



Great Denham Primary School
NEWSLETTER 10
Autumn Term
12th November 2021

SPRING TERM CLUB BOOKINGS

OPENS ON
MONDAY 22nd NOVEMBER at 6.30PM

Breakfast Club
(7.30-8.30)

After School Club
(3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.30)

Friday PM Club
(1.30-3.00pm)

Places in all clubs are limited and available
on a first come first served basis

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Please join me in welcoming Zizi who joined Andromeda last week.

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LETTERS THIS WEEK

Girls Futsal Tournament Y3 & 4
Mixed EFL Football Cup Y6
Girls Futsal Tournament Y5 & 6
National Online Safety
Phonics Y1
Boccia Competition
Dodgeball Competition Y5 & 6

Inspiring excellence; everyone, everyday



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Yesterday we held our annual remembrance assembly but it looked a little different this year due to restrictions on being able to have large groups together, instead our wonderful year 5/6 children recorded an assembly containing poems, readings and a song for the rest of the school. All children across the school showed such respect which was lovely to see. Yesterday afternoon our Year 5/6 children took over their poppies they had made as part of their WW1 project this term and held a memorial service in the community. The work they produced was stunning and we are so proud of them all - well done!

Next week our Year 2 children are off to the Sea life centre in Birmingham - I am sure they will have a wonderful time!

Hope you have a lovely weekend
Denise Burgess

FRIENDS OF GREAT DENHAM

The FOGD held their AGM last week and we are pleased to announce the new committee members. A massive thank you to Kirsty Lister and Jo Wigley for volunteering to take over as Chair and Vice Chair. Also thank you to Helen & Vikki for their contribution over the previous year.

New committee members are...

Chair:	Kirsty Lister
Vice Chair:	Jo Wigley
Treasurer:	Scott Allen
Communications:	Emily Ord
Secretary:	Steve Gallagher

REMINDER

All KS2 children (Year 3-6) should now be in winter uniform - shirt and tie and not polo shirts / summer dresses etc. (Other than on PE Day).

Ties are priced at £4.05 and are available from the school office. Payment can be made on Pay 360 or cash brought to the school office.

Online Safety

Last week we sent out information regarding a fantastic online safety resource that we have subscribed to as a school from **National Online Safety**. This allows parents to sign up and receive access to a range of resources including training, help videos and regular updates on how you can keep your child safe online. If you haven't signed up already please take advantages of this brilliant resource by following the link below:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com>

Safety Squad

As part of our work at improving online safety awareness as a school we have elected children from each class to take on the role of a member of our safety squad. We are looking for 2 parents to join this group and take an active role in helping promote online safety across the school. The group will meet termly in school time for one hour, three times a year. If you are interested please email ruth.preece@gpds.uk for further information!

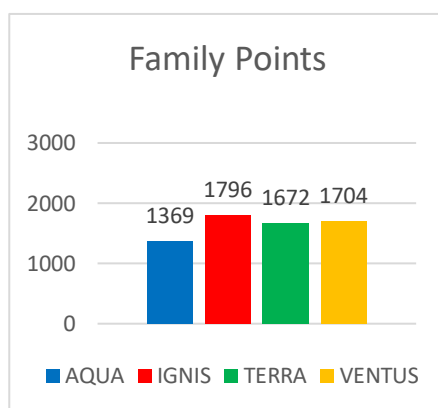
Please see attached the Factsheets about Netflix and Squid Game



Home



School



ATTENDANCE

Our attendance winners this week are:

Reception & Key Stage 1
– Pavo – 98.3%

Key Stage 2
– Perseus – 99%

YEAR GROUP UPDATE



Reception

What a fabulous term the children in Reception are having so far. We are so proud of how well they have all settled and of all their wonderful learning.

This term our project is 'These boots were made for walking' and our wellies have taken us to all sorts of places. We started with a trip to Bromham Woods where the children searched high and low for the wellies whilst building dens, having a campfire and learning to trust their friends helping them with a blind trail. Our wellies then took us on a journey around the school and into the local area. We talked about who are the important adults for us at school and what they do. The children have loved learning about other people who help us such as Doctors and Vets.

This week there was great excitement when the Firemen came to see us. The children loved seeing the fire truck and exploring all the different things it could do.

We have lots more exciting things happening this term and we can't wait to watch the children to continue to learn and grow.



Remembrance Day

Lest We Forget

"At the going down of the
sun and in the morning,
We will remember them"

Following the damage to the local memorial, children of Great Denham Primary School were enraged and inspired to create a peaceful memorial site for their community. On 11th November, Y5 and 6 children gathered with the Royal British Legion to form part of a commemorative service. The children held a two minutes silence, sang their hearts out, laid outstanding poppies that they had created and shared poems which they had written. We were immensely proud of how respectful and reflective the children were in such a moving service.



DIARY DATES

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PARKING ISSUES

Please can parents be more considerate to our neighbours on Muirfield when dropping off and collecting their children from school. We have a park and ride less than a 2 minute walk from the school which we are so fortunate to have. Parking like that shown in the picture not only prevents our children and their families from walking on the pavements but also it would prevent emergency service access if it was required. Please can everyone do their part to keep our children and community safe.



