



Great Denham Primary School

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Newsletter 3 – Summer Term

30th April 2021

A message from the head.....

I am sure everyone is looking forward to the long weekend ahead of us, let's hope the sun stays shining!

It has been a busy week in school with lots of excellent learning going on, highlights have been the tennis coaching and today's wear purple! A huge thank you to Madi in Year 5 for organising this event – she has raised an amazing £453.28 in school as well as over £800 outside of school.

Hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend.
Denise Burgess

Follow the school on Twitter  @GreatDenhamPS

Wear purple for the Little Princess Trust

A huge thank you for everyone's support today - it was amazing seeing the sea of purple across the school.

Today we have raised £453.28

Donations can also be brought into the office next week if you forgot today.



This week's letters home – look for them on our school website under

parents/letters home/2020-21

Summer Diary Dates
Y4+5 Sports Training Sessions
Y6 Leavers Celebrations
Y3-5 iPad Lease Scheme
Y1-4 Lightning Squad
Y6 Legoland Trip
Theme Day lunch menu

REMINDERS

Jewellery

Only stud earrings and watches may be worn in school (including Fitbits however, the school can't take responsibility for any items a child wears to school).

On PE days please ensure your child does not wear any jewellery including earrings and watches, although FitBits are permitted. If earrings cannot be removed they must be covered with tape which needs to be provided from home.

Summer Uniform

Now the shops have opened again we would like to start seeing all our children in their Great Denham summer uniform. This means polo shirts in their family colour or a summer dress in their family colour. Shirts and ties are not part of the summer uniform. We are happy for children to continue wearing either sensible trainers or school shoes until the end of this school year as I appreciate difficulties with getting appointments to get school shoes etc! Children will continue to come to school in P.E. kit on their P.E. days or on the days they attend an after school sports club.

Forms for parents to use

We have added the forms parents regularly request onto the school website [HERE](#) including:

- *Leave of absence application*
- *iPad query / insurance claim*
- *Pupil permissions*
- *Pupil data changes*

You can either submit the data online directly to the school office or print the form and complete it manually.

YEAR 2 UPDATE

Year 2 have had such a busy few weeks! Our new project is called 'Yum Yum' and we are learning all about food. So far we have looked at how to grow food and where our food comes from. In our first week back we began to create an allotment. Mr White taught us all about how to sow seeds, plant bulbs and flowers. We have planted lots of vegetables and fruit such as spring onions, radishes, potatoes, carrots, pumpkins, cucumbers, tomatoes and strawberries and some are already starting to grow! This week we had a farmer come to visit us and tell us all about lambing season and what it's like being a sheep farmer – we grilled him with some tricky questions but learnt a lot! Over the next few weeks we will be looking at food from around the UK and which country makes the best food!



Medicine for children in school

All medication that children need to take in school must now be given in at the school office **NOT** to the teacher at the classroom door.

The medication must be prescribed by a doctor and have the child's name on the pharmacy label. A medicine form must be completed before handing the medicine in. These are available on the website [HERE](#) or at the office.



Road Safety and Parking

Please do not stop on the yellow lines outside the school to drop your child off - it is very dangerous. Also please do not pull in to the layby opposite the main entrance on Greenkeepers Road and allow your child to run across the road.

Our attendance winner this week is Tucana with 99.7%.

DIARY DATES

- **Mon 3rd May** – **SCHOOL CLOSED** Bank Holiday
- **Wed 5th May** – Year 1 – Walk around Great Denham
- **Tue 11th May 10-10.30am** – Virtual Coffee & Chat (Zoom) with Aneta Wawrentowicz – Educational Psychologist
- **Tue 11th May** – Year 1 – Walk to Biddenham
- **Thu 20th May** – Theme Day lunch
- **Mon 24th May** – Rec – Vision Screening
- **Tue 25th & Wed 26th May** – Year 3 & 4 – Marvellous Middle – History off the page
- **Wed 26th May** – Year 2 – Picnic
- **Thu 27th May** – Year 6 – Legoland trip
- **Fri 28th May** – Lyra swimming starts **(DATE CHANGE)**
- **Fri 28th May** – Break the rules day

HALF TERM:

31ST MAY – 4TH JUNE 2021

Sports Update

Wow what a wonderful week of sport at Great Denham!

Riverside Tennis coaching

This week every class enjoyed getting out in the sunshine and playing tennis. Children received their initial tennis session from coaches at Riverside, who were impressed with the enthusiasm and what they saw. The children developed their body/ ball as well as their racket/ball co-ordination and control and fun games playing over the net.

Well done to everyone for trying so hard and showing our school values.

Key stage 1 Athletics competition

Our school sports partnership lead, Kelly Rolfe, and our year 5 and 6 sports leaders ran an entire day of competition on Wednesday for five classes. The leaders enjoyed overseeing an activity and the younger children enjoyed trying to achieve their personal best in each activity.

Well done to everyone for trying so hard and to our fantastic leaders who ran the event so well!



National daily mile

Today we took part in the daily mile in our year group bubbles. It was great to see so many of our children enjoying the mile, many chose to run and jog, whilst others walked. Thank you to the children and staff for joining in and showing a real team effort!

