gave it our all and put up a good fight. On a high note, we triumphed in athletics during Sports Day—a brilliant achievement.

As Head of House, I couldn't be prouder of all the effort and spirit shown by the members of our house. I will miss you all dearly as we part ways in the future.

Freddy W

St Edmund's

While St Edmund's may not have achieved overwhelming success in the inter-house sports events of cross country, football, rugby, netball, or cricket this year, there is no shortage of dedication and hard work from everyone involved. However, the summer term brought immense pride as the pre-prep 'Green team' triumphed in Sports Day, while the prep Saints dominated the Swimming Competition once again.

Throughout the year, we've consistently performed well in terms of Stars, making us delighted to be crowned winners of the Aquilian Trophy for the House with the most stars on Speech Day. A heartfelt thank you goes to Maddie for her enthusiastic leadership of Saints this year, as she offered encouraging words in House Meetings and provided regular updates on the House board. Special gratitude also goes to Jamison and Missy for their unwavering support.

As we reflect on the year, we acknowledge that the true measure of success lies not only in trophies but in the collective effort and spirit that makes St Edmund's a remarkable house.

Karen Hubbard



Speech Day

Ending the year on a high with achievements and celebrations.

The culmination of this academic year was marked by an outstanding Speech Day and Old Aquilians' service, leaving a lasting impression on pupils, staff, Old Aquilians and school supporters alike.

The service beautifully combined tradition with select musical performances by our House Music winners, resonating magnificently within the Church walls. Under the sunlit marquee on the school field, both children and adults enthusiastically cheered on our prize winners.

The day was further brightened by remarkable performances from Eagles, Mini Strictly, Ballet and more. Inspirational speeches by The Chair of Governors, Phil Haslam, our Headmaster Mr. Taylor, and our Head and Deputy Head of School who bid farewell to the class of 2023, making it a truly remarkable and fitting send-off as we head into the much-awaited summer holidays.

SPEECH DAY & PRIZE GIVING



The Hunstanton Fun Dog Show

Tail waggin' fun! A paw-some day for all dogs and their humans.

This is the time of year I really look forward to when canines of all descriptions descend upon Glebe House School in Hunstanton for the annual Fun Dog Show. Despite the chilly, windy weather and lack of sunshine many people, some of whom had travelled from afar, attended the event with their enthusiastic pets in tow.

Just before the fun classes began there was a special event solely for Cavalier King Charles and crosses – well, it is the year of our King's coronation after all so we thought it was only right and fitting that this took place! As well as the fun classes there were several trade stands selling lots of goodies, a 125 foot bouncy castle, a fastest recall competition, an opportunity to have a go at agility, a demonstration of scent work and also doggy dancing and trick masterclass displays.

“The dog show was a ‘pawsitive’ triumph, leaving tails wagging and judges barking for more!”

It was utterly WOOFtastic to see so many doggies of different sizes and breeds take part in all the classes. Once again we were amazed by the number of fabulous pooches who were there strutting their stuff in the ring, many of whom belonging to our Glebe family, past and present, which was great to see!

Our thanks go to our special pals at Coastal Vets who have been sponsoring our Show for the past eleven years, to all our wonderful volunteers, to the Men's Shed for helping out with the parking, to Laura, our professional photographer, to the K9 Capers' amazing display and for running the fastest recall competition, to Ruth for organising a superb trick masterclass, to Kevin, our compere, who presided over the event with his microphone in hand and unique sense of humour, to Fran and

the team from Paws Obedience who presided over Parkour course and, last but not least, to our three excellent judges, namely Victoria, Alex and our Mayor, Maureen Howard, who had the extremely difficult job of deciding who would win rosettes in each category.

However, we would like to thank in particular every single one of you out there who came to our Show, because without you this event would not have been able to take place. Well done if you managed to win a rosette but as we say here at the Barking Bugle, you all go home with the best dog in any case! We really look forward to hosting the event again next year.

David Whitehill



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I would like to express our appreciation for all the contributions to the Aquilian during the past academic year. The opportunity to look back on the significant accomplishments and successes throughout the school year has been truly rewarding and inspiring.



The editorial team, under the leadership of our Marketing Governor, **Hannah Searle**, with the invaluable creative collaboration of **Joel Bygraves** and **Jamie McFarlane** from Let's Talk Agency, have exhibited tremendous dedication in capturing and presenting the remarkable highlights and events that have transpired over the past year which have made the Aquilian a true testament to our school's journey.

I look forward to seeing this magazine go from strength to strength in the future.

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