

Blogging

Our Class Blogs are an important and effective way of celebrating, recording and sharing learning and achievements. At Giffnock our Class Blogs are updated every 4-6 weeks or so in conjunction with our Awesome Achievers Assemblies and will often be used to celebrate wider achievement, alongside sharing significant aspects of learning.

Every class has a Class Blog. This can be accessed for parents via our school website by following this link:-

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Giffnock/achievements/class-blogs/>

Wider Achievement

Our children will achieve in many areas of their life and learning and our Awesome Achievers system helps to celebrate these achievements. This is of great importance for our children's growing self-esteem and confidence. In their Awesome Achievers Records, our children may consider achievements in school but also those outside, including:

- hobbies and interests, such as participating in a sport
- youth work
- volunteering
- caring for a relative
- activities they undertake in the life of the school, such as Eco Schools or Buddying
- their participation in clubs such as Rainbows/ Brownies
- recognised awards or programmes, such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Awesome Achievers

At Giffnock all of our children have their own Awesome Achievers Record. This record is used approximately every 4-6 weeks for children to note special things that they have achieved. The record is completed in class and taken home to be shared with their family. Once pupils return their records, these are celebrated in class and a Class Blog including 'Awesome Achievers' information is written.

We use our celebrations and school events to embrace our school values of Respect, Inclusivity, Friendship, Kindness, Honesty and Determination. At our special Awesome Achievers Assemblies, certificates celebrating School Values based achievements are celebrated and some of each class' achievements are displayed on our Achievement Tree in our Achievement Hall.

Language of Learning

As our children are encouraged to articulate their learning, the Class Blogs are an ideal means through which parents can regularly talk to their children about what has been happening in class. This helps children to reflect on their learning and share this with parents and families.

In developing our children's independence and ability to evaluate and articulate their own learning successfully, we are keen to encourage our children to talk with other pupils, staff and parents about their learning and take account of this feedback to decide upon their next steps.