



Great Denham Primary School  
NEWSLETTER 7  
Autumn Term  
15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

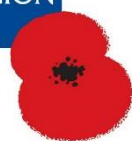
## CHRISTMAS IN A BOX 2021

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 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021



## POPPY APPEAL

We have Poppies for sale at the school office along with wristbands, zip pull, snap bands and reflectors.

Prices range from 50p to £1.50.

(Unfortunately, we are not able to give change so please bring the correct money)

## KS2 Assembly - Stranger Danger

On Monday children in Year 3-6 will be having a short assembly from the police on stranger danger - this is part of the KS2 curriculum and with the days getting shorter and darker we thought it was a good time to arrange this talk for the children.



Please join us in welcoming Mr Thompson our new sports coach

– Mr Thompson joins us from Luton Town Academy where he has extensive experience of teaching sport in schools across Luton.

Mrs Tariq also joined this week as – a lunchtime supervisor.

Inspiring excellence; everyone, everyday



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Some lovely news to share with you this week – on Monday our lovely Miss Day



gave birth to a beautiful baby boy - Joey Etheridge, weighing 8lbs 9oz! Huge congratulations to her and Mr Etheridge!

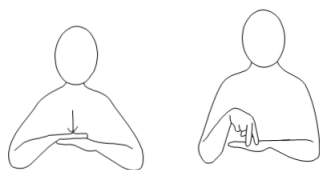
Next Tuesday we are having our first family day of the year for children in Year 1-6. Due to COVID we haven't had any family days for nearly 2 years – the idea of the family day is children get to spend time with children from their family group and take part in some fun activities linked to a theme. Next week children will be learning all about Black History Month and will be spending time with an amazingly talented singer song writer called Aga, who for those who have been with us for many years will remember him from previous visits. Next week he will be relaunching our family songs that were written with him approx 6 years ago!

Hope you have a lovely weekend  
Denise Burgess



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Stand



## LETTERS THIS WEEK

Year2 - Sea Life Centre Trip  
Revised Term Dates 21-22  
Delphinus – Multi-skills festival  
Y5&6 – Table tennis tournament  
(selected children)  
Y6 – Heights & Weights  
Y4 – Multiplication and Times Table  
info session  
Y5/6 – Boys Basketball training

## REMINDER

### PARENTS' EVENING NEXT WEEK

**Nursery – Year 6  
Wednesday & Thursday**

**Tucana class only  
Tuesday & Wednesday**

## WINTER UNIFORM

Please can I remind you that after half term children in years 3 - 6 should be in their winter uniform of a shirt and tie. Ties can be ordered through our uniform supplier [HERE](#) or at the school office (£4.05).

## SCOOTERS & BIKES

Please can we remind parents that children are not to ride bikes and scooters on the school grounds. In addition, please keep an eye on them on the way home as we received a report of a near miss this week.

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



We will be selling good quality  
second hand uniform on  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October – 3.00pm  
At the back of the hall

Our school Educational Psychologist, Aneta Warrentowicz, will be offering 20-minute drop in appointments for both teachers and parents on the 1st November from 9.00am to 12.00pm. All appointments will be virtual and conducted online.

These sessions are an opportunity to discuss issues or concerns you may have which are impacting your child in school or at home and plan some strategies that may help them to move forward.

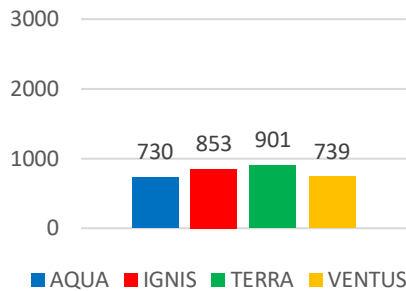
If you would like to book an appointment please can you email [senco@gdps.uk](mailto:senco@gdps.uk) or call the school office with details of your name, your child's name and class, your email address (for the invitation to the virtual session) and times when you would be available and we will do our best to accommodate you.

## NURSERY - A VISIT FROM THE BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE

This week the British Transport Police visited our Nursery class, read them a story and the children then got to see a real life police car with flashing lights and sirens.