STARS & VALUES OF THE WEEK



Little Stars – Eddie
Cassiopeia – Seb
Aquila – Kaleb
Volans – Logan
Pegasus – Alex W
Auriga – Nodari
Vela – Markuss
Phoenix – Zuwena

STARS

Tucana – George
Pavo – Aliyah
Delphinus – Isaac
Eridanus – Lexi
Perseus – Eloise
Lyra – Tiana
Circinus – Rylee

Orion – Leo
Cygnus – Vihaan
Serpens – Keelan
Andromeda – Xari

Cassiopeia – Penelope
Aquila – Evie W
Volans – Oliver
Pegasus – Grayson
Auriga – Lyla
Vela – Liam
Phoenix – Bella

VALUES

Tucana – Oliver
Pavo – Harry
Delphinus – Zoe
Eridanus – Marwa
Perseus – Finley
Lyra – Max
Circinus – James

Orion – Arthur
Cygnus – Quinn
Serpens – Jacob
Andromeda – Asher

SPORTS STARS

Cassiopeia – Lyla
Aquila – Indiana
Volans – Laloona
Pegasus – Niamh
Auriga – Holly
Vela – Joe-Joe
Phoenix – Kayla

Tucana – Jack
Pavo – Parker
Delphinus – Monty
Eridanus – Anaya
Perseus – Eloise
Lyra – Deborah
Circinus – Ayesha

Orion – Charlotte
Cygnus – Aurelia
Serpens – Cairo
Andromeda – Eddie

SPORTS UPDATE

Delphinus - Year 2 Multiskills festival

As promised here are some photos of Delphinus in action at last week's multisports festival. The children enjoyed many activities that included; dribbling, throwing, jumping, running and striking. Delphinus performed very well, showing an enormous amount of determination and excellence! Well done.



Year 5&6 Boys table tennis tournament

This was an exciting competition for our boys, which was fast paced, energetic and tactical. We entered two teams into the competition, play was to a very high standard and individual participation contributed towards an overall team result.

Well done to both teams who showed excellence throughout.

Team 1 finished in 4th place and Team 2 in 7th, out of 8 teams. Well done to you all for your efforts and performance!

Team 1: Abu, Harman, Joe-Joe, Nakia, Thomas

Team 2: Fabien, James, Max, Nardo, Ramin



Year 5&6 mixed girls Netball match

Wow, this game was phenomenal from start to finish. It is the first match where both year 5 and 6 girls have played together in the same team, and they went from strength to strength. The girls passed strongly, intercepted confidently and played some beautiful netball up and down the court. Well done girls - you should be so proud of your performances!

Player of the match; Zuwenna (chosen by Bromham)

Mrs Hardy's player of the match: The whole team!

Team:

Year 6 - Anaya, Kayla, Naima, Zuwenna

Year 5 - Alice, Deborah, Grace, Sienna



Year 5&6 Girls Futsal league

Our 2 teams played in the Futsal league last night. Results and photos will appear in next week's newsletter.

Next week:

Monday

- Year 6 Boys and girls EFL Football Cup, Bedford hockey stadium, 1:00-4:00pm
- Year 5&6 Boys Basketball training 3:15-4:15pm

Tuesday

- Year 5 & 6 Girls Table Tennis at Westfield, 4:00-6:00pm

Wednesday

- Year 3&4 Girls Futsal Tournament
- Year 5 Football friendly AWAY at Bromham 3:30-4:30pm

Thursday

- Year 5&6 Girls Futsal League at Alexandra sports hall, 4:00-6:00pm

LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS



the national sleep helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541

Available Sunday - Thursday 7pm - 9pm

the national sleep helpline

50%

Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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POWERED BY the sleep charity

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*Survey of 2,000 adults by OnePoll, Aug 2021



Children's Occupational Therapy Service

for children and young people who experience difficulties with everyday activities

You can find information and access the resources listed below on our webpage:
www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/Bedfordshire/services/occupational-therapy

- 'You make the difference' video - for parents and carers of children aged under 5, to promote use of hands and independence skills.
- Sensory Processing Awareness Training - online video, planning wheels and strategies.
- Development Skills Package - provides information to support the development of the skills notes below.



SCAN ME

This information is also available in easy read or other languages, please see the website or scan the QR code to use our RECITE function.



- Play
- Eating
- Dressing
- Self-care (eg washing)



- Managing at school (e.g. school tasks and helping a child with a physical disability with supportive seating or to get around their classroom)

Further information (including details of your Local Offer pages) can be found at:

www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/Bedfordshire/services/occupational-therapy



**NEURODIVERSITY IN A
MULTICULTURAL
WORLD**

After the success of our previous event, Jannine from ADHDwise will be running another workshop on the challenges, and stigma around neurodiversity (neurodiversity can be Dyslexia, Autism, Learning Difficulties or any other type of special need or disability) in a multicultural world.

This Webinar will focus on children and young people.

This is open to anyone who would like to join, everyone is welcome. We would love to hear *your* views too.

Join us at this online workshop
Monday 15th November at 6.30pm

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

BOOK YOUR PLACE

ANNUAL SURVEY

**Complete our Annual
Survey for your chance
to win £50 Love
Bedford Vouchers**

Our Annual Survey is still running until 30th November, please take 5 minutes to complete it and enter for a chance to win £50 Love Bedford vouchers....

COMPLETE SURVEY HERE

**Follow the school on
Twitter @GreatDenhamPS**



Monday 15th November - 10am School Attendance Discussion

Please come along and discuss your experiences with the Early Help and Intervention Service and Manager for SEND Programme.

The discussion will include:

- What support is available to support you and your child if you're having attendance issues/school refusal
- What is the Educational Welfare service role around Attendance and SEND.
- What is unauthorised absence and what does this mean for families.

BOOK YOUR PLACE



Parent Training from the Educational Psychology Team

**Friday 12th November - 10am or
Wednesday 17th November - 7pm**

Educational Psychology Assessments - what do they do?
How are they delivered? When are they undertaken?

Aneta, from Bedford's Educational Psychology team, will help us learn all about the tests and how they help us understand how best to help a child or young person, including learning difficulties and what they actually are.

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