



Great Denham Primary School  
NEWSLETTER 5  
Autumn Term  
1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

**YEAR 1 & 2 –  
PHONICS  
WORKSHOP**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the phonics workshops this week, if you were unable to attend the presentation can be found on our website [HERE](#).

**RECEPTION –  
WELCOME MEETING &  
PHONICS  
WORKSHOP**

Due to popular demand we are now putting on another session on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm

**YEAR 6 – SATS  
MEETING**

Reminder that the year 6 SATs meeting for the parents is next week on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm.

*Inspiring excellence; everyone, everyday*



A huge thank you for your amazing donations to the foodbank - Emma, myself and some children from KS2 dropped off our donations to the foodbank on Monday - we will let you know when we hear how much we donated! The children enjoyed helping unpack the donations and looked around the foodbank.

**Letters this week**

Rec – Welcome to GDPS & Phonics  
Y6 – SATS Letter  
Y6 – SATs Workshop  
Pyjama day  
Y3&4 – Viking Day & Costume  
Y6 – Lincroft open evening  
Rec – Curriculum Map  
Auriga – Sports Festival  
Y3 – iPad Leasing Scheme  
Y5 – Boys Football Tournament (selected children)  
Y5&6 – Tag Rugby Tournament (selected children)



**MESSAGE FROM  
THE HEAD**

Our Early Years children continue to impress us with how they have settled into our school and every week they get more settled! A huge well done to our amazing Reception children who went on their first school trip yesterday to Bromham Woods on the hunt for a runaway wellie boot! Thank you to all the staff who made this possible and to those parents who gave up their time to help on this trip. Our Reception children also had their first celebration assembly yesterday which was lots of fun! Well done to our first certificate winners.

Yesterday the leadership team and our vice chair of governors, Pauline Heappey, spent some time looking at the behaviour of the children across the school – we were thrilled with how well the children have settled into their new classes and returned to the more 'normal' way of working at Great Denham. Their behaviour was exemplary and they were a credit to our school.

Hope you have a lovely weekend  
Denise Burgess

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale



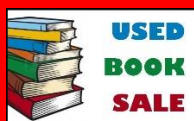
We will be selling good quality second hand uniform on

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October – 1.30pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October – 3.00pm

At the back of the hall

## Book Sale



We will be selling good quality second hand school books on

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October – 1.30pm

At the back of the hall

## DINOSAUR DAY – Year 1

Year 1 had a really exciting day on Wednesday when some dinosaur experts visited!



### Work and Play

play



work



## ATTENDANCE

Our attendance winners this week are

Reception & Key Stage 1 – Serpens – 98.9%

Key Stage 2 – Pegasus, Eridanus & Perseus – 98.7%

## Friends of Great Denham

### Pyjama day - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October, the Friends of Great Denham will be raising funds for school equipment by asking pupils to wear pyjamas for the day. For a suggested donation of £1 (handed to teachers), pupils can wear their favourite PJ's or onesies and be super cosy all day. No form to complete just put the date in diaries!

## DIARY DATES

- **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October** 2.30pm – Year 6 – Parents meeting – Welcome to Year 6 and information about SATs  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/179111245557>
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October** 8.45am – Reception – Welcome to Reception and Phonics workshop for parents  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/179116681817>
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October** – Non-uniform day (£1 donation to the Friends of Great Denham)

## YEAR GROUP UPDATE

### Year 3

What a fantastic first few weeks Year 3 have had back at school! The children returned from the Summer break, to discover their class had been split into two teams. Each team needed to construct their own camp base and design and hide a team flag. It was a real pleasure to see how much pride the children took when building their camps and the many school values displayed when doing so.

Once the camps were completed, the children were told that they were now going to have to find the other teams flag and invade their structures. Battle commenced and eventually a flag was discovered. The losing team began to understand how it might feel to have something precious taken from you, just like when the Anglo Saxons were invaded by the Vikings. From this experience, the children were able to propose many interesting questions about the Saxons and Vikings. I am sure we will have even more fun answering these as the term continues.



