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Newsletter 9 – Spring Term

13th March 2020

A message from the head.....

On Wednesday our Year 1 children enjoyed a visit from a dinosaur expert - they had a fantastic time and asked lots of very interesting questions!

Congratulations to our year 4 and year 2 Bake Off winners this week - the entries were all fabulous and tasted so good! Next week is the turn of Year 3 on Monday and Reception and Pre-School on Friday.

Please join me in welcoming Ehsan who joined Delphinus class this week. We are also delighted to welcome back Kathleen out Kitchen Manager after her operation.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.
Denise Burgess

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RECEPTION UPDATE

Over the past few weeks the Wild Child has been camping out and leaving messages for the children in Reception. We learnt to live like her for a day at our Marvellous Middle and the children had a great time creating Andy Goldsworthy art, orienteering, building dens and learning how to build and start a fire. We finished the day with hot chocolate around the fire.



This week the Wild Child thought she could hear wolves on the school grounds, so the children have been busy learning all about wolves and where they live. They are going to create their own fact pages over the next few weeks and will let the Wild Child know what they find out. We are keeping our fingers crossed that we might get to meet the wild child at our Fabulous Finish when we go down to the woods...



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

Coronavirus new guidelines
School dinner invoices for the spring term

Y5 – changes to Fab Finish

Y5/6 – Girls Football
Tournament

Y5 – Girls Netball Tournament

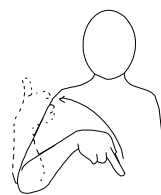
Y5 – Boys Football
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Y5/6 – Hockey Tournament

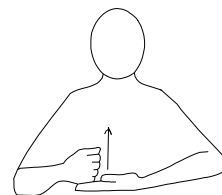
Volans – Multi-Sports Festival

Pre-School & Reception –
SIMS Pay joining instructions
(Year 1-6 will follow over the next few weeks)

LEARN MAKATON This week



Kind



Help

REMINDERS

Mother's Day Gift

Daffodils will be delivered to children who have ordered them on Friday 20th March.

Sports Update

Monday 2nd March - Sport Relief - Launch of 100 minute challenge

Our Sports Captains started our week off superbly - they led an assembly to raise awareness about Sport Relief and what it does to support lots of charities both in the UK and worldwide. They set the whole school the challenge to get ACTIVE for at least 100 minutes this week. Once they had set the challenge, almost 500 children participated in a Just Dance workout! Fantastic effort from everyone, well done! Thank you to our amazing Captains and children for rising to the challenge!



THE GREAT BIG DANCE OFF - Year 3-5 girls and boys Dance Competition

Our fabulously talented street dancers participated in this phenomenal competition at the Gordon Craig Theatre in Stevenage.

WOW, WOW, WOW what an extraordinary experience for the dancers, it really was amazing in every way; the children, venue, competition, costumes and dancers meant it was just like the greatest dancer on TV.

Great Denham participated in the Primary competition against 10 other schools. Each school's performance was different and unique, our children danced to a compilation of music from the 'Trolls' movie. The dance was choreographed to a high standard, in sync, creative and technical.



All schools were judged against a criteria by professional judges. The children scored 97 points in total, which was fantastic! Unfortunately we didn't reach the top three places, but what an amazing achievement for our very talented dancers! Watch this space as the dancers will be back next year!

Thank you to all parents and carers who came along to watch the stars of the show, it was fantastic to see all of you there. A special thank you to Miss Serena who puts her heart and soul into dancing, which has been infectious to our school and her dance crew!

CONGRATULATIONS dancers you were all SPECTACULAR!



Community Garden

It has been reported to us that a child from our school was seen running across the newly planted flowers in our community garden - please encourage your children to show our value of respect to this lovely addition to the community.



DIARY DATES

- **CANCELLED** – Fri 20th Mar – 7.45am – Pre-School – Mother's Day breakfast
- **Mon 23rd Mar** – 3:20pm – Y4 – Grafham Water residential parents meeting

The following events where parents would usually be invited will now be for the children only.

- **Tue 24th Mar** – 1.30pm – Y3/4 Fab Finish (At Community Hall) **children only**
- **Wed 25th Mar** – 9-10am – Y1 Fab Finish **children only**
- **CANCELLED Thu 26th Mar** – 2.45pm – Rec – Parents invited to look at Books
- **Fri 27th Mar** – Rec – Bromham Woods Trip
- **Fri 27th Mar** – Pre-School – Dress up day **children only**
- **Fri 27th Mar** – Y2 – Fab Finish **children only**
- **Fri 27th Mar** – 1.30-3.00pm – Y3/4 Planting Trees **children only**
- **Mon 30th Mar** – 2.30pm – Lyra Fab Finish **children only**
- **Tue 31st Mar** – Swan Lake Trip

Next week's fixtures

Tue 17th Mar, 4.00-6.00pm - Year 5&6 Mixed Hockey tournament, Bedford Hockey centre

Thu 19th Mar, 12:30-2:30pm - Year 5 Boys Football Tournament, Biddenham School

Fri 20th Mar, 1.00-4.00pm - Year 6 Girls and mixed Netball Tournament, Bedford Girls school

***Please note - Year 5&6 Girls Rounder's trials will take place on Thursday 26th March and Thursday 2nd April (NOT next week as previously communicated).**

- **Tue 31st Mar** – 2.30pm – Vela Fab Finish **children only**
- **Wed 1st Apr** – 2.30pm – Eridanus Fab Finish **children only**
- **Thu 2nd Apr** – Y5 Easter Experience Trip
- **Fri 3rd Apr** – Last day of Term

Stars of the week



Little Stars: Dylan & Louie

Stars of the Week:

Cassiopeia – Divya, Orion – Isla, Tucana – Zachary, Aquila – Jordan, Cygnus – Paige, Pavo – Emily, Volans – Emmanuel, Delphinus – George, Pegasus – Florian, Andromeda – Kianna-Marie, Auriga – Eliza, Perseus – Zuvena, Eridanus – William, Vela – Ziyad, Lyra – Umair, Lacerta – Lilly, Circinus – Mariah.

Values:

Cassiopeia – Stanley, Orion – Austin, Tucana – Skye, Aquila – Maxi, Cygnus – Helena, Pavo – Ismail, Volans – Imogen, Delphinus – James, Pegasus – Amelie, Andromeda – Anayah, Auriga – Maddox, Perseus – Ishaq, Eridanus – Evie, Vela – Princess, Lyra – Jack, Lacerta – Amiee, Circinus – Kambi.

Sports Stars of the Week:

Year 1 – Alexandra	Year 2 – Catalina	Year 3 – Leo
Year 4 – Nardo	Year 5 – Katherine	Year 6 – Lilly



Our attendance winner this week is Volans with 99.7%.



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