



A message from the Head...

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been an exceptionally busy week with lots of trips, exciting times and the birth of GDPS ducks and chicks!

On Monday Year 5/6 had an amazing day at the O2, London, singing as part of a choir of 8000 children from across the country for the Young Voices. The children were a credit to our school and we are already looking forward to taking Y5/6 again next year! Year 6 continued their busy week with their annual trip to Legoland yesterday and again had a fantastic but long day.

Today the children in Reception have had exciting news as they found out which of our 4 families they will be joining when they go into year 1! They will now be able to join their new family after half term as they vote for their new head boys and girls.

Have a lovely half term next week and enjoy the bank holiday weekend!

Denise Burgess
Headteacher

This week's letters home

Selected – Lego Therapy – Brick Club

Year 5/6 - Quad Kids Athletics

Year 5/6 - Mixed Cricket

Year 4 - District Cricket Final

Year 6 – selected - swimming catch-up

Diary Dates

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

Monday 6th June – SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 7th June – Head boy & girl
presentation

Thursday 9th June – Nursery - Standalone Farm

Thursday 9th June – Y5/6 Living Rainforest trip

National Online Safety this week:

What parents need to know about cross-platform sharing of inappropriate content (see poster attached to email).

Our #WakeUpWednesday guide this week examines the potential dangers when inappropriate content begins to be shared across different platforms.

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

Golden News!

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded **Gold** for the School Games Mark award 2021/22. This award is a government led scheme launched to reward schools for their commitment to the development of physical activity across their school in; participation, competition, workforce and clubs.



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.

WC23rd May Awards



STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Little Stars	Alanna	Pavo	Aliyah	Pegasus	Amanda	Vela	Sienna
Cassiopeia	Owen	Cygnus	Cian	Eridanus	Euan	Lyra	Alesha
Tucana	Rose	Volans	Jake	Andromeda	Ewan	Phoenix	Barbare
Orion	Darby	Delphinus	Maxwell	Auriga	Oisin	Circinus	Nardo
Aquila	Louie	Serpens	Bella	Perseus	Eloise		



VALUES AWARDS

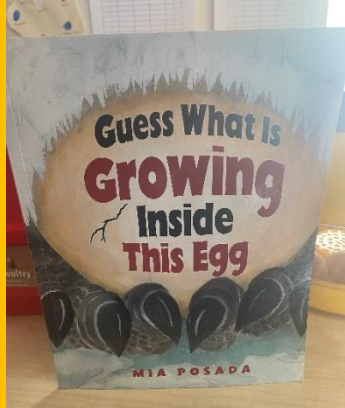
Little Stars	Kaydence	Pavo	Arley	Pegasus	Ayaan	Vela	Tanisha
Cassiopeia	Ridwan	Cygnus	Maya	Eridanus	Cleusia	Lyra	Jacob
Tucana	Thomas	Volans	Tommy	Andromeda	Teddy	Phoenix	Aydin
Orion	Isla	Delphinus	Eliza	Auriga	Conan	Circinus	Ava
Aquila	Jessica	Serpens	Sophia	Perseus	Jamie		



YEAR GROUP

UPDATE

What could be growing in the eggs was a big question?



Nursery

This term the children are learning about 'Down on the Farm'. They came into find muddy footprints, wellies and some seeds that had been left. Later in the week Farmer Ted had left a letter asking if the children could help him by planting some seeds and looking after some eggs.



It wasn't long before we found out what was in the smaller eggs as our chicks began to hatch. Meet the fantastic four, "Flash, Chicky, Custard and Rosie". The children were so excited and couldn't wait to hold and care for the chicks.



As the other eggs were bigger and still had not hatched, we discussed as a class what could be growing in those eggs. We had lots of ideas from a sparkly unicorn, a crocodile, a penguin, shark and a whale. Following on from this we then researched what animals do come from eggs?

To our amazement and a little bit of relief, the eggs have started to hatch and we have learnt that in our eggs were some ducklings and not a crocodile.... phew!!!

Through this learning they have learnt how to care for living things and begin to understand the life cycle of animals.

As we continue with our project, the children will begin to find out what does happen "Down on the Farm".

The children are looking forward to going to Standalone Farm on the 9th June where they will have the opportunity to experience a working farm in action.

SPORTS UPDATE

Events after half term:

Tuesday 7th June

Year 4 Cricket District finals

Year 5/6 Mixed
Athletics league

Friday 10th June

Year 5&6 Girls and boys
Cricket tournament

School Sport

Year 3 / 4 Quad kids Athletics

Well done and thank you to the 8 children that represented our school at this exciting event, which took place at the Athletics stadium. The children all participated in standing long jump, vortex throw and 50m and 400m. They all did an amazing job. Unfortunately, the team didn't make it through to the district finals but are excited to return to the venue for our KS2 sports day in June.

