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Newsletter 9 – Summer Term

18th June 2021

A message from the head.....

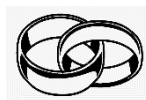
It has been a busy and hot week at school and so lovely having most of our children back in school now. We still have a few staff who are off ill due to the pandemic so please bear with us as there are some areas of the school where we are a little short staffed.

Yesterday, I was fortunate to spend time with our year 6 head boys, girls and prefects having an afternoon tea party. They are an absolutely incredible group of children who make me so proud of them. It hasn't been a normal year for any of us, but for these children they haven't had all the opportunities to carry out all of their normal duties, but they don't moan about this and are nothing but a credit to themselves and our school. A huge thank you to Micah, Rusne, Emily, Noah, Mahmood, Alexa, Ziyad, Sophia, William, Caleb, Laila, Poppy, Swayley, Gabriel, Katherine, Elias and Freya for their contribution to our school - I will miss working with you!

Also this week was the election for our new head boys, girls and prefects. Many of our year 5 children showed such courage and made an election speech video which was watched by all of the children across the school in their family group. All children from year 1 - 6 voted for who they felt would be the most suitable for the job. It was an extremely close vote and I am so proud of all of the children who took part, I know how disappointing it is for those who weren't successful on this occasion but I am very proud of them for taking part. A particular highlight for me was Ziyad handing over his prefect for Ventus role to his newly elected brother, Yusuf!

Congratulations to all of our newly elected head boys, girls and prefects who can be found on the next page!

Please join me in congratulating Emma Gooch who got married this week. She will now be Mrs Synnott.



Hope you have a lovely weekend.
Denise Burgess

Follow the school on Twitter  @GreatDenhamPS

Mobile Phones

Please can I request that children do not bring a mobile phone to school unless they have permission to do so, if you wish your child to have a mobile phone for safety purposes when walking home you must complete a form from the office or complete the e-form on our website



<https://www.greatdenhamprimary.org.uk/parents/forms-5/forms>.

Any children found with mobile phones without this permission will have them confiscated and parents will be required to collect them from the main office.

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

parents/letters home/2020-21

Y2 - iPad Scheme (Sept 21)

REMINDERS

Year 3-4 Roman Day

On Wednesday 23rd June, the children in Year 3 and 4 will be taking part in their Marvellous Middle Day in preparation for our Roman Banquet. The children are welcome to wear any Roman costumes that you may have purchased or made for the initial date. They can also wear these costumes for their Fabulous Finish later in the term.

Sickness

If your child is ill and has symptoms that may be linked to the new variant of COVID you will be asked to book your child a PCR test to rule out the possibility of COVID, we thank you in advance for your support in this matter and in helping us keep our bubbles open.

KS2 Sports Day

On **Tuesday 22nd June** it is the Key Stage 2 Sports Day (Year 3-6), please can children wear their polo shirt in family colours with their PE shorts/skorts and trainers. If they don't have a polo shirt in their family colour, they can either wear a plain t-shirt in their family colour or their PE top and a family colour bib will be provided for them.

National Sports Week

Please can children come to school in their PE kit all week.

e-Safety – website updated

We have updated our website to include a section on e-Safety (see the link below) where you can find lots of useful information:

<https://www.greatdenhamprimary.org.uk/parents/e-safety>

SEN information – website updated

We have also updated our website with useful SEN information for parents

<https://www.greatdenhamprimary.org.uk/parents/special-educational-needs-sen>

Nursery & Reception new starters September 2021

All children starting school in September should have now received an information pack either via a sibling or delivered to your house.



ORDERING UNIFORM WITH PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

If your child has been allocated Pupil Premium funding this year and you would like to purchase uniform please ensure your order has been placed with the office by **Monday 5th July**.

Any queries please contact claire.boyce@gdps.uk.

Stars of the week

Little Stars: Oscar

Stars of the Week:

Cassiopeia – Layla, Tucana – Pavit, Orion – Taha, Aquila – Ace, Pavo – JoJo, Cygnus – Edith, Volans – Tahlia, Delphinus – Lola, Serpens – Ismail, Andromeda – Oisin, Pegasus – Ruqayyah, Perseus – Lewis, Auriga – Sabil, Vela – Afrin, Lyra – Barbare, Lacerta – Caleb, Circinus – Daniel, Phoenix – Rusne.

