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Newsletter 3 – Spring Term

21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

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

Dear Parents,

The children continue to blow us away with their positivity, work ethic and enthusiasm for their projects and school life in general!

Each term our four family groups compete against each other to see who has the most family points. Family points are awarded to children when they show one of our life skills in class. The winning family at the end of term has a family treat organised by the head of their family. Autumn term winners were **Ignis family** - well done to them! Mrs Borner, Head of Ignis family, is looking forward to celebrating with the children shortly!

Have a lovely weekend

Denise Burgess

Please join me in welcoming:

Mrs Sam Watts – Finance Assistant based in the office.



## Online Safety

National Online Safety this week:

**What parents need to know about Horror Games (see attached poster)**

If you haven't signed up already please take advantages of this brilliant resource by following the link below:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com>

## 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](mailto:ruth.preece@gpds.uk) for further information!

## This week's letters home

Year 4 – Auriga & Perseus COVID Letter

Year 3 – COVID Warn and Inform Letter

Nursery Class – COVID Update

Year 5 & 6 – Girls Basketball Training (selected pupils)

## Sports Leaders



# YEAR GROUP UPDATE

## Reception

We have had a wonderful start to the Spring term with the children, they have loved exploring their new project 'On the road again'. The children have come back in so settled and ready to start their learning.

This term is all about transport and exploring the different ways we can get around using our feet and vehicles. Our stunning start started with us looking at how we can move our bodies and why it is important to stay active. We then had a STEM day where we conducted a traffic survey and made large scale vehicles such as cars, monster trucks, boats, submarines etc. The children had to ensure that these vehicles could move.

Last week we had a very special visitor come in to see us, Mrs Armitage. She got lost on the playground but luckily we were there and were able to guide her back home. Since then the children have designed and built their own component to go on her magnificent bike. We have had music boxes, wings, umbrellas, anchors and many more fabulous ideas.

We can't wait to see where else this project takes us...watch this space!!





# SPORTS UPDATE



We have had a great start to the Spring term, with new extra curricular clubs, competitions and leagues.

## **Friday 7th January - Year 3-6 Archery festival- (selected children)**

Six children participated in a non-competitive archery competition, where they took part in varied activities that developed and tested their accuracy, power and concentration. Throughout the festival all of the children improved how many times they hit a target, many knocking down cones, hitting the gold and aiming high up in the air and into a hoop! The competition was so enjoyable, that we are setting up an archery club!

**Well done to the archery team:** Logan, EJ, Molly, Amna, Lucas and Nardo

## **Tuesday 11th January - Year 5&6 Boys Basketball league**

The boys played two matches against strong opposition from Livingstone and Westfield. The pace of each game was fast and exciting. It took the team a while to find their flow, but as their understanding of the rules and game improved, so too did their performance.

**Final scores:** Livingstone 8 - Great Denham 0, Westfield 9 - Great Denham 0

**Well done to the team;** Aalijah, Harman, Ilyas, Mo, Thomas, Tobi, Zachery

**Players of the match:** Year 5 -Zachery and Year 6-Tobi

## **Tuesday 18th January- Year 5&6 Boys Basketball league**

A good training session on Monday ensured that the team were prepared fully for the pace of the league and their second set of matches. The boys put in solid performances against Bromham and Livingstone and showed an impressive commitment to; move quickly, put pressure on the opponents goal and defend stronger.

**Final scores:** Bromham 4 - Great Denham 2, Livingstone 8 - Great Denham 0

**Well done to the team;** George, Leo, Tobi, Thomas, Tobi, Zachery

**Player of the match:** Year 5- Leo and Year 6- George

## **Next week:**

**Tuesday 25th January, 3:15-4:15 -**

Year 5&6 Girls and boys Basketball team training-no match (selected children)

**Wednesday 26th January (during school day)** Mental Health Champions training

**Thursday 27th January 4-6pm-**

Year 56 Girls Table tennis COUNTY FINALS at Castle Newnham

Year 56 Mixed Badminton tournament at John Bunyan Sports centre

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**Feb 14th - 18th**

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