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Gilnow Weekly Newsletter

Believe, Achieve, Grow

Dear families,

Some children from Year 5 and Year 6 have been enjoying their swimming lessons at Bolton One over the past two weeks. Swimming is such an important skill for children to learn – not only is it good exercise and lots of fun, but it could save somebody's life one day.

Don't forget that all children in Bolton can swim for free at Bolton One, just by signing up for an Active Leisure Card. Application forms are available online, from the leisure centre or from the School Office. Visit the website for more information.

I also wanted to ask those of you who bring children to school in cars to be mindful of our neighbours in Gilnow Gardens. As you know, the road is very tight, so whenever possible, please leave your car up on the main road. If you are driving down to school, please make sure that you leave space for other cars to drive through. This also improves visibility for all drivers and, therefore, safety for our children.

Finally, a reminder that we have one more week in school before our half-term break.

Thank you, as always, for your support. Miss Hesketh 😊

STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception – Dante & Haniyah
Year 1 – Calista & Nalain
Year 2 – Ramla & Aizah
Year 3 – Vinny & Azaan
Year 4 – Abeeha & Aiza
Year 5 – Mersad & Nusaybah
Year 6 – Hafid & Maryam



ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance this week is Year 2 with 98.6%

The most punctual class this week is Reception, Year 4, 5 and 6!

The whole school attendance for this year is 96.5%

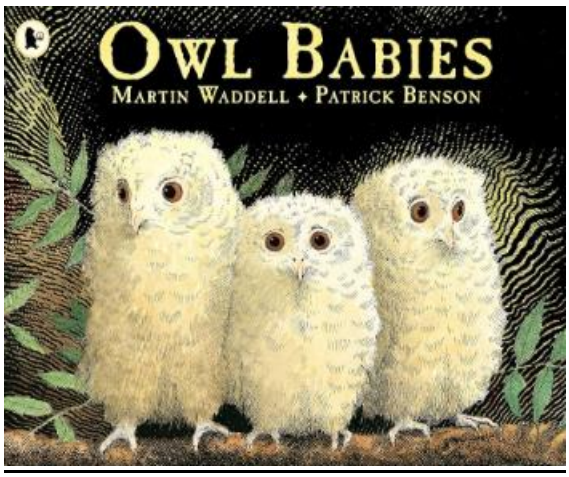


SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

At Gilnow, we have a legal duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people and we do this through our robust Safeguarding and Child Protection policies and procedures. We have a well-trained team, who can offer help and support to families as needed – please come and speak to us if you have any concerns.

 **Miss Hesketh** Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead	 **Mrs McIlwaine** Deputy Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	 **Mrs Atcha** Parent Support, Attendance Lead and Safeguarding Team	 **Ms Wood** School Business Manager and Safeguarding Team

Reception Reading Recommendation



***Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell**

We recommend *Owl Babies* because it is a lovely story about three baby owls who miss their mummy when she goes out. The children enjoy joining in with the story, talking about their feelings and learning about friendship, family and feeling safe. They especially love the happy ending when Mummy Owl returns, making it a reassuring story to share together.

What Our Class Say About *Owl Babies*

- "The owls are fluffy!" – Arwa
- "I love the baby owlets. They are so cute!" – Dishan
- "Mummy is taking care of the baby owls." – Aisha

This Week at Gilnow …

This week it was the turn of our Year 4 boys football team, who had a brilliant time at the Football Festival. Well done for representing school so well! ☺

