



Great Denham Primary School

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Newsletter 3 – Spring Term

22nd January 2021

A message from the head.....

I know for many it has been a challenging week as the reality of the lockdown really sets in.

Parents, I appreciate how hard it is at the moment juggling everything but you are doing a great job - if I could give you all a star for excellence and determination I would! Staff in school are working so hard to support over 180 keyworker children each day as well as providing pre-recorded lessons, some live sessions and marking and giving feedback to over 100 pieces of work a day. Their commitment impresses me on a daily basis.

Nearly all of our keyworker bubbles are at capacity now as per our risk assessment so it is unlikely we would be able to offer any more spaces.

Take care and stay safe,
Denise Burgess

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Risk Assessment for staff and children in school

Our updated whole school risk assessment which was updated for the return in January can be found on our school website under

<https://www.greatdenhamprimary.org.uk/covid-19>

Keyworker provision over half term

At the moment there is no government guidance about if schools are expected to provide child care provision for keyworkers, however, at the moment we do not plan to open the school over half term, unless directed otherwise by the government.

Remote learning plan

The school remote learning plan and policy which has been adopted by the governing body can be found on our school website under

<https://www.greatdenhamprimary.org.uk/home-learning-during-school-closure>

This week's letters home –
look for them on our school
website under

parents/letters home/2020-21

Home Learning Timetables
Remote Learning Update

Library

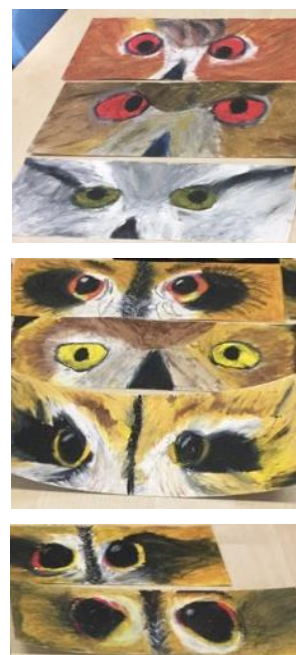
- Mon 10-11am
- Tue 1-2pm

Please do come down and collect new reading books if you need them and return any old ones.

Free School Meal Vouchers

For children eligible for free school meals who are not in school you should have received an email from Mrs Morey regarding this - any problems please contact her.

Year 2 Art work



Sports Update

We have 3 exciting challenges for this week....

Passport to Tokyo School challenge

We are excited to announce that we have signed up to the School games 'Passport to Tokyo' challenge! For this challenge we will work together as a school to try and walk/jog/run the total distance from London to Tokyo before the start of this year's Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics!

The total distance is **6633 miles**, a huge distance, but we know that the children of Great Denham love a challenge! Whether you are in school or at home, everyone can join in....make those miles count. A family walk, a run round the Great Denham park anything that involves moving with your feet counts! Let's see if we can reach Belgium, maybe even Germany before next week! Good luck everyone!



School games Fitness challenge

Our second challenge is a personal challenge that can earn points towards a School games award. For this challenge children have three opportunities (January, February and March) to improve their fitness performance. The children will take part in five lots of 30 second activities that include; mountain climbers, jumping jacks, sit ups, burpees and plank. Children attending school will complete this during their PE session this week, whilst children at home can go directly to this website to enter their individual results:

<https://www.teambedsandluton.co.uk/submit-your-score6>

The more children that take part, the greater our results...Good luck everyone!

SSS Fitness 5 Challenge

Perform each exercise for 30 seconds.
Count how many you can do.
Unlimited attempts.

Exercises shown: Jumping Jacks, Burpees, Sit-ups, Plank (for as long as you can), Mountain Climbers.

Record and Submit Your Scores by clicking [here](https://www.teambedsandluton.co.uk/virtual-school-games): www.teambedsandluton.co.uk/virtual-school-games

Entry 1 Deadline – Friday 29th January
Entry 2 Deadline – Friday 19th February
Entry 3 Deadline – Friday 12th March

How much can you improve?

Help videos

Teacher v pupil challenge

The PE team have been challenging the children to compete against them weekly in a pupil v teacher sports challenge. So far we have been setting the challenges, but we would like some challenges to be set by the children. If your child would like to set a challenge for everyone to try please can they record themselves doing the activity (maximum 30 seconds) and upload it to their SeeSaw. Their class teacher will then pass it onto the PE team, so we can set the challenge!

Well done pupils...you have beat the teachers every week so far!

Next week's update will include; dance and basketball challenges!

Have a good week andkeep moving!!

Stars of the week – 14th January 2021



Little Stars: Finn & Leah

Stars of the Week:

Cassiopeia – Arley & Cian, Tucana – Maya & Pavit, Orion – Catherine & Aurelia, Aquila – Ayah-Rose & Freya R, Pavo – Leo & Amy, Cygnus – Zoe & Maya, Volans – Alexandru & Setaish, Delphinus – Euan & Matilda, Serpens – Lena & Ewan, Andromeda – Chanel & Riley, Pegasus – Emilie & Ehsan, Perseus – Markuss & Xara, Auriga – Grace & Isabella, Vela – Ethan, Lyra – Aseel & Lucas, Lacerta – Harrison & Caleb, Circinus – Courtney & Daniel, Phoenix – Addison & Brian.

Values:

Cassiopeia – Elizabeth & Dylan, Tucana – Madeleine & Kayhan, Orion – Mikael & Harry, Aquila – Nathan & Lincoln, Pavo – Bella & Mariam, Cygnus – Maxwell & Paloma, Volans – Lilith & Eleni, Delphinus – Rayaan & Ophelia, Serpens – Amy & Niamh, Andromeda – Tami & Ramsey, Pegasus – Jamie & Flora, Perseus – Lewis & Amy, Vela – Grace & Sophie, Lyra – Noah, Lacerta – William & Noah, Circinus – Joshua & Swayley, Phoenix – Micah & Emily.

Stars of the week – 22nd January 2021

Little Stars: Oliver & Thomas

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Cassiopeia – Hugo & Erin, Tucana – Everyone in Tucana for their fabulous talents at the talent show, Orion – Alayna & Jaxon, Aquila – Elsie & Freya C, Pavo – Edie & Phillip, Cygnus – Monty & Layaan, Volans – Summer & Evie, Delphinus – Helena & Finlay, Serpens – Caoimhe & Lexi, Andromeda – Jessica & Setayesh, Pegasus – Emilie, Perseus – Jemima & Ava, Auriga – Alanna & Alexa, Vela – Rylee & Ayesha, Lyra – Eliza, Lacerta – Nicola & George, Circinus – Joshua & Amy, Phoenix – Kaif & Isaac.

Values:

Cassiopeia – Ofelia & Jack, Tucana – Evie & Willow, Orion – Cienna & Jaziel, Aquila – Ace & Mohsin, Pavo – Sebastian & Myles, Cygnus – Divya & Elysha, Volans – Samuel & Hirah, Delphinus – Max & Freddy, Serpens – William & Joey, Andromeda – Samantha & Matthew, Pegasus – Mason, Perseus – Eli & Tiana, Auriga – Charlie & Liam, Vela – Ophelia, Lyra – Bella & Madi, Lacerta – Kevin & Ellie, Circinus – Katherine & Weronika, Phoenix – Zara & Sophia-Grace.

Link to celebration assembly
<https://youtu.be/U1eeF7x2WdU>



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Understanding the importance of good visual communication.

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