



# Great Denham Primary School

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## Newsletter 6 – Spring Term

14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### A message from the head.....

I am sure the children are very much looking forward to half term today! Thank you for all the support for the "Break the Rules" day, the children certainly have enjoyed taking part!

This week we received the fantastic news that some of our talented artists in Years 4 - 6 have been awarded prizes in the Bedford Modern School Art Competition open to all primary schools in Bedford! Well done to all of the children, the standard of art work was exceptional and we look forward to it coming back to school to be able to display it. Prizes were awarded to Bandile, Zuweni, Nora, Cansu, Daniel & Maryam and they have been invited to attend a presentation and exhibition at Bedford Modern School with their parents. Miss Butler & Mrs Harwood-Bowles will also be there to represent Great Denham Primary.

This week we welcome Rosie to Year 6 and Lewis to Year 3!

After half term we will be welcoming back Mrs Allen (Miss Probert) from her maternity leave; she will be teaching in Year 6 on a Thursday & Friday. We will also welcome Mr Moon who will be joining the PE Team as our new Sports Coach.

I hope you have a great half term break and look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.


Denise Burgess

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## Great Denham Bake Off 2020

It is that time of year again for the children to put their baking skills to the test as we start to prepare for the Great Denham Bake Off 2020. After all of the fabulous cakes last year we have decided to have a 'savoury' theme this time around. It will follow the same format as last year, with rounds for each year group and then a final at the end of term. We can't wait to taste your delicious savoury treats.

### Ideas for baking

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|  Flavoured/speciality bread |  Cheese twists   |
|  Scones - cheese or plain   |  Quiche          |
|  Sausage rolls              |  Vegetable tarts |

### Dates

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February - <b>Year 1</b>	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March - <b>Year 2</b>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February - <b>Year 6</b>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March - <b>Year 3</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March - <b>Year 5</b>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March - <b>Reception</b>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March - <b>Year 4</b>	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March - <b>FINAL</b>

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This week's letters home – look for them in your child's bag or via ParentMail

World Book Day  
Safer Internet Day  
REC - Bromham Woods

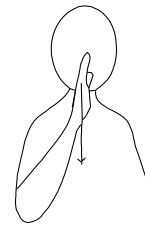
*Selected children*  
Y3&4 - Book Shop  
Y6 Cross Country Final  
Y6 Extra Maths Sessions  
Dance Competition  
Art competition prize winners

## LEARN MAKATON

### This week



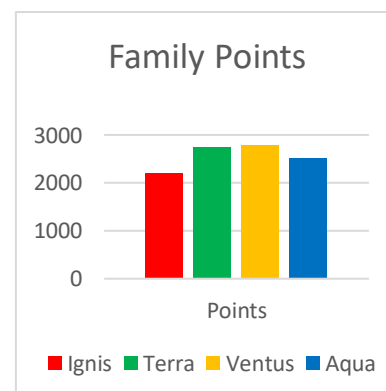
Happy



Sad

Our attendance winner this week is Pegasus with 100%.

Our Family Points winner this week is Terra with 187 points.



# Sports Update

**Year 6&7 County Cross Country Race** - Zofia and Zuzanna ran their hearts out during this race at Ampthill Park. The course was a hilly one, with a lot less mud than the district race and a stronger wind. They both paced themselves well during the race and finished quickly, Zofia in 14th place and Zuzanna in 44th out of 54 girls.

An AMAZING achievement for both sisters. We are extremely proud of them - well done!

**Sports leaders** - Our amazing sports leaders continue to be fabulous. Many have expressed an interest to help out an after school sports club which is wonderful! If your child is interested in helping at a particular club they will bring a letter home for you to sign and return to school, in advance of the club.

