



A message from the Head...

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week our year 2 children have impressed us with their determination as they undertook their Year 2 assessments. Every single one of them worked so hard and tried their best and did so with a smile on their face - we are so proud of them all!

Next week is a very busy week for our eldest children, with our year 6 children off to Legoland and also to sing at the O2 with year 5. On Friday 27th the whole school will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a special assembly, picnic lunch and we invite everyone to dress in red, white and blue for the day. If you do not wish for your child to have the school picnic lunch, please send your child in with a packed lunch so they can enjoy the picnic with their class!

As well as this, next week I am very excited that I have been invited to attend the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace! I look forward to sharing my experience with the children, particularly our Year 2 children who are enjoying their project on London currently!

Have a lovely weekend

Denise Burgess
Headteacher

This week's letters home

Year 1 – Queen's Jubilee Tea Party

Year 3 – Bromham Woods Trip

Year 5 – o2 Young Voices

Diary Dates

Monday 23rd May – Y5/6 - O2 Young Voices

Thursday 26th May – Y6 - Legoland

Friday 27th May – Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – Dress in Red / White / Blue

Monday 30th May – Monday 6th June –
HALF TERM

Monday 6th June – SCHOOL CLOSED

School Uniform

Thank you for all of your feedback on our school uniform - we were thrilled to have had over 260 responses to the questionnaire as well as feedback from the children. The governing body have taken on board the comments and feedback and have agreed some changes from September to make our uniform more cost effective - we will share the updated uniform policy with you in the next couple of weeks!

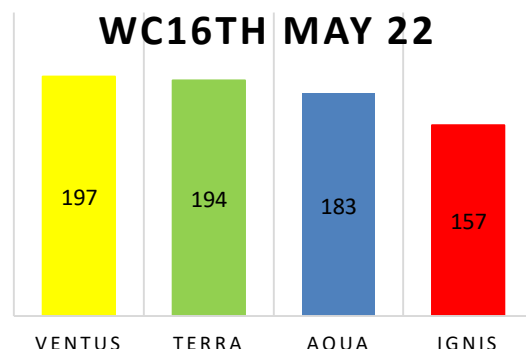
National Online Safety this week:

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

Having originally been designed by two friends, purely to help other dedicated gamers get the most out of their online play, Discord has grown to register some truly impressive figures. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide identifies the potential pitfalls of children using Discord.

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

FAMILY POINTS WC16TH MAY 22



Drum roll please...

Our star of the week awards is an opportunity for our teachers to give great praise to the children who show hard work, determination and enthusiasm amongst other things, to the children who really stand out that week. Values awards are also given out each week to children who show us how they live by the Great Denham Primary values.

Read on below to see who got the awards this week.

WC16th May Awards



STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Little Stars	Hattie		Pavo	Zach		Pegasus	Olivia		Vela	Xara
Cassiopeia	Penelope		Cygnus	Zack		Eridanus	Marwa		Lyra	Roxy
Tucana	Morgan		Volans	Finley		Andromeda	Essie		Phoenix	Musa
Orion	Ihaan		Delphinus	Abdul		Auriga	Chanel		Circinus	Afrin
Aquila	Mikael		Serpens	Leo		Perseus	Kyle			



Little Stars	Florence		Pavo	Ignacy		Pegasus	Aqeel		Vela	Zachary
Cassiopeia	Oscar		Cygnus	Aysar		Eridanus	Rio		Lyra	Aisha
Tucana	Abyan		Volans	Whole Class		Andromeda	Acacio		Phoenix	Mo
Orion	Dylan		Delphinus	Whole Class		Auriga	Gracie		Circinus	James
Aquila	Dylan		Serpens	Scarlett		Perseus	Aaima			



YEAR GROUP UPDATE

Year 6

We wanted to start by saying how proud we are of all the Year 6 children who worked so hard in the run up to and during SATs week. We are so pleased they enjoyed their water fight and ice lollies last Friday. We are now in full rainforest mode in Year 6! This week, we were lucky enough to get up close and personal with Safari Stu's rainforest animals which included tarantulas, cockroaches, a python and many more! All of the children (and staff!) showed a lot of courage to hold some of the animals despite some of them being a bit nervous! As well as this, we have been going on a journey down the Amazon river - the children have been encouraged to get really creative with this task and so far we've seen song lyrics, poetry, podcasts and video blogs which is really exciting! We have also finished creating our rainforest identity pieces of artwork which are an amazing addition to our classrooms. We are also really looking forward to our marvellous middle, the trip to the 'living rainforest'.



