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Newsletter 2 – Spring Term

14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy week in school and the children are getting stuck into their new projects. Our younger children have loved their visit from the magician today! It was also wonderful seeing the children in their non-uniform on Monday to celebrate our heritage and culture day - thank you for the effort you all went to and thank you to Mr Hay and Mrs Rose for organising the day!

We have had a number of Covid cases this week in school particularly in our nursery class - a huge thank you to our nursery parents for your support this week with our staffing shortages. If you haven't already, please ensure you take a good look at the flow chart that was sent out this week to you so that you are clear as to what to do if your child has symptoms and may need to isolate.

Have a lovely weekend

Denise Burgess

Please join me in welcoming Chloe who joined us this week in Year 4.



## Online Safety

National Online Safety this week:

**What parents need to know about REPLIKA (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 –

Reception Class PE days

Delphinus COVID Update

Singing Lessons (selected pupils)

Take Home Tasks/Curriculum Map -  
All

Nursery Class COVID Update

Operation Encompass – All

KS1 Choir – Year 1 & 2

LKS2 Choir – Year 3 & 4

Shuttleworth Collection Trip – Year 2

## Sports Letters

- Year 5 & 6 Girls Table Tennis County Finals (selected pupils)
- Year 5 & 6 Mixed Badminton Tournament (selected pupils)
- Year 3 & 4 Boys Basketball Team and League (selected pupils)



# YEAR GROUP UPDATE

## Nursery Class

In nursery this term, we will be asking the question "Where will our imagination take us?"

Despite all the disruption of this week the nursery children are still enjoying the learning in nursery thanks to the amazing Mrs Dilley and Mrs Eaton!

After the Christmas holidays, the children returned to the classroom to find a large sparkly shell in the sand. The children spent their first day wondering: Who the shell belonged too? Whose home could it be? And trying to guess their new project.

The next day the children came into class to find their key question had been put on the wall. Then they had a surprise visit from a crab who had moved into the shell.



Following this the children listened to the story 'Sharing a shell' by Julia Donaldson and we spoke about the stormy sea scene. This in turn opened a discussion on the artist JMW Turner and his stormy sea paintings. As a class we decided to do our own big art piece in the style of JMW Turner using large material and different techniques. As you can see, the children have done an amazing art piece!

'Stormy Sea' by the artists 'Little Stars'



Through the rest of this term the children will explore stories and really wonder where their imagination will take them.....





# Cultural Day at GDPS

We would like to thank all families for making such an amazing effort during our first cultural day. The children looked absolutely wonderful and there was a real buzz around the school. As well as wearing traditional clothing, some pupils also brought in items that showcase their culture. We all thoroughly enjoyed sharing and discussing these. At Great Denham we believe that everyone's culture and heritage should be celebrated on a regular basis. This week will see the class heritage bags be sent home; these are another opportunity for our pupils to share their culture and family traditions.

Scan the QR code to see some more of the wonderful outfits worn by our inspiring pupils, or click the link below

[https://youtu.be/YpSV\\_UoBUXw](https://youtu.be/YpSV_UoBUXw)

Thank you again for your support.  
Mr Hay & Mrs Rose



## LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS

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**SHOW DATES AND TIMES**

<b>Mon 14th Feb</b>	at 14:00 and 15:45
<b>Tue 15th Feb</b>	at 10:00 and 11:45
<b>Wed 16th Feb</b>	at 11:00, 12:45 and 15:00
<b>Thu 17th Feb</b>	at 10:00 and 11:45
<b>Fri 18th Feb</b>	at 11:00, 12:45 and 15:00
<b>Sat 19th Feb</b>	at 10:00 and 11:30
<b>Sun 20th Feb</b>	at 10:00, 11:45, 14:00 and 15:45



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