



A message from the Head...

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! I do hope you had a lovely half term and enjoyed the bank holiday and Jubilee weekend. It was amazing to watch the Queen having tea with Paddington after our Year 1 children have been learning all about him - it was almost as if the Queen helped us plan their project!

It may have been a short week, but again as usual at Great Denham, it has still been a busy one! On Tuesday we had our annual head boy and girl elections for heads of families - the children in Year 5 who stood showed such courage and we are so proud of each and every one of them. Speaking in front of over 100 people is not easy! A huge congratulations to those who have been elected.

Also this week we have had a trip to the farm for our wonderful nursery children which they loved and we took a trip to the living rainforest in Reading for Year 5/6. Next week Year 2 take on London which they are very excited about! Our year 1 children have been busy taking their phonics screening this week - we will let parents know how they got on in their annual report in July.

Denise Burgess
Headteacher

This week's letters home

Year 2 – London Trip

Year 5/6 – Living Rainforest

Year 1 / 2 - Multi-sports

Diary Dates

Monday 13th June – London Trip – Y2

Tuesday 14th June – London Trip – Y2

Reminder:

National Sports Week – 20th – 24th June

Thank you

We'd like to say a big thank you to the anonymous person who very kindly sent us some new Lego sets for our upcoming Lego-based therapy. We very much appreciate it!

If anyone has any unwanted, full Lego sets that you would like to donate, please drop in to the school office.

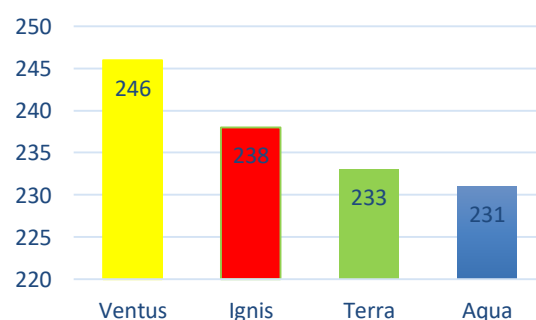
National Online Safety this week:

What parents need to know about Virtual Reality (see poster attached to email).

Virtual reality (VR for short) has existed for decades, but it's only in the last 10 years that the technology has really become publicly available. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide this week gives tips on a number of potential risks such as physical accidents, premature exposure and eye strain.

If you haven't signed up to National Online Safety already, please take advantage of this brilliant resource by following the link [HERE](#)

Family Points WC 6th June 22



Drum roll please...

Our star of the week awards is an opportunity for our teachers to give great praise to the children who show hard work, determination and enthusiasm amongst other things, to the children who really stand out that week. Values awards are also given out each week to children who show us how they live by the Great Denham Primary values.

Read on below to see who got the awards this week.

WC 6th June Awards



STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Little Stars	Archibald	Pavo	Evie B	Pegasus	Anayah	Vela	Evelyn
Cassiopeia	Joshua	Cygnus	Sophie	Eridanus	Euan	Lyra	Lilian
Tucana	Nykia	Volans	John	Andromeda	Asher	Phoenix	Ishaq
Orion	Sammy	Delphinus	Emily	Auriga	Jessica	Circinus	Ben
Aquila	Noah	Serpens	Cairo	Perseus	Catalina		



VALUES AWARDS

Little Stars	Victor	Pavo	Harry	Pegasus	Sara	Vela	Mohammed
Cassiopeia	Georgie	Cygnus	Thomas	Eridanus	Lexi	Lyra	Alice
Tucana	Alishba	Volans	Elsie	Andromeda	Joseph	Phoenix	Kayla
Orion	Leo	Delphinus	Dylan	Auriga	Robert	Circinus	Isabel
Aquila	Lionel	Serpens	Myles	Perseus	Jamie		