SPORTS UPDATE

Tuesday 24th May

Year 6 Boys Cricket finals
4:30-5:30pm
Bedford Hockey centre

Wednesday 25th May

Year 6 Girls Rounders match
4:30-5:30pm
Brickhill Primary

School Sport

Year 5&6 Girls Cricket League

Well done to both teams for showing determination and an improvement in their overall performances against strong competition. Unfortunately, neither teams made it through to the finals night, however both teams should be proud of their achievements, well done!

Year 6 team: Afrin, Anaya, Ayesha, Lucy, Madi, Naima, Niamh, Summayah & Zuwenah

Year 5 team: Alanna, Alice, Amelia, Ava, Deborah, Grace, Julia, Kiana & Sienna

Year 6 Girls Rounders League

Huge congratulations to our team who won their match against Castle Newnham by 2 rounders. The team are improving weekly and are looking forward to their last match next week.

Year 6 Multi-sports festival

Thank you to half of our year 6 children who enjoyed and participated in 7 different sports during this festival. The children developed their skills and understanding of the rules, whilst playing against other schools.





Look at Life

Saturday, 28th–Sunday, 29th May
10.30 to 16.30*



Discover the 'invisible' organisms living in our pond along with newts & tadpoles

Spot the minibeasts and trees along our Nature Trail

Meet and handle the animal ambassadors from Animal in Mind and Teaching Talons

Design your own fossil pebbles

Learn about the wildlife that calls the Museum home!



...and much more!

*GENERAL ADMISSIONS APPLY

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EVENTS SEE WWW.MILTONKEYNESMUSEUM.COM AND

FOLLOW US ON

MK Museum is hosting its annual Look at Life event and we would appreciate if you could circulate the poster and below information with your teachers and parents.

Go wild at MK Museum with Look at Life
Wildlife-themed events
May 28 & 29, 2022

Milton Keynes Museum is inviting youngsters to go wild this May, with two-days of wildlife themed activities.

Many of our native species are struggling to co-exist in today's modern world, but whether it's planting the correct flowers to help our pollinators or creating hedgehog spaces in our gardens, we can all help to make a positive change. Look at Life is a great way to learn how to help, while having lots of fun!

On Saturday, May 28 Animals in Mind will be at the Museum teaching visitors about wildlife conservation, animal habitats, diet and the important role animals play in our environment - and how they can benefit our mental health. You will also be able to handle some of the animals in an experience safe for them, and for little people.

On Sunday, May 29 Teaching Talons will 'fly in' with a variety of their animals; and they care for the furry, the prickly, the scaly and the hairy – from mice to hedgehogs, bugs, beetles and tarantulas to snakes and tortoises. As their name suggests, Teaching Talons also deal with birds, and they will be giving some lucky visitors the opportunity to handle an owl.

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Explore the gardens of Church End Biddenham



Sunday 26th June 2022, 2pm–5pm

Come and explore the variety of gardens along Church End, The Old Barns and Manor Road, Biddenham - whether pristine, everyday, interesting or just "work in progress".

Afternoon tea with home-made cakes for sale in the Church Barn.
Plants for sale.

Tickets £5 per person for all gardens, available on the day from the Church Barn (next to St James's Church at MK40 4AS), or by the postbox, The Old Barns. Accompanied children under 12 free.

Parking along Main Road. Well controlled dogs on leads, children and buggies all welcome. **Note:** There are ponds, steps and other hazards in some gardens and wheelchair access may be limited in some areas.

For more information, email churchendgardens@gmail.com

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