Values:

Cassiopeia – Noah, Tucana – Zach, Orion – Teagan, Aquila – Omar, Pavo – Yusha, Cygnus – Eliza, Volans – Danielle, Delphinus – Dom, Serpens – Rio, Andromeda – Nodari, Pegasus – Flora, Perseus – Elliya, Auriga – Aalijah, Vela – Yusuf, Lyra – Ishaq, Lacerta – Oliver, Circinus – Freya, Phoenix – Amy.

Sports Stars of the Week:

Nursery – Toby

Reception – Jack & Vihaan

Year 1 – Oliver, Amy & Paloma

Year 2 – Niamh

Year 3 – Lulu & Oscar

Year 4 – Eli & Alanna

Year 5 – Florence & Tobi

Year 6 – George, Hasan & Teigan

DIARY DATES

- **W/C Mon 21st June** – National Sports Week
- **Mon 21st June / Tue 22nd June** – Y5&6 – Marvellous Middle
- **Tue 22nd June** – Y3-6 – Sports Day
- **Wed 23rd June** – Y3&4 – Roman Day
- **Thu 24th June** – Reception new parents information evening (Zoom)
- **W/C Mon 28th June** – Assessment week
- **Mon 28th June 6pm** – Y2 – iPad Zoom meeting
- **Wed 30th June** – AM – Y2 sports day
- **Wed 30th June** – PM – Y1 sports day
- **Thu 1st July** – Y6 Breakfast
- **Thu 1st July** – AM – Reception sports day
- **Thu 1st July** – PM – Nursery sports day

Our attendance winner this week is Volans with 97.3%.



Link to celebration assembly
<https://youtu.be/w69jQLqNEo4>

NEW HEAD BOYS & GIRLS

Aqua

Head boy –
Ben

Head girl –
Amelia

Prefects –
Aamani, Tobi



Ventus

Head boy –
Abu Dawood

Head girl –
Zuwena

Prefects –
Yusuf,
Ameera

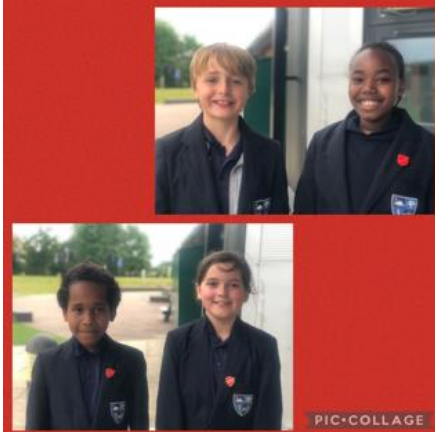


Ignis

Head boy –
James

Head girl –
Naima

Prefects –
Bella, Maddox



Terra

Head boy –
George

Head girl –
Florence

Prefects –
Fathima,
Bandile



Sports Update

Year 3-6 Cricket competition

This week the school sports partnership team came in and delivered a cricket tournament to every key stage 2 class. The children got the chance to bat and field in their family teams, making it a super competition. Considering we have only just started to focus on cricket in our PE sessions, the children showed an enormous amount of determination, teamwork and sportsmanship. Well done to all the children who took part and to those identified by their peers as showing the school games values.

Next week: National school sports week

21st-25th June

We are so excited for next week, with our aim to raise the profile of physical activity and sport throughout the school. Mrs Hardy has arranged lots of fun & exciting outdoor activities and sports events for the children to take part in their year group bubbles. The sports leaders and ambassadors have worked hard to plan and film their 'Get in, get active' HIIT workouts which every class will join in with at 9am daily. The creativity, energy and determination is guaranteed to get us all moving!

