



Great Denham Primary School  
NEWSLETTER 3  
Autumn Term  
17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## SCHOOL BUNNY

Last week our Year 6 children were offsite with Mrs Eaton and rescued a domestic rabbit. We have been unsuccessful in finding the owner and would like to keep the rabbit as our school pet.

To help get this up and running we have set up a funding page to raise money to keep him.

<https://gofund.me/f204c470>

Thank you for all the donations we have received so far we really do appreciate your generosity. If any parents have baby rattles or teething rings that they would be willing to donate please bring to the school office.

We are also on the lookout for a cat tunnel or cat post with several levels. These will provide enrichment for the bunny.

Meet Daisy in her new home.



Please join me in welcoming Mrs Dooner who joined us this week as a Teaching Assistant.

Also a very warm welcome to all our new Nursery and Reception children. They have all settled in so wonderfully.

## Letters this week

- Y1-6 – Extra-Curricular Clubs
- Y1 – Visitor
- Y1-6 – Sports Festival permission
- REC – Bromham Trip
- Y6 – Applying for Secondary School
- Y1-6 – Homework sheets
- Diary Dates (to follow)



Yes and No



Inspiring excellence; everyone, everyday



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

What a fantastic week it has been. We have loved welcoming Group A & B Nursery & Reception children and seeing how brilliantly they are settling into school life. It has also been an absolute pleasure to get back to the simple things we have missed so much over the last 18 months – seeing children socialising with their peers at lunchtimes, learning in the breakout areas again and for me the highlight having assemblies and hearing the children sing.

A huge well done to our Year 5 & 6 netball teams who had their first matches last night and did so well – seeing their beaming smiles as they got off the minibus was just brilliant!

Hope you have a lovely weekend  
Denise Burgess



Next week we will be learning about harvest and the food bank as part of our assemblies. We will be collecting donations of tinned products etc. and then some children will help deliver our donations to the food bank. All donations are very much appreciated

## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

The Extra-Curricular clubs have been as popular as ever, with some clubs selling out within hours. We are sorry for any disappointment this may have caused.

The clubs will run until **4.30pm** and collection is from the door by the main office.

## COMMUNICATION DURING RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

When children are away on a residential trip, we have made some changes to how we communicate with parents during the trip in line with feedback from parents. An email will be sent out to the parents of the children attending the trip to let them know that they have arrived safely. Everyday there will an update sent out including one or two group photos by email. Occasionally during the trip teachers on the trip may tweet photos of activities taking place to give a snapshot of the things the children are getting up to, however, this will vary depending on how much time there is and the quality of the wifi as their primary role is to ensure the children are happy, safe and enjoying the trip to the full. If you have a child attending a residential please feel free to follow our school twitter account **@GreatDenhamPS**

## DIARY DATES

- **Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Sep** – Group C Nursery & Reception children start
- **Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Year 5 Grafham Water Residential trip (**Children will leave Grafham at midday and have their packed lunch back at school**)

## YEAR GROUP UPDATE

### Year 1

What an exciting first two weeks Year 1 have had! The children have come back to school full of enthusiasm and excitement ready to learn about our new project 'Is change always a good thing?'

Last week, Year 1 received three mysterious looking eggs! The children are taking great care of them and have used many different materials to make comfortable nests to keep the eggs warm. We have been learning all about what animals come out of eggs and are excitedly waiting to see what animal might come out of ours!

We are so proud of all the Year 1 children. They have settled into their new classes brilliantly and have blown us all away with their enthusiasm for learning!



## STARS OF THE WEEK



### 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Aquila - Mia  
Volans - Ayah Rose  
Pegasus - Austin  
Auriga - Florence  
Vela - Zachary  
Phoenix - Barbare

### STARS

Pavo - Eric  
Delphinus - Esmie  
Eridanus - Lena  
Perseus - Grace  
Lyra - Saheim  
Circinus - Zuzanna

Cygnus - Catherine  
Serpens - Myles  
Andromeda - Melody

### 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Aquila - Gustavs  
Volans - Freya  
Pegasus - Anna  
Auriga - Kawthar  
Vela - Rowan  
Phoenix - Noah

### STARS

Pavo - Albie  
Delphinus - Maya  
Eridanus - Eloise  
Perseus - Jacob  
Lyra - Jemima  
Circinus - Ava

Cygnus - Aysar  
Serpens - Maheer  
Andromeda - Joey

## VALUES OF THE WEEK



### 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Aquila - Lionel  
Volans - Sienna  
Pegasus - Sumayyah  
Auriga - Oisin  
Vela - Romaine  
Phoenix - Maddox

### VALUES

Pavo - Amelia  
Delphinus - Abdul Basit  
Eridanus - Euan  
Perseus - Harvey  
Lyra - Nakai  
Circinus - Amna

