



# Great Denham Primary School

*Inspiring excellence; everyone, everyday*

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## Newsletter 2 – Summer Term

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

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

It has been a lovely week in school and the children have been enjoying getting outside in the sun! There is a buzz around the school as the children immerse themselves in their new, exciting projects. Our Year 3 and 4 children also enjoyed their Bikeability this week!

The teachers enjoyed seeing you all at parents evening this week, we hope you found them useful. Please look out next week for a short questionnaire to get some feedback from you on how it went so we can make plans for next year as to what our parents' evenings will look like!

Today you will receive the diary dates for this term, please take time to look at them. Obviously some of the events will be subject to government restrictions allowing but we are hoping that as the term goes on we can start to enjoy a few more 'normal' events.

Today we say goodbye to Mrs North who has been a teaching assistant in year 5 as she goes on her maternity leave - we wish her well.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine!  
Denise Burgess

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### Non-uniform day – wear purple and support the

My name is Madi and I am cutting my hair off for a charity called the Little Princess Trust, which is a charity that makes wigs for children who have lost their hair due to having cancer. I am overall doing this because I have had people in my family who have had cancer and I know for sure that someone out there deserves my hair more than me!



On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April it would mean a lot to me if you could wear something purple. Even just a hairband, socks or trainers because the Little Princess Trust logo is purple and it would mean the world if you could donate even just a copper coin. In total it costs £550 to make just one wig! Thank you so much for taking the time to read this. Yours sincerely Madi (aged 10!)

This is how long my hair is now **before** I have it cut.



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

parents/letters home/2020-21

Y3 - Grafham Trip April 2022

Y3-4 - Visitor

Take Home Tasks

Sponsorship of monthly English & Maths prizes

### DIARY DATES

- **Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Apr** – Rec-Year 6 – Riverside tennis coaching all week
- **Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Apr** – Non-uniform day (wear purple) for the Little Princess Trust
- **Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – **SCHOOL CLOSED** Bank Holiday
- **Wed 5<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 1 – Walk around Great Denham
- **Tue 11<sup>th</sup> May 10-10.30am** – Virtual Coffee & Chat (Zoom) with Aneta Wawrentowicz – Educational Psychologist
- **Tue 11<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 1 – Walk to Biddenham
- **Thu 20<sup>th</sup> May** – Theme Day lunch
- **Fri 21<sup>st</sup> May** – Lyra swimming starts
- **Mon 24<sup>th</sup> May** – Rec – Vision Screening
- **Tue 25<sup>th</sup> & Wed 26<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 3 & 4 – Marvellous Middle – History off the page
- **Wed 26<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 2 – Picnic
- **Thu 27<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 – Legoland trip

Year 3 & 4 are looking to print copies of a text that the children are creating and wondered if any parents would be willing to help with printing. We will be selling these. Please contact Mrs Plant in Auriga class or email [enquiries@gdps.uk](mailto:enquiries@gdps.uk).



What an exciting first two weeks back Year 1 have had! The children have come back to school full of enthusiasm and excitement ready to learn about our new project 'Friend or Foe?'

Last week the children had a surprise furry visitor hop into their classroom with a message for the children... A princess is trapped in a tower and needs the children's help. We have spent time reading traditional tales to work out who the princess might be and how we can help her. The children are using their knowledge gained from these stories to support their story writing.



Upcoming date:

- On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, Year 1 will be walking around Great Denham.
- On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, Year 1 will be walking to Biddenham.

The children will be searching for clues on the princess's location and using their Geography skills to help them. On these dates please send your children to school in comfortable footwear and a sun hat/coat depending on the weather.

## Stars of the week

**Little Stars:** Nykia

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Cassiopeia – Ofelia, Tucana – Jasmine, Orion – Scarlett, Aquila – Freya, Pavo – Bella, Cygnus – Ellie, Volans – Ayaan, Delphinus – Xari, Serpens – Caoimhe, Andromeda – Ibrahim, Pegasus – Hugo, Perseus – Nakai, Auriga – Amelia, Vela – Ava, Lyra – Musa, Lacerta – Kevin, Circinus – Isobel, Phoenix – Julian.

