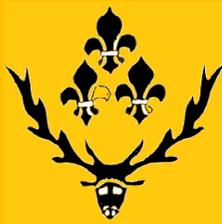
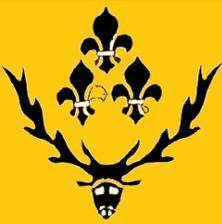


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## MARCH NEWSLETTER



### Red Nose Day

We would like to thank everyone who helped support Red Nose Day we had a lot of super hero's attend school. Thanks to your support the school raised over **£ 250.00** thank you

### Reminder

Could we remind parents/carers that all items are to be brought in with the children in the morning and not to be given to the school office during the day, thank you.

### Thurrock SSP Athletics Event

On 25th February some of our Year 5 & 6 pupils represented the school at the Thurrock SSP Sports Indoor Athletics Event at Basildon Sporting Village. The children had a fantastic time and enjoyed taking part in the indoor events. The children did very well.

Well Done



This week we had Ofsted in school for 2 days, for a section 8 inspection, this is a short inspection of schools currently judged as 'Good' and determines whether the school continues to provide a good standard of education and that safeguarding is effective.

We will receive our official feedback letter at some point after the Easter holiday (usually within 30 working days) with the outcome of the visit but feedback was extremely positive and we were very pleased with the result. We are unable to share the outcome at this point, as soon as we receive official confirmation I will send out a letter to all families.

I am able to say that Ofsted recognised the many strengths of the school and saw for themselves how effective the provision at the school is including support during the Pandemic. As headteacher, I feel extremely proud of all the staff and pupils and would like to thank all the families that took the time to respond to the Ofsted survey, your responses were considered and gave a valuable contribution to the overview of the school. As parents you should be extremely proud as the children's general behaviour and learning behaviours were exemplary throughout, they were a credit to the school and to you. Ofsted enjoyed talking to them and hearing their views on the school and their learning.

A huge thank you goes to all the staff and Governors who work tirelessly to make Giffards the school it is. The inspector recognised the hard work of all staff members. Ensuring we continue to offer a great education is a real team effort and I thank all the staff for their contributions to pupils' learning and wellbeing and their commitment and continued dedication to ensuring Giffards is the great school it is.

**Many thanks** for your continued support. I hope you all have a Great Easter break. We look forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday 19th April.

### Supersports Indoor Athletics

On Friday 18th March some of our Year 5 & 6 pupils represented the school at the Supersports Indoor Athletics. We are pleased to say that our pupils came 2nd overall. Well Done we are very proud of you all.



### Cross Country Event

On Friday 25th March some of our Year 3 & 4 pupils attended a Cross Country Event which was held at William Edwards School.

The children had a fantastic time, well done to everyone that took part.



### Book Fair

We would like to thank everyone for supporting our book fair again this year. Sales totalled over £2,000 which means the school has over £1,000 to spend on books, thank you



### Congratulations

A Big congratulations to Lucas in Year 5. We are absolutely delighted to hear that as a result of his consistent hard work, dedication and the effort displayed whilst training, he has been promoted to Thurrock Swimming Club Silver Squad. Well done Lucas, that is a massive achievement!

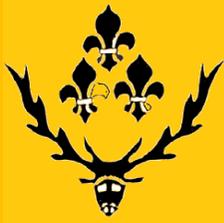


### Breakfast Club

There will be a price increase from 19th April of 50p per session bringing the cost to £3.00 per session

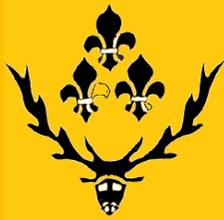
Remember children can just turn up to Breakfast Club any morning from 7.30am. Please however note that we cannot admit any children after 8.20am.





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**Online Safety Newsletters** We hope our Online Safety newsletters have been informative and helpful. They are all published on our website, as all letters and newsletters are, if you need a copy at any point.



### Twitter



We would like to remind you that Giffards has a Twitter account. We regularly post pictures and updates of the children's day, showing you what they have been doing. The school also regularly posts safeguarding updates on its twitter feed for you to take a look at and familiarise yourself with the information provided.

If you wish to follow us our username is 'GiffardsPrimary'



### School Uniform

Along with Uniform Wise and My Clothing we now have a 3rd uniform supplier, Urban Uniform

Please see contact details below for all suppliers.

#### School Uniform:

My Clothing

<https://myclothing.com/#/uniform>

Uniformwise 01375 644744

<https://www.uniformwise.co.uk/shop>

Urban Uniform 01375 767997

<http://www.urbanuniform19@gmail.com>

### Diary Dates

- 19th April - Children return to school
- 21st April - Year 6 Harry Potter Trip
- 9th-13th May - SATS Week
- 16th May - EYFS & Year 3 Road Safety Walks
- 16th May - School Photos
- 17th May - EYFS & Year 3 Road Safety Walks
- 23rd May - Year 1 Exotic Animals Inhouse Visit
- 26th May - Last Day of Term
- 27th May - Non Pupil Day
- 8th June - Children return to school
- 9th June - Year 5 Hanningfield Reservoir Trip
- 13th-15th June - Year 6 Residential Trip
- 14th June - EYFS Sealife Centre Trip
- 21st June - Year 3 Hyde Hall Trip
- 22nd July - Pupils last day of term



### Phone Calls

We would like to remind parents/carers that all calls made to and from the school phones are recorded for training and monitoring purposes.

### Contact Details

If anyone changes their contact details or has moved recently please do let us know as soon as possible! It is really important we are always made aware of changes in case of emergency.



### Parent Groupcalls



May we remind parents/carers to check their emails regularly as the school will be sending out regular updates and information via email.

*Inclusion Thurrock offer a wide range of support for adults in Thurrock – from traditional counselling and psychotherapy, to webinars and digital support that can help you to help yourself. You do not have to be able to commit to a regular appointment every week, and you don't need to come in for an appointment. At the moment, we are offering many options to support your mental health, and all of them can be done remotely. If you're struggling, even just a little bit, then now is the time to contact us. Getting in early stops the problems from building up and getting worse over time! Why not contact us on 01375 898680, or refer yourself online at <https://inclusionthurrock.org/online-referral/>. There is never a better time to feel better!*

### Online Payment System

A reminder that we cannot accept cash in the school. We do ask parents to use our online payment system but can also accept payments directly via credit/debit card.

All parents should have already received a unique log in and password to set up an online account, but if you need this to be re-issued then please contact

[Pay Online](#)