## After Half Term

**Tue 25th Feb** - Y5 Sports leaders helping Reception children complete orienteering (during school day)

**Tue 25th Feb - 3:15-4:15** - Y5 Football trials with Mr Moon

**Thu 27th Feb - 3:15-4:15** - Y5 Netball trials with Mrs Hardy



## Stars of the week

**Little Stars:** Evie & Hugo

### **Stars of the Week:**

Cassiopeia – Joanna, Orion – Layaan, Tucana – Alexander, Aquila – Joshus, Cygnus – Olivia, Pavo – Lukas, Volans – Kawther, Delphinus – Bilal, Pegasus – Tanisha, Andromeda – Sabil, Auriga – Benjamin, Perseus – Aamani, Eridanus – Wanny, Vela – Cansu, Lyra – Micah, Lacerta – Aleena, Circinus – Rosie.

### **Values:**

Cassiopeia – Madeleine, Orion – Edith, Tucana – Sofia, Aquila – Acacio, Cygnus – Amelia, Pavo – Niamh, Volans – Thabile, Delphinus – Florence, Pegasus – Amy, Andromeda – Lillian, Auriga – Amber, Perseus – Sophie, Eridanus – Poppy, Vela – Isobel, Lyra – George, Lacerta – Hannah, Circinus – Zofia.

### **Sports Stars of the Week:**

Year 1 – Joseph  
Year 2 – George  
Year 3 – Fabien  
Year 4 – Chloe  
Year 5 – Marco  
Year 6 – Sophia



## DIARY DATES

### HALF TERM

17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February

- **Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Children return to school
- **Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Y2 Marvellous Middle
- **Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Pancake Day Races
- **Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Rec – Marvellous Middle – Adventure Day
- **Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Y3/4 – Trip to Sherwood Forest
- **Thu 27<sup>th</sup> Feb** – 3:15 - 4:15pm – Y5 Netball Trials
- **Thu 27<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Shout out to SEND Conference
- **Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – 9.00-9.45am** – Rec – Writing Workshop
- **Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar** – 1.45-2.45pm – Pre-School – Stay & Play
- **Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Street Dance Comp
- **Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Y1 Marvellous Middle
- **Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Mar** – 7.45am – Pre-School – Mother's Day Breakfast
- **Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar** – 3:20pm – Y4 – Grafham Water Residential parents meeting
- **Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Mar** – 1.30pm – Y3/4 Fab Finish (At Community Hall)
- **Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Mar** – 9-10am – Y1 Fab Finish
- **Thu 26<sup>th</sup> Mar** – 2.45pm – Rec – Parents invited to look at Books
- **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Rec – Bromham Woods Trip
- **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Pre-School – Dress up day
- **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Y2 – Fab Finish
- **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Mar** – 1.30-3.00pm – Y3/4 Planting Trees

# LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS



- **Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Mar** – 2.30pm – Vela Fab Finish
- **Tue 31<sup>st</sup> Mar** – Swan Lake Trip
- **Tue 31<sup>st</sup> Mar** – 2.30pm – Lyra Fab Finish
- **Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Apr** – 2.30pm – Eridanus Fab Finish
- **Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr** – Y5 Easter Experience
- **Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr** – Last day or Term

## Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a special introductory discount of £40 for members of Great Denham Primary School if they sign up by Saturday 9th May. Parents should quote GREB090520 when they book their free session by going to [perform.org.uk/try](http://perform.org.uk/try) or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at [perform.org.uk/try](http://perform.org.uk/try). Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from [here](#) and [here](#).

The nearest classes to Great Denham Primary School are as follows (please click for a map and further details):

Perform Bletchley (Drama for 4-7s)  
(14.2 miles)  
Saturdays at 2.30pm (Opens May 2020)

St Andrew's Baptist Church  
St Andrew's Rd,  
MK3 5DR

Perform Heath & Reach (Drama for 4-7s)  
(14.3 miles)  
Tuesdays at 4pm

St Leonards Church Hall  
Leighton Road,  
LU7 0AA

Perform Heath & Reach (Drama for 7-12s)  
(14.3 miles)  
Tuesdays at 5pm

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Leighton Road,  
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Perform Hitchin (Drama for 4-7s)  
(16.1 miles)  
Wednesdays at 4pm

Church House Hall  
Church Yard,  
SG5 1HP

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There are others too. Click to find all the nearest [here](#) or view a list of [all areas](#).

## COWPER & NEWTON MUSEUM'S

ORCHARD SIDE, MARKET PLACE, OLNEY MK46 4AJ  
[cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk](http://cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk)