



# Great Denham Primary School

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## Newsletter 1 – Spring Term

7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### A message from the head.....

Happy new year and welcome back to a new term and 2022! I hope you had a restful and safe break with your families.

It has been a busy first couple of days already with a pantomime for year 3/4, stunning starts, a Greek day and rehearsals for the Year 1 Christmas play today!

The children have come back brilliantly and are happy, excited about their new projects and keen to learn!

Have a lovely weekend

Denise Burgess

Please join me in welcoming Jonah who joined us this week in Year 3 and Hollie who joined us in Year 6.  
Also this week we welcome two new staff to our team:

- Mrs Tracy Lee - Circinus class teacher (Year 6)
- Miss Husna Khamis (Cassiopeia teaching assistant)



### Project Books

We would love you to have the opportunity to look at your child's project book from last term and share their amazing work - these will be put outside your child's classroom all of next week at the end of the school day until 3.35pm so if you have a chance to take a look please do!

If you could also write your parent comment in the inside front cover as well that would be fantastic. On Friday next week they will be available until 1.40pm. Any children who attend after school club every day next week we will deliver their books to Mrs Eaton so you can have a look when you pick them up one day.

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This week's letters home –

Spring Term PE days – Years 1-6

Covid Update – All

Swimming Letter –Year 5 (Lyra)

### REMINDERS

Uniform:

Please can I remind children that they should be wearing a school jumper or cardigan each day which is navy blue - not hoodies, fleeces etc. If they are cold please encourage them to wear a vest.

### Sports Update

**All extra curricular clubs start next week**

- Tuesday 11th January 4-5:30pm
- Years 5 & 6 Boys Basketball match
- Wednesday 12th January 3:15-4:15pm
- Year 4, 5 & 6 mile run/cross country training



# YEAR GROUP UPDATE

## Year 6

Year 6 have started the new term learning about Ancient Greece. They received a message from 'Elliot' asking them to go on an Ancient Greek adventure!

We are hoping to find out about this mysterious character, Elliot, over the coming weeks! Yesterday, Year 6 had a cracking day learning about all things Ancient Greece! We joined Dan, our Greek expert, on a journey of myths, legends and fun facts that thrilled, astounded and engaged us all.

The children particularly loved role playing many of the famous Greeks myths - Medusa was definitely the firm favourite! The children took part in a quiz, which was a chance to test our knowledge, and they used what they already knew as well as exploring new information to answer the questions and win stars as prizes.

Talking of stars, Dan was able to tell us all about the Seven Sisters constellation which we found fascinating, especially as one sister is believed to have come to Earth to live as a human! The day rounded off with some great information about the Ancient Greek games and how they evolved into our modern day Olympics.

All in all we had a fabulous day learning about the Greeks and we can't wait to see what else this adventure has in store for us!



## Online Safety

National Online Safety have composed a festive song and have produced a music video we we have added to the parent watchlist on national Online Safety Website. If you want to watch it and learn the song with your children then login using this link and sign up as parent to have access to all the great resources and information they offer!

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/great-denham-primary-school>



There have so far been 19 'seasons' of Fortnite, spread across three iterations (called 'chapters') in its four years on the market. The developers' gimmick in more recent chapters has been to incorporate popular characters from other franchises – including Marvel and Star Wars – further boosting Fortnite's appeal to younger audiences.

Without wanting to sound blasé, most of the combat in Fortnite is sanitised enough to reflect the game's PEGI 12 age rating. Yet real-world threats lurk within these virtual war-zones – from marathon gaming sessions to other players acting aggressively over audio chat. If you have a young Fortnite fan in your family, our #WakeUpWednesday guide will help you keep them safe when they play.



# LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS

**February Half Term Exclusive Play Session**

**MK Springers Gymnastics Centre**  
16 Carters Lane, Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes, MK11 3ES

Date: Friday 18th February 2022  
Time: 12.15pm - 1.15pm

Cost: £3.50 per child (AB members)  
£4.50 per child (non AB members)

You must supervise your children at all times.  
Suitable for children aged 3-13 years

**Book Now**  
enquiries@autismbeds.org  
01234 214871 (general enquiries)  
01234 350704 (helpline)

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**FEBRUARY HALF TERM @ ANIMAL EDGE**

THURSDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2022  
MILLBROOK, BEDFORD MK45 2HZ  
AVAILABLE SLOTS: 12:00 - 14:00 / 14:00 - 16:00  
THE COST OF THIS SESSION IS £15 PER FAMILY

TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE EMAIL  
enquiries@autismbeds.org  
OR CALL 01234 214871

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**JOHN BUNYAN SOFT PLAY**

John Bunyan, Sports and Fitness, Mile Road Bedford, MK42 9TS

Autism Bedfordshire will have exclusive use of this facility

Please note child tickets will be limited to children with autism and their siblings.  
Suitable for children aged 0-12yrs, under 1's go FREE  
PARENTS MUST SUPERVISE THEIR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES.

**MONDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2022**  
**3.30PM - 5PM**

£4.00 per child (AB members)  
£5.00 per child (Non members)

**Book now on 01234 214871**

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POLHILL AVENUE, BEDFORD MK41 9DT

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FOR AUTISTIC YOUNG PEOPLE  
AGED 10-17 YEARS

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**FEBRUARY HALF TERM EXCLUSIVE SWIM SESSIONS**

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Location: Lea Manor Recreation Centre  
Northwell Drive, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU3 3TL

Dates: Tuesday 15th February 2022

Session Times: 11:30 - 12:30  
or 13:15 - 14:15

Cost: £3 per person (under 3's are free)

Additional info: - Please arrive 15 minutes before your session to change;  
- Hand sanitiser must be used before accessing site;  
- You will be responsible for your child/ren at all times;  
- Parents/ carers must be in the pool with their child/ren to;  
- There will be a limited capacity per session;  
- There will be 2 support staff present.

Please note: This may be subject to change to align with COVID-19 guidance

**TO BOOK:**  
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**FEBRUARY HALF TERM EXCLUSIVE PLAY SESSIONS**

**SALTO GYMNASTICS CENTRE**

The gymnastics centre has so much to offer, with an inflatable slide, soft play apparatus, two full size spring floor areas, a full length tumble track and much more!

**BOOK NOW!**  
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Venue: Salto Gymnastics Centre,  
98 Camford Way, Luton, LU3 3AN

Date: Wednesday 16th February 2022


Time: 12:30pm - 2pm

Age: 5-12 years

Cost: £3.50 per child (AB members),  
£4.50 per child (non AB members)

**Autism BEDFORDSHIRE** **SALTO GYMNASTICS CLUB**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**  
- Children must be supervised 1:1 at all times. Additional adults must attend if you have 2+ children to ensure there is a 1:1 ratio;  
- Only 1 trampoline is available and the others are off limits as they don't have the inflatable sides for safety;  
- Due to covid the foam pit will be blocked off for this session.




**CONTACT** 07960 699762  
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## WOOTTON

**2 WEEKS FREE TRIAL**  
The Wootton Village Hall, Church Road, Wootton,  
Bedford  
Friday 21st January 2022  
6.15PM  
And Every Friday Thereafter

Beginners Age 4 to Adult  
Great for Families to Train together

**COVID19SAFE**

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## Football Development Centre

### Bays Sporting Facilities

Mark Rutherford School - MK41 8PX

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Individual skills

UEFA coaches

Team play

High Quality Football Coaching by very experienced coaches  
who supplement your own club sessions.

Developing - Technical skills – Physical skills – Psychological skills – Social skills

Start Back Date - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022

£4 per session – 11 week block of Development

Times/ages: 5-6pm = 5 - 9 years & 6-7pm = 10 - 14 years



UEFA B coaches – Youth Award Level 3 - Enhanced DBS - Safeguarding  
BFAS (Basic First Aid for Sport)

Contact: **Mark** – 07419764033 – [mark@4cornercoaching.co.uk](mailto:mark@4cornercoaching.co.uk)  
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