



Great Denham Primary School
NEWSLETTER 6
Autumn Term
8th October 2021

This week we received some very sad news, that Mrs Dennis, one of our 1-1 Teaching Assistants in Year 1 sadly passed away suddenly. As I am sure you can imagine her passing away has been a huge shock to our team at school.

If any child needs any support please come and speak to Emma our family support worker.

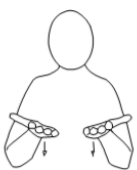


In memory of Mrs Dennis and to celebrate her bright and fun personality, staff across the school dressed in bright colours today.



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Inspiring excellence; everyone, everyday



SCHOOL PHOTOS



Thursday 14th October

– Individual photos

Friday 15th October

– Sibling photos

There won't be PE on these days so please send children to school in school uniform.

LETTERS THIS WEEK

Y6 – Daubeney opening evening

Friends of GD – AGM

REC-Y4 – Panto

(Y5&6 – Panto details to follow)

Nursery – Little City Visit

Nurture Group – Climb Quest

Parents' Evening Letter &

Info sheet

Head boys/girls & prefects –

Parents Evening helpers

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

This week we have enjoyed having some of our Reception and Year 6 parents in to find out more about the year ahead. Thank you to those who attended – we hope you found the sessions helpful. We will be sending out the link to the powerpoints to parents in those year group for any parents who could not attend. If you have any questions please do not hesitate Miss Neale (Reception) or Mrs Jakeman (Year 6).

It has been a busy week for sport again at Great Denham with a highlight being watching our sports leaders in Year 5/6 leading the Basketball competition for Year 3 and 4. Such fantastic leadership skills shown by our sports leaders – well done!

Hope you have a lovely weekend
Denise Burgess

CAPE FOR HEROS

Last term the year 1 children made capes as part of their superheroes project, Tommy made one for his auntie (who is a police officer) – and she shared it with some of her police officer friends - the cape got all the way to Nottingham.



2nd Hand Uniform Sale



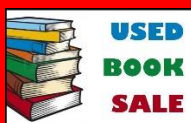
We will be selling good quality second hand uniform on

Friday 15th October – 1.30pm

Thursday 21st October – 3.00pm

At the back of the hall

Book Sale



We will be selling good quality second hand school books on

Friday 15th October – 1.30pm

At the back of the hall

All proceeds going to new books for the school as so many were lost during the pandemic

Thank You

Bedford Foodbank

would like to say thank you to

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for your generous donations which will directly help fight poverty in the local area.

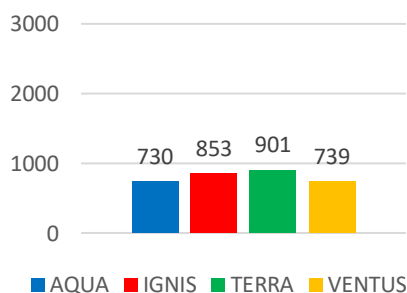
Total weight:

363.3 kg

which will help provide about **865** meals



Family Points



ATTENDANCE

Our attendance winners this week are:

Reception & Key Stage 1 – Delphinus – 98.2%

Key Stage 2 – Pegasus – 99.3%

Job Vacancy

Lunchtime Supervisor and After School Club Assistant

We are seeking a hardworking, creative and dynamic individuals to work with our lunchtime team and in our after school club -working with children from the school from the ages of 3 - 11 years.

DIARY DATES

- Week beginning 11th October – Reception classes – local walks
- Thursday 14th October – Year 5 & 6 – Deadline for ordering Young Voices parent audience tickets
- Thursday 14th October – Individual school photos
- Friday 15th October AM – Sibling School photos

YEAR GROUP UPDATE



Year 4

What a fabulous week Year 4 have had! We arrived to a block of frozen ice, which appeared to have a message hidden inside. We worked as a team to melt this and to our surprise, the message inside was written in Runes. We had to work hard to crack the message and were surprised to see that it said the following:



My name is Odd, I am a Norseman. Can you find out where my people are from and how they travelled?

We didn't understand who Odd was or where he came from. We spent time investigating the clues left in the message and identified that he was indeed from Norway. We explored the word Odd and outlined what this may look like, some acting this out and others

choosing to describe this in written form! Out of nowhere, a book arrived in our rooms called 'Odd and the Frost Giant' and we enjoyed exploring chapter one. We cannot wait to find out more in the coming weeks.

