



Great Denham Primary School
NEWSLETTER 4
Autumn Term
24th September 2021

SPONSORSHIP FOR OUR FOOTBALL TEAM

We are looking for a sponsor for our school football team so that they can look smart for their matches!

If anyone is interested, please email enquiries@gdps.uk FAO Mrs Hardy



A huge thank you for all your donations to the food bank - we can't believe how much we have collected! We will be taking the donations down to the foodbank early next week and taking a few children in the mini bus with us, so if you have any more donations please send them in by Monday morning.

REMINDERS

If your child is in year 1 or 2 – don't forget to book your ticket to the Phonics workshop on Tuesday 28th September at 8.45am or 2.30pm.

Please report all COVID results to the COVID email address at covid@gdps.uk

Inspiring excellence; everyone, everyday



Please join me in welcoming Conan who joined Year 4 this week.

Letters this week

Y1+2 Phonics Info Session
Y2 Phonics Packs
Theme Day lunch
Y6 Biddenham Open evening
Y6 KCA Open evening
Y5+6 Young Voices concert
Term Dates – 2022-2023
Y6 Sharnbrook open evening
Nursery – Starting Reception Sept 22
Y1-6 Curriculum Maps & Knowledge Organisers
Take Home Tasks
Term Dates 2022-2023

Our COVID Risk Assessment and Outbreak Management plan is available to read on our website
Click [HERE](#)

Please can we remind parents that children are not to use the play equipment at the end of the school day.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

It has been a busy week at GDPS and it was lovely to welcome our "Group C" Nursery & Reception children on Monday. We are so proud of how well they are settling into school, it is a big change for them and they are doing so well! This week our Boys Year 5&6 football team played their first match and showed our school values so brilliantly – despite losing they were such a credit to our school and we are so proud of them! Well done boys!

Many of our Year 5 children are currently on residential at Grafham Water and having an amazing time – the weather has been perfect for them and it was a real pleasure to visit them on Wednesday evening and hear all the compliments from the group leaders at Grafham on how well they behave, listen and work together.

Hope you have a lovely weekend
Denise Burgess

Email addresses for contacting teachers

Nursery - YearNteachers@gdps.uk
Reception - YearRteachers@gdps.uk
Year 1 - Year1teachers@gdps.uk
Year 2 - Year2teachers@gdps.uk
Year 3 - Year3teachers@gdps.uk
Year 4 - Year4teachers@gdps.uk
Year 5 - Year5teachers@gdps.uk
Year 6 - Year6teachers@gdps.uk



ATTENDANCE

Our attendance winner this week is Pegasus with 99.3%

GOVERNORS

This week we had our first governors meeting of the school year and I am delighted that Paul James has been re-elected as chair and Pauline Heappey has been re-elected as vice chair.



OPEN MORNINGS AND EVENINGS

Do you have child who will be starting in Reception in September 2022?

We will be holding a number of open mornings and evenings this term.

Click [HERE](#) for more details and to book your place.

DIARY DATES

- **Tuesday 28th September** 8.45am and 2.30pm – Year 1 & 2 – Phonics workshop for Parents
- **Wednesday 29th September** – Reception classes – trip to Bromham Woods
- **Wednesday 29th September** – Year 1 – Dinosaur experience

YEAR GROUP UPDATE



Year 2

Year 2 have settled back into school life very well, we have been so impressed with their respect, excellence and friendship they have been showing throughout the school day. They are really enjoying our Under the Sea project, looking at the Coral Reef and the famous explorer Jacques Cousteau. This week we were very



lucky to have a special visitor - Diver John. He brought in all his diving gear and dressed up Mr White! It was so cool to learn about how the aqua-lung that Jacques Cousteau invented works and looks now! We are now looking forward to learning about all the sea creatures you can find in the Oceans.



Job Vacancy

1-1 Teaching Assistant (Level 2)

31 hours a week



We are looking for a friendly and hardworking teaching assistant to work 1-1 with a child in our Reception class. This role will involve supporting the child in all areas of the curriculum as well as carrying out work on their individual learning plan. Previous experience of working with children either in a 1-1 role or as a teaching assistant is essential for this role. The role is to start as soon as possible.

Application packs can be found on our website:

www.greatdenhamprimary.org.uk

STARS & VALUES OF THE WEEK



STARS

Aquila - Soraya
Volans - Tommy
Pegasus - Lileth
Auriga - Tyler
Vela - Julia
Phoenix - Aydin

Pavo - Erin
Delphinus - Maxwell
Eridanus - Jacob
Perseus - Hugo
Lyra - Tommy
Circinus - Anaya

Cygnus - Gerasim
Serpens - Sofia
Andromeda - Emily

VALUES

Aquila - Jessica
Volans - Kuba
Pegasus - Max
Auriga - Ramsey
Vela - Anaya
Phoenix - Hamza

Pavo - Teddy
Delphinus - Elysha
Eridanus - Anaya
Perseus - Mia
Lyra - Zara
Circinus - Afrin

Cygnus - Willow
Serpens - Bella
Andromeda - Amy

SPORTS AWARDS

SPORTS

Aquila - Jessica
Volans - Nathan
Pegasus - Hirah
Auriga - Annie
Vela - Romaine
Phoenix - Mo

Pavo -
Delphinus - Isaac
Eridanus - Lexi
Perseus - Grace
Lyra - Zaara
Circinus - Yusuf

Cygnus -
Serpens - Edie
Andromeda - Summer

SPORTS UPDATE



A fantastic week of PE, physical activity and school sport at GDPS!