Family Points



## ATTENDANCE

Our attendance winners this week are:

Reception & Key Stage 1 – Cygnus – 97.3 %

Key Stage 2 – Circinus – 99.3 %

## Diagnosis Support Pack

Families and services have come together to co-produce a resource pack for families following a diagnosis of a neurodiversity. Led by our Coproduction team, we joined together with parents, young people, local Parent Carer Forums, CAMHS, Education Psychology, and other key partners.

The Diagnosis Support Pack is for families following a diagnosis of a neurodiversity, and contains information, resources and signposting in a variety of media (video's, infographics, animations) split into 14 different sections - from sleep to medication and lots more.

<https://www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/beds-luton-community-paediatrics/diagnosis-support-pack>

## DIARY DATES

- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 3-6 – Assembly – Stranger Danger delivered by Bedfordshire Police
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – Family day – children to come to school in their family colours NOT PE kit.
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – Tucana Parents' Evening
- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 3 – History off the Page
- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Year 4 – History off the Page

**HALF TERM: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

- **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Deadline for Secondary school application
- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Children return to school

## YEAR GROUP UPDATE

### Year 5

Year 5 have had an action packed and mysterious start to the year! Both children at school and those who attended residential have experienced a sense of adventure, with great courage shown by all! They have settled into the year 5/6 block well and within days came across a mysterious chest of items, full of war related items that needed some investigation. Piecing all the clues together like true detectives, there were many theories as to who the owner was. We





patiently awaited their arrival and one Monday morning were lucky enough to meet them - Misty the horse (an ancestor of Joey the horse - the main character from our key text War Horse)! We enjoyed asking Misty's owner lots of questions and took the opportunity to do some observational drawing.



In English we have enjoyed acting out the life of Joey and his owner Albert, leading us to write emotive diary entries of the moment when Joey becomes a war horse himself.

Our science learning has led to further investigation - into the properties of materials. We look forward to finding out more about the life of soldiers and the wider community in WW1.

## STARS & VALUES OF THE WEEK



### STARS

Little Stars – rufus  
Cassiopeia – Georgie  
Aquila – Amber  
Volans – Alex  
Pegasus – Olivia  
Auriga – Conan  
Vela – Kianna-Marie  
Phoenix – Bandile

Tucana – Jannelle  
Pavo – Dean  
Delphinus – Eliza  
Eridanus – Oakley  
Perseus – Flora  
Lyra – Florian  
Circinus – Ben

Orion – Jaco  
Cygnus – Isaac  
Serpens – Hugo  
Andromeda – Rayyan

### VALUES

Cassiopeia – Yunis  
Aquila – Kayhan  
Volans – Aleya  
Pegasus – Maxwell  
Auriga – Riley  
Vela – Evelyn  
Phoenix – Mo

Tucana – Alice  
Pavo – Alayna  
Delphinus – Monty  
Eridanus – Harry  
Perseus – Ethan  
Lyra – Mije  
Circinus – Lena

Orion – Lily  
Cygnus – Phoebe  
Serpens – Kaleise  
Andromeda – Triana

# SPORTS UPDATE

This has been another fantastic week of physical activity at Great Denham Primary

## Welcome - Mr Thompson

Welcome Mr Thompson, our new PE coach, to our team at Great Denham.

## Year 6 Boys Football v Goldington Green Lost 4-0

This was the strongest defensive performance from the team so far. The team spirit was high, with fantastic encouragement shown to each other throughout the game. Well done to the team who get stronger and stronger each week.

## **Congratulations to the man of the match: Bandile**

**Team;** Abu, Aydin, Bandile, Ben, James, Joe-Joe, Leo, Mo, Nardo, Ramin, Romaine, Yusuf

## Year 5 Boys Football tournament

We entered two teams into this tournament and the boys certainly made the most of it! The A team understood their roles within the team and played so well together. The team won 3 out of 7 games, drew 1 and lost 3.

The B team battled hard for each other and showed a strong team spirit. They drew 4 and lost 3 of their matches.

Both our A and B teams played each other and from that match **Max was awarded man of the match for showing all of our school values.**

**Congratulations to the players of the day: Team A Nakai, Team B Liam**



## Year 5 Boys friendly football match v Bromham Drew 1- 1

This team worked collectively to build on the successes from the day before and it payed off when they took the lead 1-0. Bromham put up quite a challenge and equalised in the second half.

