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Newsletter 8 – Spring Term

6th March 2020

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

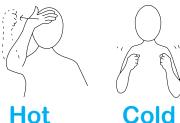
It was lovely to see so many children in their World Book Day costumes yesterday! As a parent I appreciate how much effort and time goes into preparing for World Book Day so thank you! The children had a fantastic day.



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

Eridanus class staff changes **Coronavirus update Daffodils for Mother's Day** 

## LEARN MAKATON This week



Hot



### Pancake Day

If you have any Pancake day donations please return these to the office as soon as you can.

### **DIARY DATES**

- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Mar Street Dance Comp
- Wed 11th 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)



It was also lovely to see so many books in a jar/box too - they were very creative. If you are happy for your child's to stay in school then we will keep them for display.

Next week is the Year 4 Bake Off on Monday and Year 2 on Friday - we look forward to trying your savoury bakes!

Hope you have a lovely weekend. **Denise Burgess** 

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### **SPORT RELIEF - Whole school challenge**

The sports captains discussed how they would like to celebrate Sport Relief week in school. They agreed that we will not be raising money this year, however, we would like to raise the profile of what the week is all about and set a personal challenge for everyone to try and complete.

This challenge is inspired by the celebrities who trekked **100 miles** across the desert in Africa. Our school challenge is for everyone to participate in at least 100 minutes of physical activity in school, next week....

The sports captains will kick start the challenge off in Monday morning's assembly with a whole school Just Dance challenge and finish Sport Relief week with the mile run on Friday!

We are looking forward to a very active week!

















# PRE-SCHOOL UPDAT

What a fantastic two weeks of learning the children have had since the half term break! The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in the pancake race, this was then followed by eating pancakes as a special treat back in Pre-School.

During this half term we are learning about what is under? So we are learning about the Mini Beasts that live amongst us. We were lucky to have Mrs Eaton come and be part of our Marvellous Middle, she made a wormery



with the children, which has been a topic of conversation every morning to count how many worms the children can see.



Mrs Eaton then took Pre-School on a Mini Beast hunt to see what bugs the children could find, ending up at the pond. The children were fascinated to see that a snail not only lives on land but can also live under water. The whole experience enabled children to have an understanding of the world we live in.

A big thank you to all the parents who came to our stay and play session, the children do enjoy showing you all the things that they have made, they are very proud of their environment.

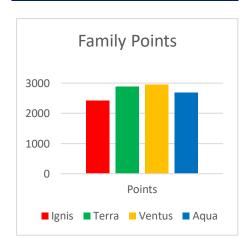
We look forward to seeing the Mummy's / Carer's at our Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday 20th March between 7:45am and 8:30am.



- Wed 25th Mar 9-10am Y1 Fab Finish
- Thu 26<sup>th</sup> Mar 2.45pm Rec - Parents invited to look at **Books**
- Fri 27th 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
- Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Mar 2.30pm Lyra Fab Finish
- Tue 31st Mar Swan Lake
- Tue 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2.30pm Vela 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

Our attendance winner this week is Eridanus with 99.6%.

**Our Family Points winner** this week is Ignis with 116 points.



### Drop in sessions with our Educational Psychologist

Our school associated Educational Psychologist will be offering 15 minute drop in appointments for both teachers and parents on the 11th March. She will be in school between 9am and 3pm.

These sessions are an opportunity to discuss issues impacting your child in school or at home and plan some strategies that may help them to move forward.

If you would like to book an appointment please can you email senco@greatdenhamprimary.beds.sch.uk or call the school office with details of your name, your child's name and class, and times when you would be available and we will do our best to accommodate you.

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# Parent Group - revised SRE Policy

We are currently in the process of reviewing our policy for SRE (relationships education) as there are statutory changes coming in from September this year. I am looking for a small group of no more than 5 parents to work with Miss Neale and I to start looking through the guidance and the materials. If you would like to be part of this group please let the office know either by popping in or by email - if there are more than a few people interested I will draw names from a hat. This is just a working group at this stage and not part of any formal consultation with parents. If you would like to be involved the meeting is at 9.30am on Monday 16th March, Later on in the term there will be an opportunity for all parents to see the materials we plan to use for teaching and give their feedback then.

