



Great Denham Primary School
NEWSLETTER 11
Autumn Term
19th November 2021

SPRING TERM CLUB BOOKINGS

OPENS ON
MONDAY 22nd NOVEMBER at 6.30PM

Breakfast Club
(7.30-8.30)

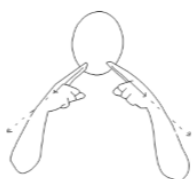
After School Club
(3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.30)

Friday PM Club
(1.30-3.00pm)

Places in all clubs are limited and available
on a first come first served basis



Teacher



Children



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Christmas Plays 2021

We have received guidance from the local authority and public health regarding Christmas performances and activities and are currently in the process of creating risk assessments for each event we are hoping to hold. I will be in touch on Monday with the final arrangements and dates for parents. Please bear with us whilst we do our best to get these sorted to ensure a balance between safety and letting the children and parents enjoy Christmas at Great Denham!

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

On Tuesday this week our lovely year 2 children had their first school trip since they were in Reception! They went to the Sealife Centre in Birmingham for the day to support and enrich their learning linked to their 'Under the Sea' project. The children were an absolute credit to our school and had a fantastic day - a huge thank you to the parents who helped out and to Miss Dix and all the staff for organising the trip.

You will have read earlier in the week about a rise in COVID cases in one year group which has resulted in additional measures being put in place for that year group such as no mixing with other year groups. Please let me assure you we are following public health guidance and the number of cases has remained low and contained thanks to the swift action of parents and staff.

Hope you have a lovely weekend
Denise Burgess

LETTERS THIS WEEK

Nurture Group Y4 - Y6
(selected children)

GOOD LUCK

We are sad to say that next week will be Mrs Boyce's last week in the school office. Claire has been a key part of our office team over the last 8 years and will be greatly missed - we wish her well in her new role!

FRIENDS OF GREAT DENHAM

Thank you to everyone who returned their Christmas card order forms. We will let you know when they will be sent home with the children.

REMINDER

All KS2 children (Year 3-6) should now be in winter uniform - shirt and tie and not polo shirts / summer dresses etc. (Other than on PE Day).

Ties are priced at £4.05 and are available from the school office. Payment can be made on Pay 360 or cash brought to the school office.

Online Safety

Last week we sent out information regarding a fantastic online safety resource that we have subscribed to as a school from **National Online Safety**. This allows parents to sign up and receive access to a range of resources including training, help videos and regular updates on how you can keep your child safe online. If you haven't signed up already please take advantages of this brilliant resource by following the link below:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/great-denham-primary-school>

Safety Squad

As part of our work at improving online safety awareness as a school we have elected children from each class to take on the role of a member of our safety squad. We are looking for 2 parents to join this group and take an active role in helping promote online safety across the school. The group will meet termly in school time for one hour, three times a year. If you are interested please email ruth.preece@gpds.uk for further information!

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

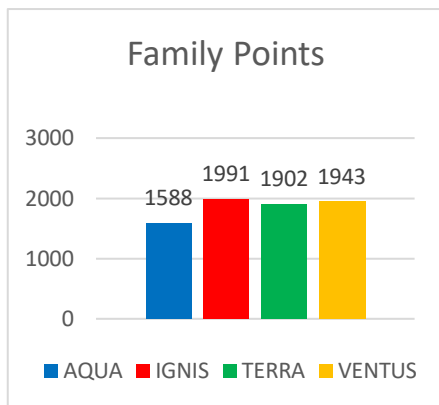
- 1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE**
Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.
- 2 REACH OUT**
It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.
- 3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS**
If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.
- 4 OFFER TO HELP**
Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!
- 5 POST POSITIVELY**
Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.
- 6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION**
If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.
- 7 BE UNDERSTANDING**
Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.
- 8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS**
When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.
- 9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING**
Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.
- 10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE**
If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert
Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with more than 10 years of experience in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.

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ATTENDANCE

Our attendance winners this week are:

Reception & Key Stage 1

– Tucana – 100%

Key Stage 2

– Perseus – 100%

YEAR GROUP UPDATE



Year 1

Year 1 came back after half term to find an exciting message from the dinosaurs... they had gone to find a new home! The children have been learning about habitats and how animals are suited to living in different places. They have written wonderful stories all the about the dinosaurs' adventures.

In the end, our dinosaurs decided to go to a museum to be with other dinosaurs.

Year 1 have been learning about extinction and looked at other endangered animals such as hedgehogs. The children were extremely worried about the hedgehogs so they decided to design and build hedgehog houses to keep them safe through the winter. We also had a visit from a fantastic charity called Hedgehugs!

DIARY DATES

- **Thursday 25th November** – year 5 & 6 Girls Dodgeball Tournament (selected children)

Today marks the celebration of **Children in Need**. It has been wonderful seeing the crazy hair today! A huge thank you for all the donations - the school council will be in touch next week with how much money we raised!

Unfortunately some children are not in school due to isolation. Eleni is year 3 is still celebrating at home! Thank you for sharing!