## **Congratulations to 'The team' who were all awarded man of the match!**

**Team:** Adil, Charlie, Fabien, Harman, Joe-Joe, Ken, Leo, Liam, Max, Mije, Muhammad, Nakai, Romaine, Thomas

## Year 5 Girls Netball match v Westfield

This was an incredibly exciting game, played to a very high standard. The team spirit and determination really shone throughout the entire game, Well done for winning the game 4-3 after fighting back from being 3-2 down.

## **Congratulations to our player of the match: Deborah**

**Team:** Alanna, Alesha, Alice, Amelia, Ava, Deborah, Grace, Julia, Sienna, Zara

## Year 6 Girls Netball match v Westfield

This was a difficult match for the girls, Westfield were a strong team who scored whenever they had the chance to. We created many chances that led to us scoring 5 goals, however we lost the game by 6 goals. Well done to the team for showing great determination.

## **Congratulations to our player of the match: Zuwenna**

**Team:** Amber, Amelia, Ava, Bella, Florence, Kayla, Madi, Naima, Ophelia, Zuwenna

## Whole school - One global run

Today the whole school took part in a historic event, in a mission to unite the globe. Every child, from nursery to year 6 walked, jogged or ran a mile in a bid to raise awareness of the power of being active, together.

You still have the chance to get involved. On Saturday 16th October 2021, One Global run are uniting the world in one giant human-powered relay. They're inviting you to take part in joining thousands of people from 195 countries. All you need to do is run, walk or move your body for one hour at 9am local time. Check out <https://onerun.global> or more details.

**Next week's events:**

Tuesday 19th October - Year 6 Boys football finals match v Bromham (away) 3:30-5:30pm

Wednesday 20th October - Year 4 Auriga - Multiskills festival at Kempston Challenger Academy 12:15 -2:15

Wednesday 20th October - Year 5 & 6 Girls Netball match v Scott primary (home) 3:30-4:45pm

## LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS



**October Half-Term Fun**  
for 3-13\* year olds

7.30-6pm\* everyday

**Childcare vouchers & taxfree credits accepted**

**Venues in Beds, Cambs, Herts & Essex**  
\*at certain venues only

From only **£19.99** per day

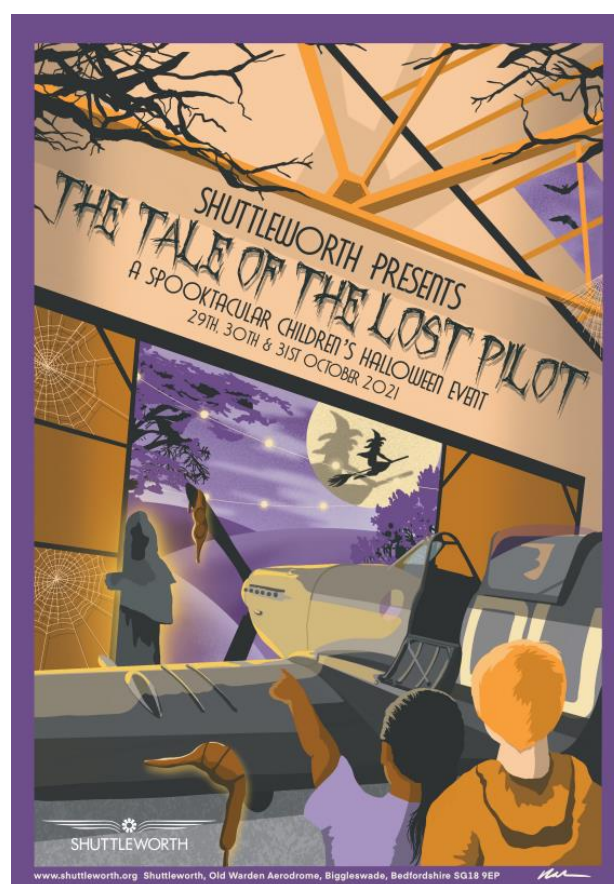
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**SHUTTLEWORTH PRESENTS**  
**THE TALE OF THE LOST PILOT**  
A SPOOKTACULAR CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN EVENT  
29TH, 30TH & 31ST OCTOBER 2021

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