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Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N°23)
3rd March 2023

- It was good to see so many children and staff dress up as their favourite book for World Book Day on Wednesday.
- Andy Seed, a children's author, came into school today to talk to the children and sign books for the children. He wanted me to tell you how much he enjoyed the visit and how enthusiastic and lovely the children were.
- Another reminder to check what your child(ren) are accessing on the internet. We have had another issue in school that stemmed from children playing Fortnite online at home. This is a 'T' rated game by the Entertainment Software Board and suitable only for children over 13 years. It is violent and has 'open chat' that means children could talk to anyone… you do not need to have a vivid imagination to see where this goes.
- This Sunday, 5th March 2023, the Newfire Church are having a worship evening at Guillemont School starting at 6.30pm, everyone is welcome to attend. On Sunday 2nd April 2023, Newfire Worship are holding an Easter Service with lively seasonal songs with a live band and the Guillemont School Choir followed by an Easter egg hunt around the grounds! Tickets for this event are £1 to guarantee an Easter egg; tickets on sale soon.
- Modern Foreign Languages: We have updated our subscription to our languages website 'Language Angels' and you can now access exercises, activities, games and songs to help practise general language skills and those connected with your child's current unit of study. Search for the 'Language Angels' website. Then select "Log In". Then "Pupil Games". The User Name and Password are both: Guillemont.
- Thank you to everyone that has paid the latest instalments for the Yr5 and Yr6 residential. The next £100 for both year groups is due to be paid by Friday 31st March 2023. You can, of course, pay it any time before the deadline.
- A few reminders:
  - We currently have vacancies for school Governors. These are termed co-opted to avoid having too many Parent Governors. If you are interested or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please see the letter that was sent out from Clive Norris, Chair of the Federation of Guillemont Junior School and Pinewood Infant school with further information. Remember that you can be associated with either school; you do not have to have a child at Guillemont.
  - Monday 6th March 2023: During this week the children will be decorating their t-shirt that can be worn at the school discos and on Red Nose Day.
  - Wednesday 8th March 2923: Class MC's assembly. Parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to come along to watch at 2.45 to 3.15pm in the school hall. Please enter school via reception. This is a change in class to the previous advised assembly.
  - Thursday 9th March 2023: Yr4 visit to the FAST Museum in Farnborough. Payment for this visit can be made online via Scopay or cash/cheque at the school office. Thank you to everyone that has paid.
  - Thursday 9th March 2023: FOG Uppers (Yr5 and Yr6) Disco at 6-7.30pm. Tickets available now.
  - Monday 13th March 2023: Class photographs taken by Cardwell and Simons Photographers are in school during the morning.
  - Friday 17th March 2023: Red Nose Day. Children can come to school dressed in their decorated t-shirt if they would like to.
  - Tuesday 21st March 2023 to Tuesday 28th March 2023: Book Fair in school. Further details to follow.
  - Thursday 23rd March 2023: FOG Lowers (Yr3 and Yr4) Disco at 6-7.30pm. Tickets available now.
  - Thursday 30th March 2023: Yr3 and Yr4 Book club starting after school at 3.30pm-4.45pm in the library for those children that have signed up.

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- Attendance Information: A reminder that 96% attendance and punctuality is the target. Attendance is a focus for the DfE and I will be updating you soon about changes to the way we monitor attendance.

W/B. 27th February 2023	
Class	**% Attendance**
MC	99.3%
LA	99.0%
CJ	98.3%
MP	97.9%
DB	97.8%
AB	97.0%
NB	96.4%
YK	94.4%
SD	93.9%
EA	93.3%
KT	92.5%
ER	92.3%
EW	92.2%

- Congratulations to the following children that received an achievement certificate. The certificates will be given out to the children during Monday's assembly, as there was no assembly today due to the author visit. Congratulations also to Class LA for winning the weekly awarded Boom Reader Cup that would have been presented in the assembly today.
  - Jason Dutton NB
  - Peni Komaitai NB
  - Max Beckford CJ
  - Lucas Webber CJ
  - Jimmy Glass LA
  - Max Whelan LA
  - Charles Porter EA
  - Ella Bain EA
  - Lyra Devar YK
  - Jayden Monteiro YK
  - Poppy Clarke AB
  - Joshua Patterson-Blank AB
  - Beth Hedley MC
  - Griff Morgan-Pugh MC
  - Miller Humphreys KT
  - Molly Boxall KT
  - Sahara Lowrey SD
  - Poppy Teager SD
  - Subhan Aziz EW
  - Hugo Banks EW
  - Sara Wakil EW
  - Scarlotte Bond ER
  - Elie Meni ER

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- Jamie Greenwood MP
- Oscar Morton MP
- Aria Peppitt DB
- James Robinson DB

Best wishes
Denis Foster (Headteacher)