**Values:**

Cassiopeia – Joshua, Tucana – Amarii-Rae, Orion – Cienna, Aquila – Lola-Rose, Pavo – Phillip, Cygnus – Divya, Volans – Hirah, Delphinus – Freddy, Serpens – Lukas, Andromeda – Lyla, Pegasus – Aaima, Perseus – Hollie, Auriga – Romaine, Vela – Jake, Lyra – Kayla, Lacerta – Poppy, Circinus – Gabriell, Phoenix – Addison.

### Sports Stars of the Week:

Reception – Karla, Dhalia & Jaziel  
Year 1 – Aliza, Summer & Eliza  
Year 2 – Adele, Logan & Aqeel  
Year 3 – EJ & Ethan

Year 4 – Jemima & Zaara  
Year 5 – Ava & Naima  
Year 6 – Julian, Freya & George

**Link to celebration assembly** <https://youtu.be/dSdFTgi6LF0>

- **Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May** – Break the rules day

**HALF TERM:**  
**31<sup>ST</sup> MAY – 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021**

**Our attendance winner this week is Perseus with 100%.**

A graphic with the text "We're" in white on an orange speech bubble and "HIRING" in large white letters on a red background.

## Receptionist (Part-time)

We are looking for a new receptionist for our front office. Further details are now available on our website.

The hours will be:

8.00am-1.00pm

*Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday*

8.30am-3.00pm  
*Friday*



# Sports Update

## Key stage 1 Intra-school Athletics competition

Cygnus took part in an Athletics competition, run by the School Sports Partnership team and some of our year 6 sports leaders this week. The children tried really hard to improve their individual scores and learnt some new skills at the same time. Well done to everyone who took part and a special thank you to our super sports leaders.

Aquila, Pavo, Delphinus, Serpens and Volans have their competitions to look forward to, on Wednesday.

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April – England does the daily mile

We will complete our miles to Tokyo next Friday, as a whole school and look forward to the celebrations. We are proud to join in this new national event 'England does the daily mile'. It is an initiative for primary schools to get moving on the same day and to celebrate the positive benefits that daily activity can have on our mental health.



## BIG PEDAL 2021 -19th - 30th April

Well done and thank you to those children who have either walked, scooted or cycled to school this week. 61.5% of children are travelling to school by these three ways. We have 1 more week to enter our results in the hope of winning some prizes. Nationally we are in 186th place out of more than 500 schools and regionally in 32nd place. We aim to climb the results table even higher this week, so keep scooting, biking or walking if you can!

## Riverside tennis coaching

Next week each class will attend an hours PE session at school, with Riverside Tennis Club coaches. As part of Riverside's Golden envelope scheme for Reception and Year 1 they will be awarding star players a lucky letter! Good luck children!

## LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS



## CAMHS Get Together

Monday 26th April  
10am

The CAMHS Service will be joining us to give a brief update on their service and you will have the opportunity to ask them questions.

This is a free online event, please email us at [communications@bbpcf.org.uk](mailto:communications@bbpcf.org.uk) to book your place or call us 07943 524553



## SIBS Information Session

Wednesday 28th April  
6.30pm

This workshop is for parents of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities who want to know more about supporting siblings. It will give parents an insight into siblings' needs and experiences and gives some ideas for giving siblings attention.

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## The First Steps to Supporting a Child with Autism Spectrum Conditions

A workshop for parents/ carers

This will be a relaxed session, specifically for parents and carers of children who are undiagnosed, newly diagnosed, or going through the diagnostic process. The session will consist of a 60 minute talk on Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC), followed by an opportunity to hear from and share with other parents and carers, and gain information about local support and services.

Date: Tuesday 25th May 2021

Time: Log in from 6:15pm for a prompt 6:30pm start, till 9pm

Cost: £5.00

To Book:

✉ [enquiries@autismbeds.org](mailto:enquiries@autismbeds.org)

☎ 01234 214871



The training will be online, using Zoom. Once booked on, we will provide you with the details to join.

Evening Session

