

## Sports Ambassador Profile

We are delighted to introduce this years' Sports Ambassador: Santana from Shakespeare class. Below is an extract from an interview with Santana, please visit our website for the full interview.



### Describe the role of the Sports Ambassador:

My role is to help Miss Dean choose people for the school sports teams and to encourage more people to take part in sport.

### Why should more people take part in sport?

It will help you get fitter, it is fun to learn new sports and you can make new friends. My favourite sports are football and handball.

GLPS will be competing in the Cross Country competition on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November at Stantonbury Campus Fields. Please come along at 9:20am to show your support for our fantastic runners.

## Junior Park Ranger Profile



Meet our new Junior Park Rangers. Harry from Rowling class and Tayla from Grey-Thompson class have been chosen to carry out this exciting role for The Parks Trust. Congratulations! We look forward to seeing what great work you will be doing for our local parks.

### Coming soon- Tree Planting Day

We are very lucky to be receiving a tree pack from Woodland Trust and would love for as many families as possible to come and share in the planting of our new trees.

Tree Day will be Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November and we will all be digging away on the school field from 9.30 - 11.30 am, then again from 1.30 - 3pm. So bring along your digging tools and join us for hot chocolate as we get planting.

## Golden Leaves and Aspire:

Each week a Golden Leaf will be chosen by class teachers and awarded to a student who has followed the ROOT 'overcoming challenges'. Due to the shorter school week most Year groups have been unable to have Golden Leaf and Aspire assemblies, but we look forward to celebrating them all next week!

### Aspire Winners:

Owls: **Jacob**

Squirrels: **Kayan**



### Golden Leaf winners

- 🍁 Owls: **Katherine** for believing in her herself to overcome challenges.
- 🍁 Squirrels: **Jacob** for trying new activities with an open mind.
- 🍁 Holmes: **Salma** for overcoming challenges in maths.
- 🍁 Redgrave: **Aleena** for increasing her confidence by getting involved in class inputs.
- 🍁 Shakespeare: **Thomas** for overcoming challenges in maths and having a can-do attitude.
- 🍁 Turing: **Lacey Mae** for overcoming her fear of maths.

**House Points update:** After a nail-biting House Grammar Competition last term Green House were announced as the Autumn term 1 champions! House Points at the time of printing are as follows: **Green House = 1123** points, **Blue House = 1096** points and **Yellow House = 1049**. See the bottom of the page for upcoming events.

### Dates for the diary

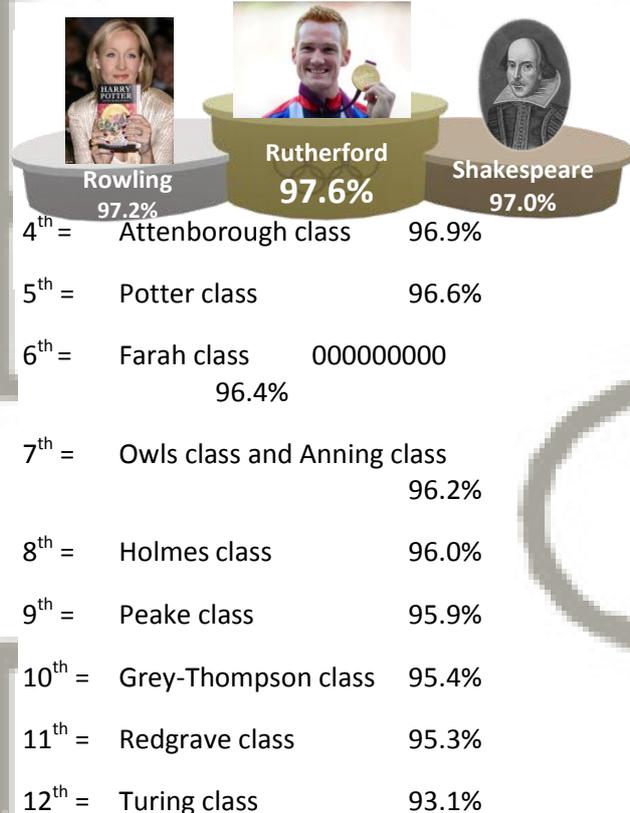
Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	'Making and using Story Sacks' course for parents who have booked a place: 9am – 11:15am
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 6 Bikeability
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Clubs start (except pottery)
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Melting Pot Cookery Course: 10am – 12:30pm
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 6 Bikeability
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Young Mathematicians Awards: 12pm – 2pm
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School photographs (see below)
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	EYFS Open Day: September 2017 Starters: 9am – 10am

### Attendance

Overall, school attendance last term increased to 96.0%. As a school, our target attendance is 97%, which we hope to achieve as attendance directly impacts on attainment.

The classes with the highest Autumn Term 1 attendance is **Rutherford class**.

**Attendance so far this year is 95.7%.**



### School Photographs



On the morning of Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November individual photographs and sibling photographs will be taken by Braiswick, specialists in school photography.

If you wish for your younger children who are not attending GLPS to be in a sibling photograph please arrive at the Community Room at 8:15am.

Please ensure your children are not late and are wearing the correct school uniform.

Photograph proofs and information regarding ordering photographs will be given out to families once delivered to the office. Thank you.



### House Spelling Bee

GLPS are very excited to host our very first House Spelling Bee! This event will be fun, a great opportunity to earn House Points and a fantastic way to promote good spelling.

Spelling lists have been distributed to parents earlier this week with words ranging in difficulty. You could try singing them, writing them backwards or even making an acrostic poem! If you have any other suggestions/strategies for practice please share them with us on our GLPS Facebook page.

The top spellers will be entered into a grand finale with prizes on offer! Green House is currently the House in the lead, but are they the best spellers? We will find out very soon.

### Poppy Appeal

The **Poppy Appeal** is the Royal British Legion's biggest fundraising campaign held every year in November, the period of Remembrance.

The Royal British Legion has provided Great Linford Primary School with Poppies to sell. These Poppies have a sticker on as a safer alternative to the pins.

Each day our House Leaders will be offering the children the opportunity to purchase a Poppy, in addition to other Royal British Legion merchandise such as rulers, wristbands and friendship bracelets. If you wish for your child to purchase any of the above, please send in a small contribution/donation.