



## *We Nurture Children's Dreams*

*Gillibrand children aspire to leave a legacy in the world and make a difference to others. They push the boundaries of what is possible to be the best they can be. They are encouraged to explore their passions and interests. They embrace opportunities to follow their dreams with confidence and self-belief. They are courageous and persevere to fulfil their potential*

**Here at Gillibrand, we want to celebrate all our children's dreams, aspirations and passions! Here is a selection of the amazing successes our children have accomplished outside of school!**



Ted, in Year 5, is an exceptional footballer and he plays in the Blackpool FC Academy! Due to his playing ability and tenacious attitude, Ted's Blackpool teammates have even nicknamed him 'The Machine'! He recently played in a thrilling 3-3 draw against Everton at the Everton FC training ground - Finch Farm.

Rosabella, in Year 3, has recently started horse riding lessons. She has dreamed of horse riding for many years and despite the pandemic delaying her lessons, she persevered with her dream and has just achieved her first independent canter, without the support of a leader!



Josh, in Year 5, has a passion for carp fishing! He fishes during both day and night and catches carp up to 15lb! His fishing successes have also been reported in the local newspaper. Josh is going on a fishing trip to France in the summer, where he hopes to catch a carp that could weigh upwards of 60lb!

Some children in Key Stage 2, have been attending Judo club. They have been learning basic judo techniques including throwing and pinning an opponent. Coach Antony, has identified Kai, in Year 3, as someone who has excelled, showing excellent listening skills and fantastic technique.





Since her first lesson here, through 'Teddy Tennis', whilst in Key Stage 1, Chloe, in Year 4 has grown to love tennis and now plays at Chorley Tennis Club. She has competed in the Lancashire Tennis Championship and recently came runner up in a tournament at competition at the Bolton Arena.

Giovanna, is an inspiring little girl in Year 3 who's dream in life is to help others. She is currently taking part in a 21-day cycling challenge to raise money for the charity 'Girls not Brides'. So far, she has raised over £500! You can read more about Giovanna's fundraising by vising her GoFundMe page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/giovannas-21-day-challenge!>



Alex, in Year 4, is a fantastic goalkeeper! Over that past couple of years he has won many trophies, medals and accolades for his performances for his local team. He has been so impressive that scouts from teams like Manchester City, Manchester United and Burnley have invited him to join their academies.

Ava-Grace, in Reception class, is learning to swim! She has weekly lessons which she loves and was recently awarded a 'Duckling 3' award and 10m swimming award.



Some of our children in years 2-6 have been learning to play tennis with Tom from Teddy Tennis. They have learned the forehand and backhand stroke as well as learning to hit the ball with accuracy to different parts of the tennis court. Tom has said that all children have shown excellent commitment and listening skills when learning the techniques.