As well as our daily work outs, we have organised inspirational sports coaches and instructors to come in so that children can try new sports, be coached by experts and develop a love for physical activity. Year groups will experience different sports:

Reception - Athletics

Year 1 & 2 - Dance, Rugby, Football, Martial arts

Year 3,4,5 - Netball, Football, Streetdance

Year 6 - Boxing, Fitness, Yoga, Netball

Please can children come to school in their PE kit all week. Please ensure they also have a water bottle, sun hat and sun cream (all named please).

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We look forward to sharing our experiences with you next week.



LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS



Friday 18th June

Weekly Meeting

Bedford Borough Parent Carer Forum (BBPCF) will be facilitating weekly themed meetings until the end of July. This week Chris Morris (SEND programme manager) will be joining us. Please take this opportunity to come along and share your experience of SEND in Bedford. Chris will tell us about the summer of SEND, the push to make SEND everyone's business and answer parent/carers question on the SEND programme in Bedford.

Email communications@bbpcf.org.uk to book your place

Tuesday 22nd June - 6.30pm

Tuesday 29th June - 10am

Dyslexia Training from the British Dyslexia Association

Due to popular demand we have organised Dyslexia Training from the British Dyslexia Association. These two sessions are the same so you will only need to attend one.

This is the very first module and it will help you gain a proper understanding of what Dyslexia is. By developing this understanding, you will be able to appreciate the challenges that your child faces with many aspects of learning as well as recognise the strengths and abilities that they have.



Email communications@bbpcf.org.uk to book your place or click [here](#) to book on EVENTBRITE



Monday 12th July – 10am

Selective Mutism – Speech and Language Therapy

We will have a representative from the SALT team coming to discuss Selective Mutism and their pathway. They will be able to answer questions from parent carers.

Email communications@bbpcf.org.uk to book your place



The Bedford Borough Local Area has organised a "Summer of SEND" across June, July and August 2021. This is a celebration of all things Special Educational Needs and / or Disability (SEND) across Bedford Borough. There is a wide range of events for Parent/Carers, Practitioners, and Children and Young People themselves to get involved in.

Click [here](#) for more information

Operation Diversity[®] ACADEMY

We have 50 more places available for 6 months FREE membership to Operation Diversity. They are the number one online training, resource and support membership site for parents, carers and guardians of Neurodivergent children with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities! They run regular events and webinars on a huge range of subjects related to SEND that will help you to improve your knowledge and understand how and when to challenge things.

To sign up for your free place click [here](#)

NEURODIVERSITY IN A MULTICULTURAL WORLD

Jannine from ADHDwise will be running a workshop on the challenges, and stigma around neurodiversity in a multicultural world. This Webinar will focus on children and young people. We want to hear your views too.

Join us FREE at this online workshop Monday 28th June 6.30pm.

Book via Eventbrite or email communications@bbpcf.org.uk

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EARLY YEARS TRAINING SESSIONS

Contact julie.comber@bedford.gov.uk to book your place

Supporting children's speech language and communication skills

Tues 29 June - 9:30 to 11.30am

As part of the Festival of SEND, Cathryn Ellingham, Specialist Speech and Language Therapist will be delivering this free 2 hour workshop about supporting children's speech language and communication skills. This course is designed to increase your knowledge and understanding of speech, language and communication development and identify useful strategies that can be applied every day.

The training outlines the building blocks of communication, how and why communication occurs and how breakdown might happen. A significant amount of time will be given discussing universal strategies and advice for supporting children with communication needs.

Stammering in the Early Years

Tues 29 June - 1:00pm to 2:30pm

This workshop is designed to increase your knowledge and understanding of stammering and identify useful strategies that can be applied every day to support a child who is stammering.

The training outlines stammering in children under the age of 5 years, what it might look like and the multiple factors which affect the fluency of a child's talking. It will highlight how you can help and top tips to try and where to go next if you are worried.

Helping Children with their unclear speech

Wed 30 June - 9:30 to 11:30

This course is designed to increase your knowledge and understanding of speech sound development in early years and primary school aged children. The course is most useful for parents who are concerned about their child's pronunciation of speech sounds, and children who are at the start of their speech sound intervention with speech therapy team.

The training outlines how we make different speech sounds, the expected development in speech sounds and what error patterns may be heard. Universal and targeted strategies and games will be discussed.