



A message from the Head...

Dear Parents,

Well we have seen all extremes of weather this week! This week has again been full of fun for the children with more fabulous finishes, trips and Easter crafts!

Year 3/4 had a fabulous day out at the Science Museum on Wednesday. A huge thank you to all our parent helpers who came to help on the day. As well as this, Nursery, year 5 and 6 all had their fabulous finishes too which were thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Last week we were assessed as a school for an award called the EAL mark. This is a national accreditation for schools who work well with their families who speak English as an additional language. Mrs Rose has been leading our work on this and I am thrilled to announce the we have been awarded the Gold award which is the highest award!

I hope you have a restful and enjoyable Easter break; we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Wednesday 20th April - please don't forget children are moving to their summer uniform.

Denise Burgess
Headteacher

This week's letters home

Reception – Writing workshop – revised date

Various – Sports

Reception – PE kit

Reception – Swimming lesson

Year 3 – Grafham Residential Trip for 2023

Year 2 – Grafham Residential Trip for 2024



Communications Survey

You will have hopefully seen that we emailed out a link to a communications survey that we have put together to gain feedback from you on what we do well and the ways we can improve our communications and processes in the future.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to fill it in.

Online Safety

National Online Safety this week:

What parents need to know about Facebook (see poster attached to email).

The updated #WakeUpWednesday guide to the social media titan Facebook alerts trusted adults to potential issues around inappropriate content, oversharing and contact from strangers.

If you haven't signed up to National Online Safety already, please take advantage of this brilliant resource by following the link [HERE](#)

Diary Dates

Tuesday 19th April – INSET day

Wednesday 20th April – Children return to school

Goodbye Mrs Knox

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Knox, Year 3 teacher - we wish her well in her new adventures!

Fabulous Finishes

What a week of brilliant Fab Finishes we've had! Year 5 have seen their adventure with Cosmos come to an end with the opportunity to get stuck in and make some yummy treats together. Nursery took us all by surprise when coming in to school all dressed up for their Superhero Day on Wednesday and Year 6 took part in their impressive Greek Gyro Eatery!

Year 5 - Cosmos



Nursery Superhero Day



Welcome to our
Greek Gyros
Eatery!

Our Fabulous Finish



Year 6 Fab Finish

Year 6 took part in their Greek Gyros Eatery! For their fabulous finish a wonderful authentic Greek catering company provided us with some lovely Greek food to have for lunch. We set up a banquet style experience in the Year 6 classrooms and ate our lunch to the sounds of traditional Greek music. We also had a go at doing some Greek dancing but it definitely became tricky when the music started to speed up. The children had a wonderful afternoon. We'd also like to thank those who came to celebrate their child's project book - it was so lovely to welcome parents and carers back in to our classrooms again!

Year 3/4 Science Museum Trip



YEAR GROUP UPDATE

Year 1

We can't believe we are coming to the end of our project 'Am I too small to make a difference?' The children have shown so much enthusiasm towards their learning this term and have impressed us with their knowledge on the Arctic and Antarctica.

Year 1 worked extremely hard on their performance skills and showed courage creating their fabulous climate change documentaries. They loved sharing their learning with an audience and it was great seeing everyone dressed up to impress on the red carpet.



SPORTS UPDATE

Physical Education (PE)

Our children have enjoyed celebrating their learning this term by competing in a family intra-school competition this week. All children have worked hard to develop and master new skills in hockey and cricket and this was certainly evident during our competition week.

Thank you to our year 5 sports leaders who have helped lead during some of the sessions this week.

Congratulations:

4th - Ventus

3rd - Ignis

2nd - Terra

1st - Aqua



School Sport

Year 3&4 Girls Basketball league

Both teams had another strong week in the league, there was a semi-final decider between both teams in which the A team came out victorious for a place in the final. The A team just fell short at the last hurdle drawing with Westfield 2-2, which meant that overall, due to goal difference, the A team finished in 2nd place- congratulations! The B team finished in 5th place overall. Well done girls - you did Great Denham proud!

A team Overall - 2nd - Lena, Cleusia, Emilie, Eloise, Florence & Summayah

B team Overall - 5th - Anaya, Anna, Danielle, Grace, Kawthar & Mimi

Year 5&6 Mixed Quick Sticks tournament

After the previous week's tournament, the squad were willing and raring to go. Children competed in a team of four in the quicksticks tournament and it enabled them to show off the skills they have developed during their club. All teams had wins, draws and losses, but the A team were undefeated throughout. The A team reached the final and won 2-1 against strong opponents, Scott Primary- congratulations! Well done to all of the squad who have trained, played and worked hard to be successful this term. A special thank you to Coach Burgess who has given up her time to train the children and has done a wonderful job!