Big Pedal 2021

After logging our journeys to school for 2 weeks, the results are now in! We finished in 8th position, out of the Bedford schools. Nationally we achieved 287th position. On average 62% of our children travelled to school by foot, scooter or bike. Well done if that was you! Unfortunately we were unsuccessful on winning any prizes this year, but we will try again next year. Thank you for your support.

Sir Captain Tom 100 CHALLENGE

The Captain Tom 100 is taking place on what would have been his 101st birthday weekend, from Friday 30 April to Monday 3 May. YOU can join this celebration and take part in The Captain Tom 100 by setting yourself your own challenge based around the number 100.

It's time to get creative! Let the number 100 be your inspiration and do something amazing, whether it's...



100 star jumps



100 laps of your garden



100 minutes of gaming



baking 100 cupcakes



singing for 100 minutes

Anything goes! If you join in we would love to see your achievements on Seesaw!

Year 4 and 5 Sports training clubs

A letter has gone out explaining that these clubs will alternate weekly between year 4 and 5. The enthusiasm has been amazing and we look forward to developing the children's skills in the weeks ahead.

Stars of the week



Little Stars: Emilia

Stars of the Week:

Cassiopeia – Jack, Tucana – Zach, Orion – Lauren, Aquila – Tommy, Pavo – Cairo, Cygnus – Emily, Volans – Summer, Delphinus – Aryan, Serpens – Ismail, Andromeda – Tyler, Pegasus – Anais, Perseus – Alice, Auriga – Liam, Vela – Lena, Lyra – Barbare, Lacerta – Eivissa, Circinus – Saima, Phoenix – Umair.

Values:

Cassiopeia – Erin, Tucana – Maya, Orion – Vihaan, Aquila – Mohsin, Pavo – Jodie, Cygnus – Amy, Volans – Evie, Delphinus – Asher, Serpens – Teddy, Andromeda – Ethan, Pegasus – George, Perseus – Jacob, Auriga – Adil, Vela – Grace, Lyra – Zuwenan, Lacerta – Lemar, Circinus – Luka, Phoenix – George.

Sports Stars of the Week:

Reception – Noah & Sophie
Year 1 – Mohsin, Summer & Maxwell
Year 2 – Dominic, Ophelia & Amanda
Year 3 – Ashmeera & Hugo
Year 4 – Tiana
Year 5 – Charlie & Aseel
Year 6 – Addison & Veronika

English & Maths winners

Grace and Teddy – this month's winners of the Maths & English prizes.



Link to celebration assembly

<https://youtu.be/UvBAHvH8YAI>



LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS

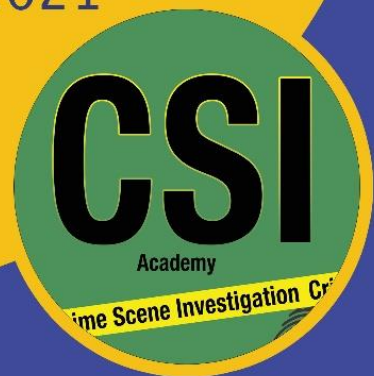


MAY HALF TERM

1st June – 4th June 2021

for 3*-13 year olds

Venues in
Beds, Cambs,
Herts & Essex



* at certain venues only

Just £19.99 per day

Childcare Vouchers
&
Tax Free
Credits accepted

HOW TO BOOK:
WWW.MULTI-ACTIVE.CO.UK
TEL:01462 351582



**FOCUS
GROUP**



Has your child had a BOSA assessment during the Covid period? BOSA assessment forms part of the diagnostic process for Autism and stands for Brief Observation of Symptoms of Autism. If you would like to provide feedback on your experience of having a BOSA assessment for your child please register your interest to join a focus group.



Join us for a Focus Group on
Monday 17th May at 12pm to
give us your views, email
communications@bbpcf.org.uk
for login details

As a thank you for joining this focus group we will send you a £15 Love Bedford Voucher, please book your place by emailing communications@bbpcf.org.uk

Tuesday 11th May - 10am

CAMHS Eating Disorders Team

A representative from the CAMHS Eating Disorders Team will be joining us to do a short presentation followed by the opportunity for you to ask them questions about their service. They will not be able to discuss PICA as it's not something that is covered by their service. To book your place email communications@bbpcf.org.uk



Thursday 27th May - 10am

SALT Team and School Advisors

We will be joined by Nicola Ash from the Speech and Language Therapy Team and also Jonathan Foster from the School Support Team. Come along and join us to speak to them and ask any questions you have....



A free, fun and educational after school club, where you will understand how to make your video game and your own music!

About this Event

Learn how to create musical video games using Arcade, free game-development platform from Microsoft MakeCode!

Join us at any time, our tutors will always bring you up to speed, ask as many questions as you like!

Here are some of the things we will do:

Introduction to Arcade and basic controls.

Basics of block-based coding.

Coding music for your video games.

Bigger, better, more amazing games!

...After this, we will be very happy to create content based on your requests, and take your creations to the next level!

[LINK TO BOOK THIS AFTER SCHOOL EVENT](#)