STARS & VALUES OF THE WEEK



Little Stars – Ella
Cassiopeia – Eva
Aquila – Nahum
Volans – Jake
Pegasus – Helena
Auriga – Samantha
Vela – Eli
Phoenix – Hasna

STARS

Tucana – Zach
Pavo – Pavit
Delphinus – Emily
Eridanus – Maxi
Perseus – Ben
Lyra – Sabil
Circinus – Fathima

Orion – Trixie
Cygnus – Musa
Serpens – Ashton
Andromeda – Summer

Cassiopeia – Daisy
Aquila – Mikael
Volans – Laloona
Pegasus – Lukas
Auriga – Chanel
Vela – Sienna
Phoenix – Amber

VALUES

Tucana – Rose
Pavo – Olivia
Delphinus – Usman
Eridanus – Oakley
Perseus – Mason
Lyra – Saheim
Circinus – Aamani

Orion – Matthew
Cygnus – Harry A
Serpens – Chloe
Andromeda – Maryam

SPORTS STARS

Cassiopeia – Sebastian
Aquila – Soraya
Volans – Freya
Pegasus – Max
Auriga – Ramsey
Vela – Hollie
Phoenix – Summer

Tucana – Morgan
Pavo – Teddy
Delphinus – Zoe
Eridanus – Lena
Perseus – Mason
Lyra – Harman
Circinus – Grace U

Orion – Zakariya
Cygnus – Issac
Serpens – Layla
Andromeda – Alyssa

SPORTS UPDATE



This has been another jam packed week of sport at Great Denham Primary.

Lunchtime sports clubs

We now have our sports clubs up and running for all children from years 1 -6 to access at lunchtimes. These clubs are being run by our fabulous year 5&6 sports leaders and are very popular. The sports leaders and captains selected the sports activities which include; basketball, dodge/football, unihoc, volleyball. Friday sports activities change weekly and are played in family teams. Well done to everyone who has joined in or led these activities.

Year 5&6 Girls Futsal league -Thursday 11th November

Both teams had an outstanding night, winning all but one of their games and drawing against each other 3-3 in a thrilling game of Futsal. The enthusiasm and effort from both teams really is phenomenal and their team spirit infectious. Good luck in your final games this week girls!

Goal scorers: Afrin, Ava, Deborah, Hollie, Kayla, Naima, Sienna, Zuwenna

Year 5&6 Girls Futsal tournament- Friday 12th November

Both teams participated in a competitive tournament. Our B team finished 6th out of 9 teams and our A team got all the way to the final. Unfortunately the A team lost 4-1, however the work rate and energy from this team was fantastic and they should be so proud.

Goal scorers; Afrin, Alice, Naima, Zuwenna

Year 5&6 Mixed EFL football Cup - Monday 15th November

We entered two teams into this competition and both teams played with determination, securing some wins, draws and losses. The competition was of a very high standard and our players wanted to win. The A team missed out on a semi-final place by just 1 goal. Well done to everyone who played!

Team A: Leo, Thomas, Romaine, Mo, Abu, Bandile and Zuwenna

Team B: Joe-Joe, Ben, Yusuf, James, Nardo, Ramin, Aydin and Summayah

Goal scorers; Zuwenna, Abu, Mo, James, Nardo

Year 5&6 Girls Table tennis tournament - Tuesday 16th November

Another exciting tournament which saw our teams play individually towards a team goal. The girls showed energy, excitement and some great play. Well done for finishing 2nd and 4th overall.

Team A: Amy, Deborah, Grace, Zara,

Team B: Alice, Anaya, Bella, Zuwenna

Year 4 Girls Futsal Tournament - Wednesday 17th November

This was the first time the girls had played together as a team or Futsal as a sport. So the enormous amount of teamwork, courage and effort shown by all was impressive. Well done for finishing in 4th place girls with two wins, two draws and one loss.

Team: Eloise, Emilie, Flora, Florence, Gracie, Holly, Imogen, Kawthar,

Goal scorers; Eloise 5, Emilie

Year 5 Boys football friendly v Bromham- Wednesday 17th November

The team put in a solid and strong performance. Bromham played well defensively and we found it hard to break them down. Unfortunately Bromham scored in the last 5 minutes to win 1-0. Well done boys!

LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS

CHRISTMAS IN A BOX 2021

Christmas in a Box is a great way to help others who need some extra help at what can be a stressful and difficult time of year. For the past 3 years GDPS pupils have contributed enormously to this effort!

Each year group will have a box where children can bring in items to help build a lovely hamper of food and toiletries.

The gift will go to a local family or person in need and will make Christmas that little bit happier.

Contributions can be made up to Friday 3rd December 2021.



SANTA'S GROTTO

At Great Denham Community Hall's *Winter Festival*

✧ Saturday 4th December ✧ From 2pm – 6pm ✧

✧ Only £3 per child ✧

Join us upstairs in the Anglian Suite, where the Elves will be on hand to help little ones to make reindeer food*, decorate baubles* and enjoy other festive activities, before they meet the Big Man himself, and receive a gift.

Each booking will meet Santa as a group. Adults do not need a ticket.

*Small additional charge for these optional activities in the Elves Area.

BOOK TICKETS ONLINE:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/friends-of-great-denham/e-ojgkaq>



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