



# Great Denham Primary School

*Inspiring excellence; everyone, everyday*

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## Newsletter 5 – Summer Term

14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### A message from the head.....

Well what a wet and rainy week it has been! I am sure you have read in the news of the local increase in Covid cases - please let me assure you as a school all of our preventative measures are staying in place and we have no plans to relax any of them in the near future. Please can I remind you children should not be bringing in things from home with the exception of coats, book bags (reading books and planners) and water bottles, lunchboxes and iPads (KS2). Pencil cases are not needed as all children have their own individual pencil case in school. Thank you for your support.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.  
Denise Burgess

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*We would like to wish all our families celebrating Eid this week, Eid Mubarak.*



### Top Tips for Parents! – Screen Time Limits

Using Screen Time limits on your child's iPad.



Screen Time lets you know how much time you and your kids spend on apps, websites and more. This way, you can make more informed decisions about how you use your devices, and set limits if you'd like to.

#### Turn on Screen Time

1. Go to Settings > Screen Time.
2. Tap Turn On Screen Time.
3. Tap Continue.
4. Select This is My [device] or This is My Child's [device].

Follow the link below for more details:

<https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT208982>

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

parents/letters home/2020-21

Y6 – Legoland – Masks  
REC – Reading & Writing Support  
Stage 3 COVID Roadmap

### REMINDERS

#### Office

With the number of positive COVID cases in Bedford on the rise please can parents not come into the office area unless absolutely necessary. Please use the post boxes located on the front school gate or next to the notice board by the office where possible to deliver reply slips, money etc. The post boxes are emptied twice a day and they are locked so are completely secure.

If you need to bring in medication please bring this to the office along with the completed medication form which can be found on our school website.

If you need to speak to someone in the office, please call 01234 266245 or email [enquiries@gdps.uk](mailto:enquiries@gdps.uk) with your query.

We really appreciate your support.

#### DIARY DATES

- **Thu 20<sup>th</sup> May** – Theme Day Lunch
- **Mon 24<sup>th</sup> May** – Rec – Vision Screening
- **DATE CHANGE Mon 24<sup>th</sup> & Tue 25<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 4

# Cooking lessons



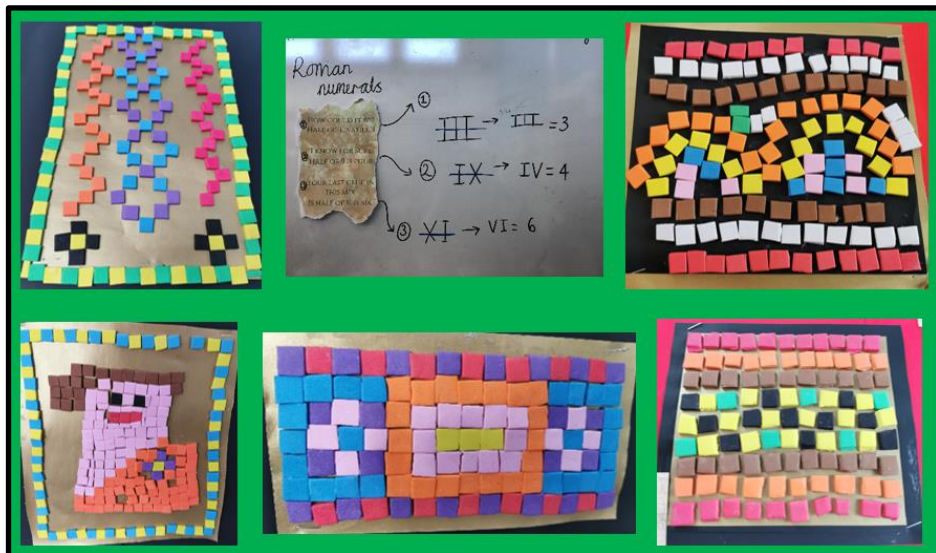
The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were a pleasure to work with.

Mrs Martin started her cooking lessons again this week.



## YEAR 4 UPDATE

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to their new project where we have been considering "Were the Roman's really rotten?" As part of our stunning start, we were alerted by Mrs Eaton to a new discovery on the school grounds. We conducted our own archaeological dig, finding lots of different items such as Roman busts, mosaic tiles and even a scroll containing a riddle. We have looked at the features of Roman mosaics, exploring pattern and colour. Look at our masterpieces, aren't they fantastic?



In English, we have been exploring historical narratives, considering what life was really like for different people in a Roman Society. We focused on a book called the 'Captive Celt', identifying the key events ready to retell this in our own words. Some of the events were really shocking and sometimes a bit gory, but that only added to the fun. We really enjoyed creating our own versions of the story. I think that you will agree that they are pretty amazing!

(Mon) & Year 3 (Tue) – Marvellous Middle – History off the page

- **Wed 26<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 2 – Picnic
- **Thu 27<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 – Legoland trip
- **DATE CHANGE Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May** – Lyra swimming starts
- **Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May** – Break the rules day

### HALF TERM:

**31<sup>ST</sup> MAY – 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021**

- **Mon 7<sup>th</sup> June** – Children return to school
- **Mon 7<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 1 – Marvellous Middle
- **Mon 7<sup>th</sup> June** – Nursery – Marvellous Middle
- **Tue 8<sup>th</sup> June** – Years 3-5 – Intra-sports cricket competition
- **Tue 8<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 2 – Marvellous middle
- **Wed 9<sup>th</sup> June** – Reception – Marvellous Middle
- **CANCELLED Thu 17<sup>th</sup> June** – 10am – Virtual Coffee & Chat (Zoom) with Simon Burns - Early Help
- **CANCELLED Thu 8<sup>th</sup> July** – 10am – Virtual Coffee & Chat (Zoom) with Jo Morey - Completing free school meal applications

**Our attendance winner this week is Orion with 99.3%.**

**Ofsted Parent View**

Parent View gives parents / carers the chance to tell OFSTED what you think about your child's school.