STARS & VALUES OF THE WEEK

Little Stars – Ace
Cassiopeia – Lyla
Aquila – Harleen
Volans – Victoria
Pegasus – Levelle
Auriga – Holly
Vela – Amelie
Phoenix – Bella

STARS

Tucana – Emma
Pavo – Alice
Delphinus – Kai
Eridanus – Joshua
Perseus – Cata
Lyra – Roxy
Circinus – Jake

Orion – Zakariya
Cygnus – Maya
Serpens – Yusha
Andromeda – Samuel



SPORTS AWARDS

Cassiopeia – Ayana
Aquila – Indiana
Volans – Ace
Pegasus – Hirah
Auriga – Imogen
Vela – Amelia
Phoenix – Chloe

VALUES

Tucana – Leah
Pavo – James
Delphinus – Edith
Eridanus – Freddy
Perseus – Anais
Lyra – Aisha
Circinus – Zuzanna

Orion – Rhian
Cygnus – Scarlett
Serpens – Philip
Andromeda – Emily

SPORTS

Aquila – Jaziel
Volans – Laloona
Pegasus – Levelle
Auriga – Robert
Vela – Leo
Phoenix – Zuwena

Pavo – Arley
Delphinus – Maxwell
Eridanus – Maxi
Perseus – Isaac
Lyra – Isabella
Circinus – Ava

Cygnus – Aysar
Serpens – Sebastian
Andromeda –

SPORTS UPDATE



Tuesday 5th October - Year 6 Boys football match v Castle Newnham

From the start, the boys played like they wanted to win. They fought hard to keep possession of the ball, made strong interceptions and made many spectacular saves! This was the team's strongest performance in the league, unfortunately, it was a 9-0 defeat, but there are many positives to be taken away from the match. Well done to you all! Player of the match - Joe-Joe, huge well done to you!

Wednesday 6th October - Year 3&4 Basketball Competition

Our year 5 and 6 leaders ran a basketball competition for our year 3 and 4 children and what a successful competition it was! It was great to see such strong leadership from our children and huge enjoyment from the participants. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Thursday 7th October - Year 5&6 Girls and Boys Tag Rugby Tournament

This tournament's purpose was participation and enjoyment, and our girls and boys team certainly achieved both of these. It was fantastic for the children to compete against other schools and develop their tag rugby skills. The girls had an amazing tournament; winning 6 games and drawing 1. The boys were also successful with; 3 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses.

Well done to both teams, you were amazing!

Thursday 7th October - Year 6 Girls Netball v Livingstone

This was an incredibly exciting game of netball, which just got better and better as time went on. The girls showed lots of energy, determination and skill, which was evenly matched by Livingstone. We intercepted well, attacked with passion and worked hard to slow the game down. The final score was 6-4 to Livingstone, but well done girls you played so well, well done!

Player of the match: Zuwenna (chosen by Livingstone)

*A special thank you to Mrs Lee for umpiring our match for the second week running!

Next week's events:

Tuesday 12th October

- Year 6 Boys football v Goldington Green AWAY
- Year 5&6 Girls netball v Scott Primary HOME

Wednesday 13th October

- Year 5 Boys football tournament 12:30-2:30

Thursday 14th October

- Year 5&6 Girls netball match v Westfield HOME
- Year 5 Boys football friendly v Bromham AWAY

LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

ST PAUL'S SQUARE | MK40 1SL

10 AM - 3.30 PM

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PROPOSED DATES (GOVERNMENT ROADMAP DEPENDENT):

9 MAY	11 JULY	12 SEPT
13 JUNE	8 AUG	10 OCT

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29TH, 30TH & 31ST OCTOBER 2021

SHUTTLEWORTH

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



Mental Capacity Act Friday 15th October - 10am

Do you have a child approaching 16 or over 16 and want to know more about the Mental Capacity Act?

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.

BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE HERE



ADHD Wise Course
Wednesday 13th October
7.00-9.30pm

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. You will need to commit to the full 6 weeks, just book your place for the first date and you will automatically be booked on for the full course.

Jannine will discuss lots of areas around ADHD and give you ideas and advice on how you can best help and support your child.

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. This is only open to parent carers in Bedford Borough and you must be a member of the parent carer forum to join the event, please complete our [membership form](#) if you aren't already a member.

[BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE HERE](#)



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 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 FREE PLACE HERE](#)



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