Team: Cleusia, Danielle, Emilie, Harvey, Jacob, Ramsey, Rio & Thabile,

Year 5 / 6 Boys Cricket finals

The boys had an exciting finish to their league, beating Scott Primary in the semi-finals and earning their place in the final against a strong Westfield team. The team fought hard in their match, but the Westfield batters were unstoppable. Congratulations to the boys for finishing 2nd in their league, we are super proud of you all.

Team: Yusuf (Captain), Abu, Aydin, George, James, Mo, Noah & Ramin



Trip to the Queen's garden party

On Wednesday I was honoured to have been invited to attend the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace having been nominated by someone in our community. It was an amazing day and I have enjoyed sharing my photos with the children in assembly today! The queen wasn't present herself, however it was an amazing experience to see William and Kate instead!



O2 Young Voices





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.

OUR AWESOME LOCATION

A different environment to school
Various outdoor activities at holiday club
Short walk to school grounds.
Fresh air and socialization on the walk
On-Site Parking
A Wide range of toys
Access to outdoors
Electronics
Access to water or squash at all times
Hot Meals and healthy snacks
Occasional discos, BBQ's and cookery
Established in 1995

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MEMBERS
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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

In aid of The Friends of St James, Biddenham

- the charity which preserves and enhances the historic church buildings for future generations



Kids shine brighter with SQUASH STARS!

Watch your kids laugh and light up with confidence all while learning the great game of squash.



Squash Stars is a professionally run programme designed for kids aged 5-11 to keep active, make some new friends and above all have fun.
Sign up today at squashstars.co.uk



SQUASH STARS!

At the John Bunyan Centre

Course Details

Squash Stars will run at the John Bunyan Sports and Fitness Centre, Mile Road, MK42 9TS on Friday afternoons.

Dates: 6 week course starting Friday 10th June.

Time: 5.30 - 6.30pm

To Sign Up

1. Visit www.squashstars.co.uk
2. Enter your details (parent details) to register and set up a password.
3. Type your post code into the "Search Box"
4. This should show the Bunyan Centre sessions at the top, with the title: "Towers Health & Racquets Club, John Bunyan Sports & Fitness"
5. Complete the sign up process & pay the session fee
6. You will receive your equipment pack directly from Squash Stars (England Squash).
7. Our qualified squash coaches look forward to seeing you on Friday 10th June!

The course (coaching staff & court hire) is sponsored by

Towers
HEALTH & RACQUETS CLUB

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QUEENS PARK FAMILY FUN-DAY

WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE 2022, 12PM - 3PM

QUEENS PARK ACADEMY (CHESTNUT AVENUE, BEDFORD MK40 4HA)

BOUNCY
CASTLE

FREE
ENTRY

HAVE YOUR
OWN STALL
FOR £15

FUN &
GAMES

ARTS &
CRAFTS

REFRESHMENTS

HAVE YOUR SAY
Carers
in bedfordshire

Carers in Bedfordshire welcomes you to join us for a family fun-day in Queens Park. Find out and ask questions about how our service can help families with additional caring responsibilities.

কেয়ার্স ইন বেডফোর্ডশায়ার কুইন্স পার্কে একটি পারিবারিক মজার দিনের প্রোগ্রাম জন্য আপনাকে স্বাগত জানায়। আপনি যদি অসুস্থ পরিবার বা আত্মীয়ের দেখাশোনা করেন, আমরা কিভাবে আপনাকে সাহায্য করতে পারি তা আপনি জানতে পারেন। যদি আরো তথ্য জানতে চান, মিসবাহ বা ফাথেমা নম্বরে যোগাযোগ করুন।

কটরرز ইন ইউরোডশায়ার আপ কু আই ফিমলি ফন ডে প্র খুশ আমদিদ কহে বেন-। অগ্র আপ আইনে কসি রশে দারী, دوست یا بمسانی کی دیکھ بھال کرتے ہیں اور جاننا چاہتے ہیں کہ ان کے لیے کیا مدد موجود ہے تو اس فیملی فن ڈے پر آپ ہم سے اس بارے میں بات کر سکتے ہیں۔ مہربانی کر کے ہمیں اس نمبر پر رابطہ کریں

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Parent Carer Forum

[HERE](#) is a link to the latest newsletter from Bedford Borough Parent Carer Forum with events and coffee mornings that they are running, as well as an update on what they have been doing this term.