



A message from the Head...

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a scorcher it has been this week! Whilst we start counting down to the end of term, it certainly hasn't been quiet in school this week with lots of wonderful fabulous finishes, including Year 3/4 plays, a Year 1 performance at a retirement village, a London exhibition and a farmer's market for Nursery. No wonder the teachers are tired! It has been lovely having so many parents back in school sharing project books!

A highlight of my week has been visiting the retirement village at Wixams with our year 1 children and watching them perform songs to the community - it was such a heart-warming and wonderful experience!

Have a lovely weekend.

Denise Burgess

This week's letters home

Extra Curriculum Clubs – ALL

Sports Leaders – Selected

Transition Day – Monday 18th July

Children should come to school at normal time and go to their current class to be registered. They should also be collected from their current class at the end of the day. Thank you!

Diary dates

Monday 18th July – **Transition Day**

Wednesday 20th July – **School Picnic – 2pm**

Thursday 21st July – **Y6 Leavers Party**

National Online Safety this week:

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

This week, our #WakeUpWednesday guide suggests ways in which we can champion quality online.

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

There are still a few spaces left on some of our extra curriculum clubs – please book on Pay360

Picnic in the playground

We are very excited to be welcoming back what used to be our annual picnic in the playground this year! As per the diary dates it will take place on **Wednesday 20th July at 2pm**. Due to the size of our school now the event will take place in our car park and parents are invited to come and hear the whole school sing a few songs (this includes nursery too). Once the performance has finished children will return to class and you can collect them and we invite you to bring a picnic and share it on our school grounds with your child and their friends. We hope this will be nice opportunity for families to socialise after a difficult couple of years and we also hope you will come along and hear the children sing! There will be some chairs in the playground for parents to sit on but we urge you to bring along a camping chair if you have one or a blanket.

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.

WC 11th July Awards



STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Little Stars	Wilhelmina	Pavo	Teddy B	Pegasus	Ayaan	Vela	Evelyn
Cassiopeia	Sophia	Cygnus	Musa	Eridanus	Freddy	Lyra	Anayah
Tucana	Millie	Volans	Charlie F	Andromeda	Eddie	Phoenix	Hamza
Orion	Ihaan	Delphinus	Edith	Auriga	Carys	Circinus	Grace
Aquila	Kaleb	Serpens	Hugo	Perseus	Ruqayyah		



VALUES AWARDS

Little Stars	Riaye	Pavo	Alayna	Pegasus	Olivia	Vela	Markuss
Cassiopeia	Eva	Cygnus	Bella	Eridanus	Adele	Lyra	Adil
Tucana	Nykia	Volans	Teddie F	Andromeda	Alyssa	Phoenix	Lucy
Orion	Karolina	Delphinus	Whole Class	Auriga	Holly O	Circinus	Ben
Aquila	Indiana	Serpens	Chloe	Perseus	Mia		



YEAR GROUP UPDATE

Year 5

Year 5 worked very hard in the lead up to their rainforest cafe fab finish! From baking biscuits, running book stalls and raising funds, to creating posters & decorations for the event.

A major achievement for all children was the making of their very own rainforest tote bag. To create these, we followed the research, design, make and evaluate cycle of DT and even tested out whether the bags could hold our key text! We'd like to thank you for your support; it was lovely to see so many of you there. Thanks to you, **over £300 was raised** - incredible!

A maths session following the event allowed the children to work out the total profit for charity after considering the cost of the resources to make it happen. In the last few weeks of term, we are working towards finding out who 'The Explorer' is in our key text using ICT to create an app to inspire others to learn about the rainforest and focusing on our esafety knowledge and understanding ready for the long break.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Year 5 team.



BROMHAM WOODS TRIP

Last week, year 3 had an absolutely incredible time at Bromham Woods on their very first school residential trip. It was simply wonderful to get back to basics and spend so much time in the great outdoors. We were very lucky to have our forest school leader, Mrs Eaton, with us for the two days and the children loved learning from her and finding out all about the trees and creatures that can be found in the woodland. We spent time identifying things which we had found such as interesting spotted feathers, strangely shaped leaves and snail shells.

We tried our hand at den building, bow and arrow making and enjoyed a long walk around the woodland, putting our map reading skills to the test. In the evening, we had a fantastic camp fire and sang a song or two whilst listening to the popping of popcorn and toasting our marshmallows to make s'mores! It was so lovely to see the children just being children – playing 'Robin Hood' in amongst the trees and taking notice of the wonderful world around them.

In the morning, we were up at the crack of dawn (quite literally) and took on the Bromham Challenge obstacle course. For this, we had to show team work by linking up with a partner to navigate the obstacles without letting go of their hand. This was very challenging but, with effective communication, we were able to complete the challenge course together. Some children even went on to link up with another pair and navigate their way round as a team of four!

Mrs Borner and the other staff members were completely blown away by each and every child in year 3! They demonstrated so much courage, friendship and determination; making the trip a thoroughly enjoyable experience for us all. What a way to round up an amazing year!



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SPORTS UPDATE



School Sport

Year 5&6 Girls Commonwealth Games festival day

Ten girls from year 5&6 were invited to attend a Commonwealth games festival which introduced them to some of the less known events. The girls participated in Parkour, Cheerleading and Shooting Stars activities. Well done to the Great Denham girls who showed amazing effort, enthusiasm and developed new skills at this event.

Year 6 WIMBLEDON TRIP

Seven of our year 6 children attended Wimbledon on Sunday and wow, what an exciting day it was! They watched the U18s Boys Final, Invitation Men's Doubles match and the Men's Wheelchair Doubles final. It was amazing to watch from court one and experience Wimbledon without the rain! The children were a pleasure to take and now have a passion to continue playing tennis!

Woofy Tennis

Woofy tennis delivered sessions to some of our classes this week and they were thoroughly enjoyed by all. The sessions were fun, interactive and challenging. Well done to our children for showing so much respect towards Coach Ryan.





BREAK THE RULES Day

A big THANK YOU to all those who took part in Break the Rules day last week! Your contributions help Friends of Great Denham to support the school in all sorts of fun and exciting ways. We even had children taking part at home when they couldn't come to school - WELL DONE!



Pupil Gift Shop Success

Our Year pupils *Ava, Ameera, Isabel, Sophie and Grace* ran their very own gift shop last Friday 8th July to raise money for the charity **RSPCA** (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals).

So far the girls have raised over £25 which is great! There are still lots of arts and crafts items available to buy. Please enquire in the office if you would like to purchase anything.





Wildcats
GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Are you looking for a fun way for girls 5-11 to get involved with football? Then look no further! Weetabix Wildcats is the place to be, everyone is super awesome; from the friends you'll meet, to The FA qualified coaches and volunteers who deliver the sessions.

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Weetabix Wildcats is non-competitive football for girls who want to give it a go for the very first time or want to play with other girls their own age. Most importantly, Weetabix Wildcats is all about having loads of fun and meeting new amazing friends.

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