Cygnus - Alex  
Serpens - Austin  
Andromeda - Essie

### 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Aquila - Colbie  
Volans - Nathan  
Pegasus - Freddie  
Auriga - Abid  
Vela - Joe-Joe  
Phoenix - Amber

### VALUES

Pavo - Esenia  
Delphinus - Okley  
Eridanus - Harry  
Perseus - Ruqayyah  
Lyra - Izzy  
Circinus - Sophie

Cygnus - Lilah  
Serpens - Megan  
Andromeda - Acacio

### 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Aquila - Dahlia  
Volans - Oliver  
Pegasus - Teddy  
Auriga - Nodari  
Vela - Tanisha  
Phoenix - Ishaq

### SPORTS

Pavo - Dean  
Delphinus - Madeleine  
Eridanus - Matilda  
Perseus - Mia  
Lyra - Alice  
Circinus - Anaya

Cygnus - Maya  
Serpens - Ahton  
Andromeda - Grayson

## SPORTS AWARDS

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It has been great to get back to more normality this week, with our sports fixtures starting against other schools.

### Year 6 boys Football match against Harrold

Unfortunately, this match was postponed due to Harrold not having a pitch marked out, this will be rearranged and a new date communicated soon.

### Year 5 & 6 Netball match against Brickhill Primary

The year 5 girls match was superb from start to finish. The girls passed well, moved around the court fluently and had lots of shooting attempts on target. They won the match 3-0 and should be very proud of what they achieved. Well done to the team and congratulations to Deborah who was awarded player of the match by Brickhill.

**Team:** GS Amelia, GA Alice, WA Sienna, C Grace, WD Alanna, GD Deborah, GK Julia.

The year 6 girls match was tough against strong opponents. The team found their rhythm after the second quarter and played with determination, had amazing interceptions and strong attacking progress. Unfortunately, they lost 4-1 but the score did not reflect the effort or game. Well done girls we are proud of you and congratulations to Zuweni who was awarded player of the match by Brickhill.

**Team:** GS Ola, GA Anaya, WA Sophie, C Zuweni, WD Fathima, GD Afrin, GK Amaani.

### Sports events next week

**Tue 21st Sept** - Y6 Boys football match against Hazeldene (away). Selected players only.

**Wed 22nd Sept** - Year 5 & 6 Girls football training

**Thu 23rd Sept** - Year 5 & 6 Girls netball training



# LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS

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SHUTTLEWORTH

www.shuttleworth.org Shuttleworth, Old Warden Aerodrome, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire SG18 9EP

SHUTTLEWORTH

**Santa's Fly-In & Snowball Hunt**  
5, 12 and 19 December 2021

Watch Santa arrive in true Shuttleworth style - by air!  
Then follow Santa into the Swiss Garden and see how many Snowballs you can collect. Once you have collected all the snowballs, take them to the Discovery Hub to collect your present from Santa and his elves.

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Shuttleworth, Old Warden Park, Biggleswade, SG18 9DX | enquiries@shuttleworth.org

\*Flying subject to aircraft serviceability and weather on the day

**Meet the Adult Epilepsy Team**  
Monday 4th October - 10am

The new adult epilepsy service are coming along to introduce themselves, tell you how they run and what they can offer. They run differently from the children's services so if you have a child with epilepsy who is over 18 or is approaching 18 please come along and meet them. There will be time for questions as well so if you have any burning questions please join us.



**ADHDwise 6 week course**  
**Wednesday 13th October - 7-9.30pm**

After the success of the course we ran last year, we have now arranged for Jannine from ADHDwise to run another 6 week course.

This will start on Wednesday 13th October from 7-9.30pm and run every Wednesday after that for 6 weeks.

Jannine will discuss lots of areas around ADHD and give you ideas and advice on how you can best help and support your child. You will need to commit to every session for 6 weeks.

This was a real success last year and so places will go quickly. Places are FREE but limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis. You only need to book a place on the first session and this will reserve your place for all 6 sessions. This is open to parent carers who are members of the parent carer forum only, if you aren't already a member please complete our form [here](#)



**Mental Capacity Act - Over 16's**  
**Friday 15th October - 10am**

Do you have a child approaching 16 or over 16? This session would be really useful for you.

The Mental Capacity Act 2005 is an important piece of legislation, which is designed to empower and maximise people's decision-making abilities. It applies to all people aged 16 years of over. Professionals have a legal duty to have regard to the Act when working with people who have difficulties in making decisions because of an impairment or disturbance to the mind or brain.

Sara-Jayne Williams, Mental Capacity Act Coordinator will be providing an awareness session. The session will cover the principles underpinning the Act, will look at how assessments are completed and what happens when a person is assessed as being unable to make decisions for themselves.