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Newsletter 6 – Summer Term

21st May 2021

A message from the head.....

I am sure you have seen in the news that cases in Bedford continue to rise this week again. This is very worrying for everyone but please let me assure you that as I said last week all of our protective measures we have had in place throughout the last year remain in place to keep our staff and children safe and to keep our bubbles open. Thank you to you all for continuing to wear masks when on the school site and for maintaining social distancing as much as possible, it is much appreciated.

Next week we are hoping the weather brightens up for our year 6 leaver's trip to Legoland!

Hope you have a lovely weekend.
Denise Burgess

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Surge Testing in Bedford Borough

With Government figures showing that Bedford Borough has the third highest COVID-19 rate in the country, surge testing is being rolled out to selected areas of Bedford Borough.

Working in partnership with NHS Test and Trace, everyone (adults and children) living, working, or studying in the **Kingsbrook**, **Cauldwell** and **Queens Park** areas of Bedford Borough and the village of **Wixams**, are strongly encouraged to take a PCR COVID-19 test this week, even if they are not showing symptoms. This will help to identify cases and ensure that people self-isolate, with the appropriate support.

These areas of Bedford Borough were chosen based on close analysis of the spread of COVID-19 in recent days. Testing and self-isolating where required will, help us to control the spread of the virus.

Further information can be found [HERE](#):

If you live in one of these areas Mobile Testing Units will be available for drop in appointments from Thursday 20th May until Friday 28th May with no appointment necessary:

- Oasis Beach Pool, Cardington Road, Kingsbrook, MK42 0BZ (8am to 6pm)
- John Bunyan Sport Centre, Mile Road, Cauldwell, MK42 9TS (8am to 6pm)
- Enterprise House, Old Ford End Road, Queens Park, MK40 4PF (8am to 5pm)
- Seasons Garden Centre, Bedford Road, Wixams, MK45 3HU (8.30am to 6pm)

Anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 must self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test by calling 119 or visiting www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

This week's letters home –
look for them on our
school website under
parents/letters home/2020-21
Y3+4 – Postponed Marvellous
Middle
Nursery – Picnic
REC & Y1 – Hearing
Screening
Break the rules day

REMINDERS

Appointments and Illness

Please can parents inform the office of all absences including medical appointments which must be reported to the office by 9am on the day of your child's absence (even if you have already let your child's class teacher know).

Please call **01234 266245** and choose **option 1** between 8.15 and 4pm and leave a message (or option 3 out of office hours).

If your child needs to attend a medical appointment please bring proof of the appointment to the office where we will take a copy. The absence can then be marked as Medical. Failing to do this could result in an unauthorised mark in the register.

In addition, if your child has been for a Covid test please email the results to covid@gdps.uk **before** your child returns to school.



September 2021

Breakfast After School Friday Extra-Curricular

Bookings for the autumn term clubs will open on the following days –
Book on [SCOPAY](#). Pay on [SIMS-PAY](#).

Monday 19th July @ 3.30pm

Breakfast Club

Tuesday 20th July @ 3.30pm

After School Club

Thursday 2nd September @ 10.00am

Friday Clubs

The booking system will close on Thursday 22nd July and bookings cannot be made over the summer holidays. The booking system will reopen on **Thursday 2nd September at 10.00am**.

If you do not currently have access to book clubs on SCOPAY and you will need it for the autumn term, please email claire.boyce@gdps.uk requesting access to After School Club, Breakfast club or both.

Extra-Curricular clubs

The clubs we are able to run will depend on the government guidelines. Further information will be sent to parents in September.

After School Club – Summer Term

Due to staffing numbers we have amended the maximum number of children allowed in After School Club.

If you have already booked sessions for your child these are secure, if you require additional sessions please check SCOPAY in the first instance.

Booking in advance is strongly advised to ensure you have the sessions you need. We will no longer be able to take bookings on the day.

Keeping Safe – Top tips for parents!

Are you aware of the Apps and Games your child is accessing? Do you know the age restrictions of the apps and games your child has downloaded to their devices?

These popular apps are all 12+, which means that children in primary school should not have access to them.

Snapchat House Party Tik Tok
Instagram Facebook Fortnite

DIARY DATES

- **Mon 24th May** – Rec – Vision Screening
- **POSTPONED Mon 24th & Tue 25th May** – Year 4 (Mon) & Year 3 (Tue) – Marvellous Middle – History off the page
- **Wed 26th May** – Year 2 – Picnic
- **Thu 27th May** – Year 6 – Legoland trip
- **DATE CHANGE Fri 28th May** – Lyra swimming starts
- **Fri 28th May** – Break the rules day

HALF TERM:

31ST MAY – 4TH JUNE 2021

- **Mon 7th June** – Children return to school
- **Mon 7th June** – Year 1 – Marvellous Middle
- **Mon 7th June** – Nursery – Marvellous Middle
- **Mon 7th June** – Year 3+4 Marvellous Middle
- **Tue 8th June** – Years 3-5 – Intra-sports cricket competition
- **Tue 8th June** – Year 2 – Marvellous middle
- **Wed 9th June** – Reception – Marvellous Middle
- **Mon 14th June** – Year 1 – Marvellous Middle
- **Mon 14th June** – REC Hearing Screening
- **Tue 15th June** – Year 1 – Hearing Screening
- **Tue 15th June** – Young Voices - Big Sing

Our attendance winner this week is Tucana with 97.7%.