## STARS & VALUES OF THE WEEK



### STARS

Little Stars – Kayra  
Cassiopeia – Hezekiah  
Aquila – Kayhan  
Volans – Oliver  
Pegasus – Kyra  
Auriga – Robert  
Vela – Leo  
Phoenix – Lucy

Tucana – Chanice  
Pavo – Parker  
Delphinus – Aiyla  
Eridanus – Adele  
Perseus – Ismail  
Lyra – Laura  
Circinus – Ola

Orion – Isla  
Cygnus – Isla  
Serpens – Summer  
Andromeda – Essie

### VALUES

Cassiopeia – Sienna  
Aquila – Evie  
Volans – Freya  
Pegasus – Aqeel  
Auriga – Tami  
Vela – Mollie  
Phoenix – Aidan

Tucana – Charlie  
Pavo – Lauren  
Delphinus – Evie  
Eridanus – Lena  
Perseus – Hassan  
Lyra – Alice  
Circinus – Ethan

Orion – Penelope  
Cygnus – Cian  
Serpens – Scarlett  
Andromeda – Asher

## SPORTS AWARDS

Aquila – Jaxon  
Volans – Alaa  
Pegasus – Olivia  
Auriga – EJ  
Vela – Thomas  
Phoenix – Madi

### SPORTS

Pavo – Lila  
Delphinus – Maya  
Eridanus – Rio  
Perseus – Finley  
Lyra – Deborah  
Circinus – Tobi

Cygnus – Phoebe  
Serpens – Jojo  
Andromeda – Joey



# SPORTS UPDATE

So another week of super sport, played in very wet conditions, but it just doesn't stop the love and enthusiasm the kids have at all.

## **Year 6 Boys Football match v Livingstone**

This great match saw our boys grow in confidence and play some super football especially towards the end of the first half. However, Livingstone played well from the start and scored every shot on target. In the second half, our team scored twice but despite their great determination, they were unable to close the gap.

They lost the match 14-2. Well done team

Man of the match: Thomas

## **Year 5 Girls Netball match v Castle Newnham**

The girls started cautiously, but then found their rhythm in the second quarter. They made great interceptions, passed well through centre court and had many shots on target. This was a very even game, which the girls should be extremely proud of playing in. They lost 2-1, but it could easily have been a win. Well done girls!

**Player of the match - Eliyah** (selected by Castle Newnham)

Team: Holli, Eliyah, Zaraa. Grace, Isabella, Alice, Jemima



## **Year 6 Girls Netball match v Castle Newnham**

This match was a competitive one from the start. Both sides passed the ball well and made great interceptions. Castle Newnham were strong when on the attack and scored most goals on target. Unfortunately, we lost 7-0, but there are many positive points to be taken away from the match. Super effort girls, well done!

**Player of the match - Naima** (selected by Castle Newnham)

Team: Bella, Naima, Madi, Ava, Amber, Amelia, Florence



## **Next week's sporting events:**

**Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Year 6 Boys Football - AWAY at Castle Newnham 3:15-5:00

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Year 3&4 Basketball competition at Great Denham 8:45-12:30

**Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Year 5&6 Girls and Boys Tag rugby tournament at Bedford Modern 11:30-2:30

-Year 6 Girls netball match - HOME v Livingstone 3:15-5:00





# LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS



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**October HALF TERM ACTIVITIES 2021 25TH - 29TH OCTOBER**

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**EXPERIENCE DAYS**  
VENUE: ASC - Alexander Sports Centre, Sidney Road, Bedford MK43 2BQ

DATES	ACTIVITY NAME	VENUE	TIME	AGE GROUP
Monday 25th October	ACTIVE CHILDCARE	ASC	8.30am-5pm	5-12 years
Monday 25th October	GYMNASTICS FUN EXPERIENCE DAY	ASC	10am-2pm	5-9 years
Tuesday 26th October	ACTIVE CHILDCARE	ASC	8.30am-5pm	5-12 years
Wednesday 27th October	ACTIVE CHILDCARE	ASC	8.30am-5pm	5-12 years
Wednesday 27th October	FOOTBALL EXPERIENCE DAY	ASC	9am-5pm	5-12 years
Thursday 28th October	ACTIVE CHILDCARE	ASC	8.30am-5pm	5-12 years
Friday 29th October	ACTIVE CHILDCARE	ASC	8.30am-5pm	5-12 years



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