A team Overall position: 1st - Charlie, Ken Niamh & Sienna,

B team Overall position: 5th- Ayesha, Charlie, Grace & Hugo

C team Overall position: 7th - Florence, Jake, Joe-Joe, Oskar & Summer-Star



Physical Activity

Sustrans big walk and wheel

Thank you to all of you who have either travelled to school as normal by walking or wheeling or encouraged your children to walk or wheel to school when they wouldn't normally do so. Out of all the large primary schools throughout the country, our daily average showed 65% of our children walk or wheel to school. The best in Bedford is Shortstown with a daily average of 85%. We will work on this next year!

Why continue your walking or scooting with the Sustrans local Easter Egg Hunts? See right for details.

It's been another fantastic term of PESSPA at Great Denham and we are excited for the summer term ahead!



Get Active Easter Egg Hunt

Egg Hunt is FREE

Tuesday 12th April
Bedford Park
Start by the Pavillion
10am-2pm

Thursday 7th April
Jubilee Park
Start by the Jubilation Centre
10am-2pm

Gift for each child

Just turn up on the day. Bring your bikes, scooters or walking feet
sustainable.transport@bedford.gov.uk



Save the date!

Friday 9th September 2022



Calling all ex Great Denham Primary Pupils

You are invited to drop in to school to join us in celebrating our 10th anniversary on Friday 9th September from 2.00pm to 5.00pm.

We'd love to see you all!



Our 10 Year Anniversary – 9th September 2022

We are letting you know now to give you plenty of time to make alternative arrangements. This date marks the 10-year anniversary of our school being open and we will be hosting celebrations for ex pupils and staff on the afternoon that day. The children in school will enjoy celebrations in the morning as well. If you have older children who attended GDPS please share the flyer with them and ask them to put the date in their diary - we would love to see them and show them how the school has changed over the years as well as share memories with them!

Awareness days and religious festivals

15th April – **Good Friday**

17th April – **Easter Sunday**

18th April – **Easter Monday**

23rd April – **St George's Day**

LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS

Holiday Activities and FOOD Programme

HAF is back! This Easter, Bedford Borough Council is funding an exciting range of **FREE activities** for children and families on **income related free school meals**.

Places are limited and so booking is essential, eligibility will be checked before bookings are confirmed.

Visit the Bedford Local Offer website for more information:
<https://localoffer.bedford.gov.uk/hafeaster22>

Website & bookings will be live from Friday 4th March, 12pm.

JOIN IN THE FUN AT OUR

Easter Camp

Ages 3-14

THE BEARS SPORTY SCHOLARS

Tennis	Cricket	Go Karts
Nerf	Football	Easter Hunt, 40ft Maze, Danos, Gymnastics & More! (select locations)

Week One: 4th-8th April Week Two: 11th-14th Week Three: 19th -22nd

Banbury / Bedford / Brackley / Flitwick / Milton Keynes

9-3:30pm / 10-5:30pm / 8-4pm / 8-5:30pm / 10-2pm from £18 per day

Activities: Specialising in Tennis, Cricket, and Football plus an introduction to a wide variety of other sports and activities like Go Kart, Zorbs, Nerf, Laser Tag, 40ft Inflatable Maze. Throughout the day children can choose their themed activities depending on who is feeling adventurous, or maybe on the creative side!

Food Options now Available to add on to your booking

SPORTY SCHOLARS

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Start Back Date - Wednesday 27th April 2022
£4 per session – 11 week block of Development

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



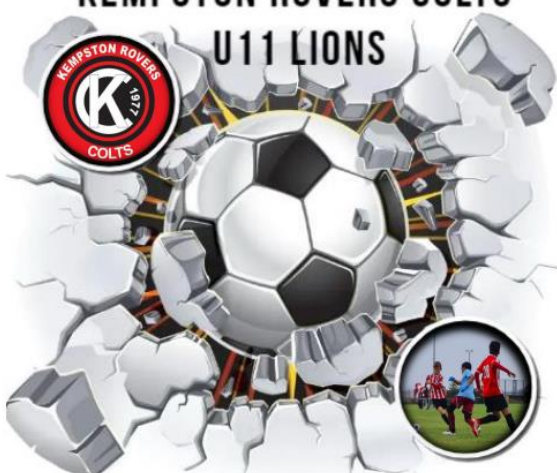
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