By sharing your views, you'll be helping your child's school to improve.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

# Sports Update

## Sports Ambassadors

This week the Sports Captains advertised the opportunity for children in years 1-5 to join their team, asking them to apply to be a sports ambassador for their class.

Each class voted for their sports ambassadors and we are delighted to congratulate the children who will become part of the sports team-->

Our ambassadors have an important role to play in our PE/Sports team, they will be the voice of their class and assist the Sports Captains to make important decisions. They will decide on future intra-school family competitions, extra-curricular clubs, lunchtime clubs and help shape the PE curriculum for September. We look forward to listening to the pupil's voice and can't wait for our first meeting to start making decisions.

Thank you to everyone who put themselves forward to become an ambassador.

Year	Class name	Girl	Boy
1	<i>Aquila</i>	Ayah-Rose	Jai
	<i>Cygnus</i>	Maya	Isaac
	<i>Pavo</i>	Amy	Hugo
2	<i>Delphinus</i>	Ophelia	Logan
	<i>Serpens</i>	Lena	Reuben
	<i>Volans</i>	Eleni	Harry
3	<i>Andromeda</i>	Gracie	Ramsey
	<i>Pegasus</i>	Emilie	George
4	<i>Auriga</i>	Julia	Romayne
	<i>Perseus</i>	Alice	Max
5	<i>Lyra</i>	Zuwena	George
	<i>Vela</i>	Summayah	Charlie
6	<i>Circinus</i>	Courtney	Daniel
	<i>Lacerta</i>	Ellie & Eivissa	Lemar & Harrison
	<i>Phoenix</i>	Zara	Ayan

## Stars of the week

**Little Stars:** Leo & Rex

### Stars of the Week:

Cassiopeia – Dylan, Tucana – Evie, Orion – Reagan, Aquila – Kuba, Pavo – Leo, Cygnus – Maya, Volans – Anaya, Delphinus – Max, Serpens – Ewan, Andromeda – Imogen, Pegasus – Grace, Perseus – Anaya, Auriga – Alanna, Vela – Rylee, Lyra – Aidan, Lacerta – Caleb, Circinus – Kamil, Phoenix – Emily.

### Values:

Cassiopeia – Miles, Tucana – Teddy, Orion – Sophie, Aquila – Aleya, Pavo – Amy, Cygnus – Okley, Volans – Priya, Delphinus – Rayyan, Serpens – William, Andromeda – Marcel, Pegasus – Catalina, Perseus – Harman, Auriga – Deborah, Vela – Ayesha, Lyra – Madi, Lacerta – Marco, Circinus – Isobel, Phoenix – Brian.

### Sports Stars of the Week:

Nursery – Thomas  
Reception – Gustavs & Harleen  
Year 1 – Elliana, Edie & Dylan  
Year 2 – Hirah, Freddy & Sara  
Year 3 – Annie & Emilie  
Year 4 – Hollie & Amelia  
Year 5 – Niamh & Maddy  
Year 6 – Micah, Gabriell & Marco



**Link to celebration assembly**  
<https://youtu.be/ul05UJddSfQ>



# LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS



## SALT and School Advisors Get Together - Thursday 27th May - 10am

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....

Email [communications@bbpcf.org.uk](mailto:communications@bbpcf.org.uk) to book your place



## Evening Half Term Get Together - Wednesday 2nd June - 7pm

This is an opportunity to come and let us know how things are going for you and your child at the moment and to catch up with other parent carers and have a general discussion.

Email [communications@bbpcf.org.uk](mailto:communications@bbpcf.org.uk) to book your place



## Annual Health Checks

Did you know that people with a learning disability, aged 14 plus, are entitled to an annual health check at their doctors? Everyone with a learning disability should be put on their doctor's GP learning disability register. This will mean they get some additional health support.

Everyone who is over the age of 14 and on the learning disability register is entitled to a free annual health check. Top tips for your annual health check:

- think about anything you want to ask your doctor
- ask the doctor to explain anything you do not understand
- you will have time you do not need to rush
- you do not have to say or do anything you do not want to
- your doctor is there to help you, so you do not need to feel worried
- make sure your doctor gives you a health action plan

Contact your local GP to ensure your young person is listed on the register. It is never too early to get onto the register. If you are a parent of a child with a learning disability, please ensure that your child is on the register, so that they can be invited for an annual health check once they are over 14.

Check out the NHS website for [more information](#)



## NEURODIVERSITY IN A MULTICULTURAL WORLD

Jannine from ADHDwise will be running a workshop on the challenges, and stigma around neurodiversity in a multicultural world. This Webinar will focus on children and young people. We want to hear your views too.

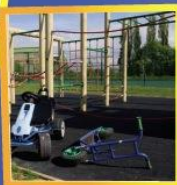


Join us FREE at this online workshop Monday 28th June 6.30pm.

Book via Eventbrite or email [communications@bbpcf.org.uk](mailto:communications@bbpcf.org.uk)

## HALF TERM

# HOLIDAY CLUB!



ENJOY HALF TERM  
WITH A WIDE SELECTION  
OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS



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