Sports Update

Monday 2nd March - 30:30 champions training Year 5 sports leaders - Five of our fabulous sports leaders started off the week by attending a youth sports trust leadership session hosted at Westfield school, delivered by former Premier league footballer and Paralympian Alistair Heselton.

The day started with the most inspiring story about his career highs and lows and the significant role of resilience throughout everything in his life. The leaders learnt the importance of offering physical opportunities for all children to be active for 30 minutes at school and 30 minutes at home daily.

They were challenged to overcome team building tasks and how to deliver these in school, whilst learning how to create opportunities to lead groups of children to motivate and inspire. Alistair's most important message of the day was "In EVERYTHING you do always reach for the stars and if you miss, you'll still reach the moon'.

Well done to Caleb, Ayan, Micah, Laila-Marie and Wanny for being outstanding leaders throughout the day, as always a credit to our school.

Tuesday 3rd March - Year 5 boy's football trials - Thank you and well done to all the boys who attended the session. We will update the boys next week.

**Next week's fixtures** 

Mon - Fri - SPORT RELIEF WEEK

**Tue 10th Mar - 4-6pm -** Year 6 Boys 6-a-side football tournament AWAY at Biddenham school

Wed 11th Mar - Year 3 (Pegasus) Multi-skills festival 10-12 at Biddenham





Little Stars: Colbie & Taha

### Stars of the Week:

Cassiopeia - Paloma, Orion - Leo, Tucana - Phillip, Aquila - Summayah, Cygnus - Max, Pavo – Ewan, Volans – Euan, Delphinus – Lulu, Pegasus – Alice, Andromeda – Aalijah, Auriga – George, Perseus – Hamza, Eridanus – Ellie, Vela – Isabelle, Lyra – Zayaan, Lacerta – Fatin, Circinus – Dominik.

#### Values:

Cassiopeia – Kaliese, Orion – Isaac, Tucana – Nathan, Aguila – Anna, Cygnus - Asher, Pavo - Aqeel, Volans - Emilie, Delphinus - Holly, Pegasus – Alesha, Andromeda - Fabien, Auriga - Tobi, Perseus - Charlie, Eridanus -Leona, Vela – Hasan, Lyra – Zara, Lacerta – Daniel, Circinus – Grace.

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

Year 1 - Ophelia

Year 2 - Flora

Year 3 - Ken

Year 4 - Aydin

Year 5 - Oliver

Year 6 - Ben







# **LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS**





# Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

#### How serious is the coronavirus?

- · it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- · the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- · there is currently no vaccine
- · most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

### How likely are you to catch the virus?

- · you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

### How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitise

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport



**Before** & eating



On arrival at







eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



into contact with your mout such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

### What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call NHS 111 for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19. Parents can visit NHS.UK to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See NHS.UK for advice on coronavirus.





# Dates for your diary

If you have a child age 0-25 with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities then please come along to any of our events below....

Monday 2nd March 10am-12pm—Coffee Morning —Child Development Centre

Wednesday 18th March 6.30-8pm—Evening Get Together—Kempston Council Chambers

Monday 4th May 10am-12pm—Understanding SEN Support—Child Development Centre

Wednesday 13th May 10am-12pm—Coffee Morning—Queen's Park Neighbourhood Centre

Monday 1st June 10am-12pm—Coffee Morning—Child Development Centre

Wednesday 17th June 6.30-8pm—Evening Get Together—Kempston Council Chambers

Please email me if you are attending any of the workshops/training so we have an idea of numbers communications@bbpcf.org.uk

Our ethos is to 'Empower Parents' with the information and direction they need when navigating the minefield of the 'Special Needs World'



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The Engagement and Development Team are excited to announce our brand new group 'Junior Voice' this group is for children aged 5-10.

This group allows children from different schools to come together and discuss issues/ideas/opinions most important to them. We will be holding a group each term on a Saturday, 10am-12pm @ Bedford Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, MK42 9AP starting in May 2020. please see dates below;

# SATURDAY 16 MAY, 10AM-12PM SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER, 10AM-12PM

There will be lots of fun things to do in this group such as, meet new people, meet decision makers, meet members of the Youth Cabinet, discuss problems and talk about how we can make them better, discuss ideas and how we can make them happen.

If you would like to find out more or would like to join the Junior Voice group please get in contact using the details below;





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We look forward to seeing you there 😃