YEAR 5 UPDATE

Year 5 have loved the start to our crime and punishment related project, based around the key text 'Holes'. A digging competition sparked off our stunning start, where we experienced what life was like for juveniles at Camp Green Lake! We have enjoyed locating the setting of the book and finding out more about Texas and North America.



We are looking forward to finding out more about how crime and punishment has evolved through time and whether life will ever improve for the campers at Camp Green Lake!

Harley - the bearded dragon - joining us in the Year 5/6 block has been a real highlight and has resulted in some creative and impressive art and ICT work!

CLASSES FOR NEXT YEAR

Please note that you will find out which class your child will be in next year on your school report which will be sent home on 12th July. For parents of children currently in reception, year 2 and year 4 we will be mixing the classes as we do every year. This is so the children can make other friends within their year group. If you have any comments or concerns regarding this please speak directly with your child's class teacher over the next couple of weeks. When organising the classes we take into account many factors and it is not an easy job to sort, so we are not able to accommodate everyone's requests. However, we will always ensure your child is with at least one of their friends which they put on their 'wish list'. Please trust the decisions we make and that they are always made in the best interests of all of the children.

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New Year Group Emails

If you need to email your child's teacher please now use the following email addresses:

YearNteachers@gdps.uk

Receptionteachers@gdps.uk

Year1teachers@gdps.uk

Year2teachers@gdps.uk

Year3teachers@gdps.uk

Year4teachers@gdps.uk

Year5teachers@gdps.uk

Year6teachers@gdps.uk

Thank you

Stars of the week

Little Stars: Abyaan



Stars of the Week:

Cassiopeia – Evie, Tucana – Colbie, Orion – Teigan, Aquila – Laloona, Pavo – Mariam, Cygnus – Elysha, Volans – Sumayyah, Delphinus – Austin, Serpens – Lexi, Andromeda – EJ, Pegasus – Bilal, Perseus – Zara, Auriga – Lottie, Vela – Isabel, Lyra – Musa, Lacerta – Teigan, Circinus – Amy, Phoenix – Micah.

Values:

Cassiopeia – Cian, Tucana – James, Orion – Aurelia, Aquila – Finley, Pavo – Ashton, Cygnus – Layla, Volans – Scarlett, Delphinus – Marwa, Serpens – Amanda, Andromeda – Gracie, Pegasus – James, Perseus – Tanisha, Auriga – Aalijah, Vela – Afrin, Lyra – Amna, Lacerta – Caleb, Circinus – Elias, Phoenix – Kaif.

Sports Stars of the Week:

Nursery – Ridhwan	Year 3 – Holly & Alex
Reception – Layla, Alice & Nahum	Year 4 – Eli & Grace
Year 1 – Oliver, Phillip & Nesonna	Year 5 – Rylee & Musa
Year 2 – Danielle, Marwa & Niamh	Year 6 – Rusne, William & Lemar

Link to celebration assembly
<https://youtu.be/6cN2vG1RN1w>



Sports Update

Our Sports ambassadors

Our sports ambassadors met, for the first time, this week with the year 6 sports captains. It was great to see their enthusiasm and passion when they were informed about their first project; listening to the children's voice. Their roles as ambassadors are vitally important when planning for the PE curriculum and sports opportunities, ready for September. We look forward to sharing and updating you with their decisions, shortly, watch this space!

LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS

SALT and School Advisors Get Together

Thursday 27th May
10am

Representatives from the Speech and Language Therapy Team and School Advisors will be joining us to talk about their service and also to take your questions. Please join us if you would like to speak to them.

This is a free online event, please book via the Eventbrite link or email us at communications@bbpcf.org.uk to book your place or call us 07943 524553



Eventbrite link [SALT and School Advisors Get Together Tickets, Thu 27 May 2021 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)



Text: 07717203180
Insta: @outdoorfitnesscl
FB: Outdoor group training
with Cara

Outdoor group fitness classes are a great way to get back into exercise, whether it is to continue building on your own fitness journey or make a start! With lots of options, support, encouragement and friendly faces, there's no better time to start!

I RUN TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF CLASSES, HIIT (HIGH INTENSITY INTERVAL TRAINING) THIS CLASS IS 30 MINUTES OF PURE CARDIO, WORKING THE WHOLE BODY USING A MIXTURE OF SHORT BURSTS OF HEART RAISING EXERCISES WITH MINIMAL RECOVERY TO GET A REALLY BIG CALORIE BURN. THIS IS SUITABLE FOR BEGINNERS AND ALSO INTERMEDIATE. AGE 16+ AND CIRCUITS, SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES AND FITNESS LEVELS. THIS CLASS IS LESS INTENSE, BUT STILL WORKS THE WHOLE BODY. USING ONLY BODYWEIGHT AND COMBINING STRENGTH AND CARDIO.

WEEKLY TIMETABLE

MONDAY 6-6.45PM CIRCUITS
@ CHESTNUT AVENUE BROMHAM
(GREEN NEXT TO RAINBOW SCHOOL)

TUESDAY 6-6.45PM CIRCUITS
@ GREAT DENHAM COUNTRY PARK
(NEXT TO BASKETBALL COURT)

FRIDAY 9.15-9.45AM HIIT
@ CHESNUT AVENUE, BROMHAM

SATURDAY 9-9.30AM HIIT
@ GREAT DENHAM COUNTRY PARK

BOOK NOW!!

All classes are £5pp. PAYG or bulk buy is available. Spaces will be confirmed once payment has been received. Due to Government guidelines we are restricted to 30 people therefore spaces must be booked in advance. PayPal or bank transfer preferred, cash will be accepted.