YEAR GROUP UPDATE

Reception

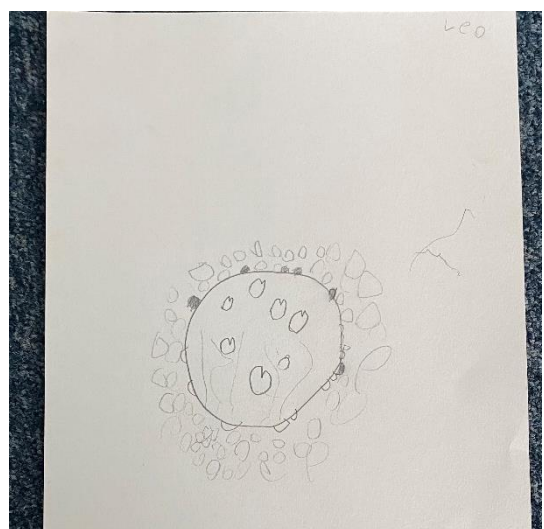
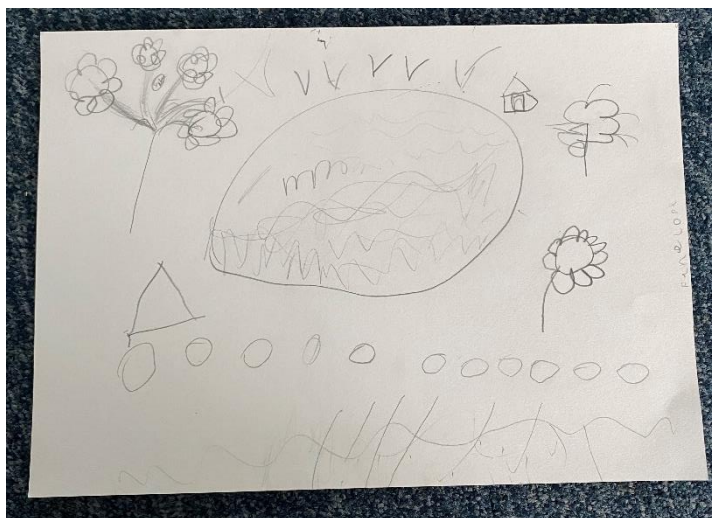
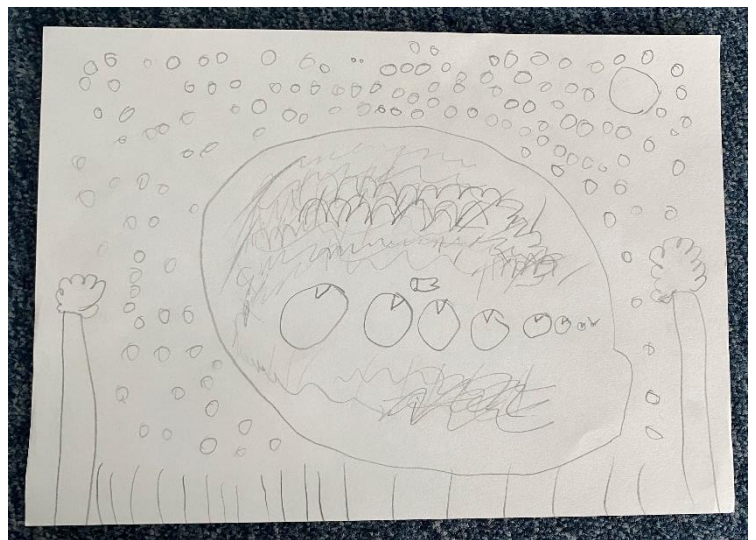
We are so proud of our Reception children this week; they have all come in so well on their own from the gate. They have all had courage stars for being so grown up. It has been lovely watching them come in with their big smiling proud faces. We can't believe that we only have this half term left with them!

Our start to the Summer Term was jam-packed, from making bog babies to swimming and the children have learnt so many new skills. We had a little friend in our classroom, the Bog Baby. The children worked hard to make him and his friends feel at home but he was very homesick and so we had to return him to the pond. We had a real adventure walking to the country park and then leaving them all behind, not everyone was so happy about this but we did what was best for the Bog Babies.

Each class went swimming and it was so lovely to see their excited faces in the pool, they all had the best time. Every child fully embraced swimming and even those who were a little more nervous were splashing around with everyone by the end of the session. They were swimming superstars!

We have also done some observational drawings of the pond; you can see we have some real budding artists. We learnt to look at what we wanted to draw and then put it onto paper thinking about all of the details.

There is so much more in store for our Reception children over the next few weeks and we can't wait to showcase all the work we have been doing at our fabulous finish.



SPORTS UPDATE

Events next week:

Monday 13th June

Year 5&6

Quad kids athletics

Tuesday 14th June

KS1 Multi-skills festival

Year 5&6

Mixed Athletics league

School Sport

Year 4 Cricket District Finals

The team played well against strong competition from the top 8 schools in the district. Although they lost their group matches, they played exceptionally well in their final game to come 7th in the entire district. This is a phenomenal achievement, 40 schools in total took part in this competition and to come 7th is something to be proud of! Well done!

Team: Chanel, Eloise, Emilie, Florence, George, Hassan, Hugo, Nodari, Ramsey & Ruqayyah

Year 5&6 Mixed Athletics league

This was the first week of our league and what an exciting event it was! All of our team showed enormous courage and determination in front of a stadium full of spectators! We are looking forward to next week already. Well done everyone!

