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Newsletter 11 – Summer term

A message from the Head...

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week our year 3 children have been camping in Bromham woods - they have had such a fantastic time exploring the woods, singing round the campfire and just having lots of fun! A huge thank you to all the staff plus two of our parents who kindly gave up their time to take the children on this exciting adventure.

Thank you also to the families who came to the Year 5/6 rainforest cafe yesterday at the community hall, the quality of the work produced was outstanding and the enthusiasm of the children shone through!

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sun.

Denise Burgess Headteacher

National Online Safety this week:

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

Steam came into being simply as a means for software developers Valve to distribute their own games (including the popular Counter-Strike, Half-Life and Dota series), but swiftly evolved to host thirdparty titles as well. Trusted adults should check out our #WakeUpWednesday guide for the full story.

If you haven't signed up to National Online Safety already, please take advantage of this brilliant resource by following the link <u>HERE</u>

Friday 8th July 2022

This week's letters home

iPad Sign Up Scheme – Year 2

Pencil Cases – Y 4 & 5

Y5 Football Training – Selected

Y4 Football Training - Selected

Tuck Shop – Friday 15th July

Our next afternoon tuck shop will be on Friday 15th July, 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.

Diary dates

Tuesday 12th – Y1 Retirement Village Visit

Wednesday 13th July – Reception Fabulous Finish

Wednesday 13th July – **Y2 Fab Finish** – London Exhibition

Weds 13th & Thurs 14th July - **Y3 Fab Finish** (read on for further details)

Weds 13th & Fri 15th July – **Y4 Fab Finish**

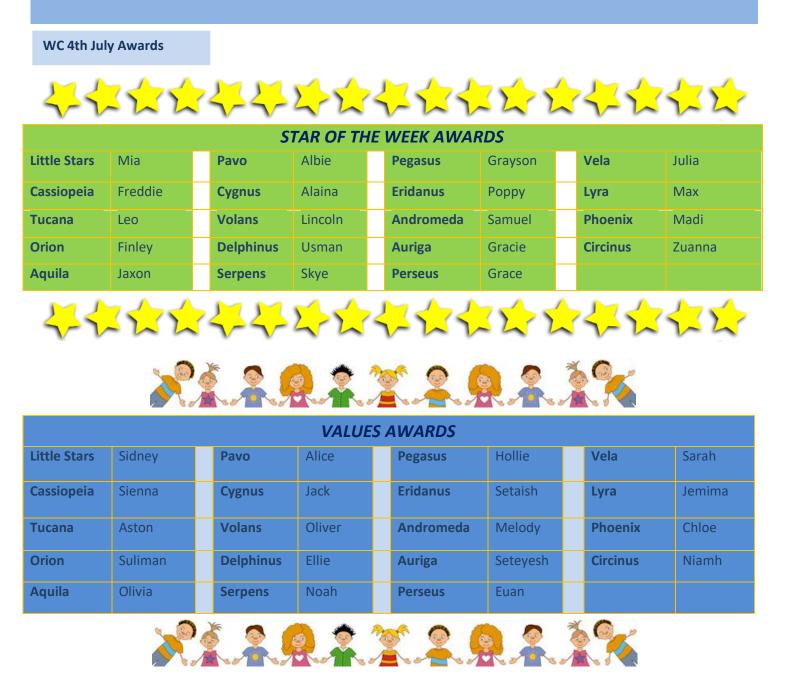
School Reports

Just a reminder that school reports will be sent home on Monday. Some year groups (current reception, year 2 and year 4) will be mixing classes as they move into the new school year. Staff have spent hours organising these new classes to ensure the best mix of children and have taken into account many different factors. We have made sure children are with at least one of their friends, so if your child is not with someone they wanted to be with please do not ask us to move any children as we will not be able to do this - thank you in advance for your support.

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.







Year 4

Just like that, we are approaching our final few weeks in Year 4! Over the past few weeks we have been diving into design technology as we have been creating our own Robin Hood inspired hats. As part of our learning, we have explored a variety of materials looking closely at which material is fit for our purpose as well as looking at a range of existing hats to explore their properties in preparation for creating our own!

We have enjoyed developing our sewing skills as we have learnt how to complete the following stitches: running stitch, blanket stitch, overstitch and backstitch. In fact, we have been so impressed with their skills that we were not surprised when their hats turned out as amazing as this!







We are working extremely hard towards our Fabulous Finish next week where you will be thoroughly entertained! Both classes have developed incredible play scripts and have enjoyed bringing these to live on stage!

It has been a pleasure to watch the children grown in confidence and flourish across the year and both Miss Langstone and I are incredibly proud of them!

Y3 & 4 Fabulous Finish

Please see the times below for the Year 3 & 4 Fabulous Finishes next week.

Wednesday 13th July – Eridanus Fab Finish – 10:30am Wednesday 13th July – Auriga Fab finish - 2:00pm Thursday 14th July – Pegasus Fab finish - 10:30 am Thursday 14th July - Andromeda Fab finish – 2:00pm Friday 15th July – Perseus Fab finish - 10:30 am

For the Fab finishes, children will need to bring in a black top and black trousers / skirt / leggings etc. Parents are encouraged to come and see the fabulous finish for their child's class. There will be an opportunity at the fabulous finish to look at your child's project book.

Please arrive at the school office ten minutes before the above time where a member of staff will direct you to your seats. We look forward to entertaining you!

Year 3 & 4 Team







Clarification on PE kit for children in Y1/2 2022/23

Please accept my apologies if the uniform website and our communications were not clear on this - children in Year 1&2 from September will have the same PE kit as the older children instead of a pale blue t-shirt. This is so they can get longer wear out of these smarter tops and also for when they attend sports festivals everyone looks smart. The uniform website has been amended to make it clearer that these are for children in Year 1 - 6 and the pale blue ones have now been removed. I am aware the new tops are currently out of stock but the uniform supplier has informed me that they will be back in stock shortly and any on back order sent out.

Picnic in the playground

We are very excited to be welcoming back what used to be our annual picnic in the playground this year! As per the diary dates it will take place on **Wednesday 20th July at 2pm**. Due to the size of our school now the event will take place in our car park and parents are invited to come and hear the whole school sing a few songs (this includes nursery too). Once the performance has finished children will return to class and you can collect them and we invite you to bring a picnic and share it on our school grounds with your child and their friends. We hope this will be nice opportunity for families to socialise after a difficult couple of years and we also hope you will come along and hear the children sing! There will be some chairs in the playground for parents to sit on but we urge you to bring along a camping chair if you have one or a blanket.



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May Half Term-& Symmer

Football Fun Camps

Location Bedford College or St Thomas More

DateS 25th - 29th July / 1st - 5th Aug 8th - 12th Aug / 15th - 19th Aug

Times 09:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Camp Fees £25 per day / £100 per week

secure your Child's Place online at theFootballFynFactory.co.yk