Year 6 boys football match v Hazeldene

This was our first match of the league and the boys did us proud. After a bit of a tricky start, they composed themselves and showed a real passion and desire to keep going until the final whistle. Unfortunately, they lost 14-0, but this does not reflect their effort or level of play. The teamwork showed by the boys was outstanding - well done for all your efforts and congratulations to Yusuf who was awarded player of the match!

Year 6 tag rugby sessions

In preparation for an upcoming tag rugby tournament, a coach from Bedford Blues delivered coaching sessions to our year 6 children this week. The children learnt the rules quickly and started to develop their passing. Next week the focus will be on the tags!

Next week

- Mon 27th Sept - Y5&6 sports leadership training & Y1 intro sport competition
- Tue 28th Sept - Y6 boys football match – away vs Livingstone (selected team) (Sorry parents are not allowed to attend as per their Covid protocols)
- Wed 29th Sept - Y5&6 girls football training 3:15-4:15
- Thu 30th Sept - Y5&6 girls netball match – away vs Castle Newnham

LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS



October Half-Term Fun
for 3-13* year olds

7.30-6pm* everyday

Childcare vouchers & taxfree credits accepted

Venues in Beds, Cambs, Herts & Essex

*at certain venues only

From only **£19.99** per day

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SHUTTLEWORTH PRESENTS
THE TALE OF THE LOST PILOT
A SPOOKTACULAR CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN EVENT
29TH, 30TH & 31ST OCTOBER 2021

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.

Tickets
£2.00 per child
Adults must have a valid admissions ticket to enter the site

www.shuttleworth.org/santas-fly-in

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

*Flying subject to aircraft serviceability and weather on the day



CHILD IN YEAR 6?
CHOOSING THEIR SECONDARY SCHOOL THIS YEAR?

OPEN EVENING ON MONDAY 4TH OCTOBER
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

Biddenham
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AND SPORTS COLLEGE
www.biddenham.beds.sch.uk
01234 342521 Find us on @BiddenhamIntSch

Biddenham Staff and Students welcome you to our

OPEN EVENING
on
Monday 4th October 2021
4.30pm-7.30pm

No need to book just come and look around

Recorded talks will be available on our website www.biddenham.beds.sch.uk
Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available

Join us at our Year 6 into Year 7

TRANSITION EVENTS

for Admissions in September 2022



Mr Deller, Head Teacher will be hosting the following events for Year 6 students transitioning to Bedford Academy in September 2022. Come and see why we think our school could be the right choice for your child's secondary education!

These events are an ideal opportunity to meet our fantastic staff, ask questions of our team and tour our amazing building and facilities.

1. Q&A VIRTUAL EVENT

Wednesday, 29th September
from 6 – 7pm

Click here on the night:

[Transition Virtual Q&A Event](#)

Part of the



2. OPEN EVENING

Wednesday, 6th October
from 6pm - 7.30pm

Bedford Academy • Mile Road • Bedford • MK42 9TR

t: 01234 301500 • e: info@bedfordacademy.co.uk

www.bedfordacademy.co.uk

Company Registration Number: 06969741

3. OPEN MORNING

Saturday, 9th October
from 9am – 12pm

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Anti-Bullying Workshop Thursday 23rd September 10am and 7pm

We still have spaces on our anti-bullying workshop this Thursday. This is open to all so please share the links with anyone who you think may like to come along to hear how Bedford Borough Schools are tackling bullying. Book your place for the daytime or evening session via the links below:

FOCUS GROUP 29TH SEPTEMBER 11AM



Bedford Borough Parent Carer forum listen to the voice of SEND families.

We are facilitating a focus group to explore your vision for an improved Bedford Borough SEND Information and Advice Service (SENDiass).

We would like you to contribute to the redesign of your SEND impartial advice service.

We will only have limited spaces available, please email us to book your place communications@bbpcf.org.uk

**AS A THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART AND
GIVING US YOUR VIEWS YOU WILL BE SENT
A £15 LOVE BEDFORD VOUCHER.**

SEND Support Drop-In

Wednesday 6th October 10-11.30am

We are holding term-time only informal get-togethers for Parents Carers to come along and access information to support your child and their SEND needs.

Bedford Borough SENDIASS will also be available and can offer 30 minute bookable slots throughout the week for individual support, please email them sendiass@bedford.gov.uk.

This meeting is open to Parent Carers of a child with a recognised need accessing SEN support through their Education setting. Please join us for a chat. |



Social Stories Workshop

Tuesday 2nd November

10am-1pm

A half day practical workshop providing the opportunity to learn and develop skills to communicate with children who have Autism/ADHD and other similar conditions, more effectively through social stories.

Attendees will explore and understand:

The differences children may experience in perspective taking, social understanding and managing change, due to their different way of thinking

The theory behind the concept of social stories in addressing and supporting people with these differences

How to write a social story, from unpicking the situation to suggesting alternative courses of action

There will be content relating to autism as this course is being presented by Autism Bedfordshire. Autistic children have differences which often apply to similar and related conditions (social and communication difficulties, ADHD, etc included) and social stories are useful for everyone so even if your child has a different diagnosis you may still find this workshop useful.

Book your place