Girls team: Alice, Amber, Deborah, Grace, Zuwenna

Boys team: Ken, Thomas, Tobi, Yusuf



National Sports Week – 20th – 24th June

The countdown is on and we are all really excited for everything we have planned for Sports Week. Please ensure children are in PE kit for all of this week.

Head Boys & Girls

As you know, earlier this week we had our annual head boy and girl elections for heads of families and we are very proud to announce who was chosen below:

VENTUS

Head Boy - Max

Head Girl - Sienna

Prefect - Romaine

Prefect - Deborah



AQUA

Head Boy - Leo

Head Girl - Xara

Prefect - Thomas

Prefect - Sienna



IGNUS

Head Boy -

Head Girl - Amy

Prefect - Markuss

Prefect - Elliya



TERRA

Head boy - Lewis

Head Girl - Hollie

Prefect - Ken

Prefect - Jemima



Next Friday Tuck Shop – 17th June

Our next afternoon tuck shop will be on Friday 17th June, at 1.30pm at the back of the school hall. Friends of Great Denham will be selling ice pops, snacks and drinks. Come along and grab a treat - Prices start at only 10p. cash only please.

All money raised goes towards buying resources for our lovely school, so we hope to see you there.

School Trips

We have recently been experiencing some problems with staff having to spend several hours chasing parents who have not given permission or made a contribution to trips we have had planned. This has often resulted in adults having to be rearranged and groups changed just hours before a trip leaves. Please can I request that you read any trip letters carefully and note the deadlines for signing your child up using Pay360 - thank you.

Park & Ride

We are experiencing problems with parents and how they are using the park and ride car park - not parking correctly and not leaving pathways clear for children to walk. Please be considerate when using this wonderful facility, we are so lucky to have. We all have a shared responsibility to keep all of our GDPS children safe.

Legoland Trip



Jubilee Celebrations

We loved kicking off the Platinum Jubilee celebrations at school just before half term and all the children made such a fantastic effort coming in in their red, white and blue outfits. THANK YOU!



Coffee Morning

To Celebrate Carers Week

Monday 13th June

9.30-11.30am

WE HAVE INVITED CARERS IN BEDS, BDCPS AND FACES TO JOIN US TO CELEBRATE CARERS WEEK AND TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT SERVICES THEY HAVE TO OFFER SUPPORTING YOU AS A PARENT CARER INCLUDING CARERS GRANTS AND WELLBEING YOGA. COME ALONG AND JOIN US, WE WILL HAVE CUPCAKES AND CREAM TEAS AVAILABLE FOR ALL! WE WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE YOU AS A CARER SO COME AND TAKE SOME TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF...



Join us at Project 229, 227-229 Bedford Road, Kempston, Bedford, MK42 8DA.

No need to book, just come along!

Everyone welcome...



OUR AWESOME LOCATION

A different environment to school
Various outdoor activities at holiday club
Short walk to school grounds.
Fresh air and socialization on the walk
On-Site Parking
A Wide range of toys
Access to outdoors
Electronics
Access to water or squash at all times
Hot Meals and healthy snacks
Occasional discos, BBQ's and cookery
Established in 1995

ASSAULT COURSE
QUAD BIKES
ARCHERY
CLIMBING WALL
CAVING/TUNNELLING

HOLIDAY Club
Full and half day sessions
LOCATION 4 Minute Walk From Local Schools

50% OFF
NEWLY REGISTERED CHILDREN
FOR THE FIRST MONTH
QUOTE: 50FUN

10% OFF
HOLIDAY CLUB
FOR ALL FUN CLUB
MEMBERS
QUOTE: HOLIDAY10

8AM TO 6PM

Bromham Holiday & Fun Club c/o Leslie Sell Activity Center Mollivers Lane, Bromham MK43 8LD
E-mail: Bromhamfunclub@gmail.com

Explore the gardens of Church End

Biddenham



Sunday 26th June 2022, 2pm-5pm

Come and explore the variety of gardens along Church End, The Old Barns and Manor Road, Biddenham - whether pristine, everyday, interesting or just "work in progress".

Afternoon tea with home-made cakes for sale in the Church Barn.
Plants for sale.

Tickets £5 per person for all gardens, available on the day from the Church Barn (next to St James's Church at MK40 4AS), or by the postbox, The Old Barns. Accompanied children under 12 free.

Parking along Main Road. Well controlled dogs on leads, children and buggies all welcome. **Note:** There are ponds, steps and other hazards in some gardens and wheelchair access may be limited in some areas.

For more information, email churchendgardens@gmail.com

In aid of The Friends of St James, Biddenham

- the charity which preserves and enhances the historic church buildings for future generations

