

## Aspire

Our GLPS students have made a great start to the New Year, meaning we can celebrate having 13 Aspire winners! All winners were presented with their trophies in an assembly, and will celebrate their achievements at an afternoon tea with Miss Lovelock.



### KS1 winners:

EYFS : Archie Mutchell and Roland Mauseth  
Year 1: George Wallis, Lilly Gibson and Ana-Sofia Ticsa  
Year 2: Jack Eldridge



### KS2 winners:

Year 3: Drewe Smith and Miniah Baxter  
Year 4: Henry Williams  
Year 5: Tyler Balli and Tyler Franklin  
Year 6: Moreno Cosimini

## Sports

### Aspire

Miss Dean had been particularly impressed with the sporting efforts and contributions of 1 student in particular last week, and has crowned them as the Sports Aspire Winner!

The Sports Aspire winner is **Ana-Sofia Ticsa** from Miss Thompson's class for overcoming challenges and barriers to her learning.

Ana-Sofia was presented with her certificate in assembly and will also attend the afternoon tea with Miss Lovelock.

## Staff Profile

Name :

Jack Dixon

Position:

Year 5  
teacher +  
computing  
leader



Hello, I'm Jack Dixon and I teach in year 5. This is my second year at Great Linford Primary School and I have absolutely loved my time here. I have a passion for computing and this has led me to the role of computing leader. I'm always looking for new and exciting ways to bring this into the classroom.

Outside of school, I love to travel and visited 6 different countries last year. I am very lucky to be able to do this and see some amazing sights along the way. In the spare time that is left, I am the Group Scout Leader of a scout group in Olney and run a weekly cub meeting there too. I am at my happiest when I'm outside in the fresh air, exploring what the world has to offer!

## EYFS Bear hunt

Last week in foundation, we had been reading the book 'We're going on a bear hunt'. We had enjoyed making actions to go with the story as we went through the thick, oozy mud and twirling, whirling snow storm. We had also created our own pictures for the long, wavy grass and the deep, dark river. All the children had enjoyed going on a bear hunt.



## Dates for the diary

11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	YR 2 Hazard Alley trip: 9am
11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	First week of clubs
13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Managing stress course for parents: 9am
13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	YR 3 Hazard Alley trip (after lunch)
18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School Council meeting: 2:30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Managing stress course for parents: 9am
21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	FS1 Maths workshop: 9am
25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School Council meeting: 2:30pm

## New staff

This term, we have welcomed 3 lovely new members of staff to our GLPS team;

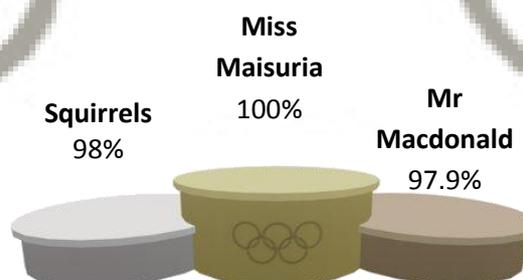
**Mrs Shahid** (a Learning Support Assistant and EAL Support Specialist, pictured left), **Miss Parish** (a Year 2 teacher, pictured centre) and **Mrs Rose** (a Year 4 teacher, pictured right.)



## Attendance

The total attendance for the last week of term was 94.2%. Overall school attendance for Autumn term was 96%.

Our school attendance target is 97% and we are eager to meet this target this term.



4<sup>th</sup> = Miss Scott 97.3%

5<sup>th</sup> = Mr Dixon 96.0%

6<sup>th</sup> = Miss Thompson 94.8%

Miss Clark 94.8%

7<sup>th</sup> = Owls 94.6%

8<sup>th</sup> = Mrs Humphris 94.0%

9<sup>th</sup> = Miss Kerrigan 93.8%

10<sup>th</sup> = Mr Rowlands 90.8%

11<sup>th</sup> = Miss Scoggins 90.7%

12<sup>th</sup> = Miss Crofts 86.9%

## Low income, adopted from care and service Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium provides the funding and the resources to increase the educational attainment of disadvantaged children. The financial support provided by Pupil Premium allows students to receive help with many school opportunities, such as discounts on Thrive and Enjoy clubs, funding for school trips, free school meals and further staff assistance with their learning. To claim for Pupil Premium, one of the following circumstances must apply to your family:

- Income less than £16,190
- Children adopted from care in England and Wales or who left care under a Special Guardianship Order or Child Arrangements Order
- Children of regular service personnel, children of parents who left the Armed Forces up to 3 years ago, and children who are in receipt of a pension under the Armed Forces Pension Scheme

It is not a requirement that you disclose this information to the school, however if you chose to do so it will allow the school to receive extra funding which we would be very grateful for. We will need the information by 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 as that is when all schools complete the Spring School Census. This will then influence the Pupil Premium payment due in April 2016. Forms can be found in the school office if you would like to make a claim. If you have any questions, please visit the school office, or alternatively contact Julie Newton or Laurie Mills on 01908 605027.