

GOLDINGTON GREEN ACADEMY

I am delighted to say that, following rigorous interviews just before half term, we successfully appointed two substantive Deputy Heads. Mrs Liz Turner and Mrs Amy Rogers will take up their post straight after the Easter holidays. Mrs Liz Turner will take on the role of Deputy Head with responsibility for Inclusion, Behaviour and Attendance and Mrs Amy Rogers will be taking responsibility for ensuring high quality teaching and learning across the school. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Mrs Amy Rogers onto our hard working staff team. Mrs Liz Turner will fully take on the role of SEND Co-ordinator under her Inclusion role and she will continue to be supported by Mrs Grace Humphries as SEND Assistant.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who took part in the PTFA Mother's Day shop—I do hope you enjoy your surprise gift—I know the children have been so excited choosing and then watching them being wrapped before they hide them away to present to you on Mothers Day—ENJOY!



Mrs C Skingsley
Headteacher

Diary Dates for March/April

March

- 13th-17th Science Week
- 17th Red Nose Day - Wear something red
- 17th Year 6 Ancient Greek Day
- 20th-31st 'Big wheel and walk to school'
- 21st Year 1 Trip to Woburn Safari Park
- 30th Year R Mead Open Farm Trip
- 31st PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
- 31st End of Term

April

- 3rd-14th School Closed Easter Holidays
- 17th School Closed Staff Training Day
- 18th Start of the Summer Term
- 26th Year 5 visit to Cadbury's World

Pupil Absences

Please can we remind you all that if your child is unable to come to school that you should telephone the school and leave a message on the pupil absence line, or email the school main email address admin@goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk Many of you email your child's class teacher to tell them, which is fine, but you should also telephone the absence line. This is because if the class teacher is out of class for any reason, or the email arrives after the start of school the message isn't received before the register is taken and results in a telephone call home to find out why child is not at school. Thank you for your help.

Congratulations



On Saturday 11th Feb **Sophia in Cherry Class** came first in a Tennis tournament in Luton. She won all her matches and beat 2 boys in the semi final and final. She is very happy with her gold medal!

Modeshift Award

A big well done to all of the Goldington Green Academy community! We have won the **Modeshift Local Authority Primary School of the Year Award** for sustainable and active travel. This is a result of all of you supporting events such as The Big Wheel and Walk to School, which is coming up later this month. Keep up those active and sustainable journeys to school.

'Big Wheel and Walk to School' Fortnight

Sustran's Big Walk and Wheel is a national competition that aims to encourage children to walk, cycle or scoot to school. All schools with over 15% of pupils travelling actively are entered into Sustrans' daily prize draw. Prizes include the Extreme Mountain Bike Show, Woom bikes, Micro scooters, bike and scooter parking and one lucky school will win playground markings from WJ Markings.



NEWSLETTER

Bedfordshire Festival 2023

From the 4th – 11th March, many of our children participated in the Bedfordshire Festival of Music, Speech and Drama. Nearly 40 children from Reception – Year 6 were entered into a range of speaking categories including verse speaking; prepared reading; and writing and speaking a story. Each and every child that took part represented the school marvellously and performed to an impressive standard. It takes immense courage to stand and perform a solo reading or poem in front of an adjudicator and an audience – we are incredibly proud of them all. In addition, a special mention goes to some of our children who placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their respective classes: Mia and Flora in Year 2; James and Ava in Year 4; and Patrick in Year 5. Finally, organising and preparing children for the festival is a huge task and it has been made much easier by the commitment and support of Miss Cupit,



guiding the Reception and Key Stage 1 children; and Mrs S Turner, guiding the Lower Key Stage 2 children, this meant I could focus on the Upper Key Stage 2 children this year: a personal thanks goes to them for their hard work. In addition,



a thank you to Mrs Skingsley, Mrs Peck and the other teachers who took time out of their busy schedules to hear our young performers and help them shine on the day of their performance.

Miss Heath

(The children in the pictures are Yusuf in Year 3 and Patrick and Lucy in Year 5)

Year 4 Trip to the British Museum A report by Emily in Chestnut Class

First, when we arrived I was so excited. As soon as we got in I truly realised that it was ginormous. Then, we put out coats and bags into a locker so we didn't have to carry them round the whole museum. After that, we went to the African exhibition and I looked at (the wreath from the sea) it said "In the southeast Solomon Islands the local currency is strings and shell beads mostly made in the langelanga lagoon of Malaita island." It was crazy because we use money to buy stuff but they only used strings and beads!

Next, we went to the Mexican area. I knew there would be a lot of stuff but not that much, there was loads. The first thing that I looked at was this thing which said "respecting ghosts—traditional Mexican attitudes to death stem largely from their pre-Hispanic cultures with some later Christian influences". It was so cool!

Then it was time for lunch.

After that, we finally went to see the Egyptians. I remember that they were on the very top floor. It was beautiful. I probably looked at just about everything. My favourite bit that I looked at was something that said "Portion of mummy wrappings—sacred with lead seals Roman period 2nd century AD. The outer wrappings of this mummy were held



in place by cords secured with lead seals positioned at equal distances down the back." It was really cool! Then it was sadly time to leave.

Thank you

Thank you to all of you who contributed to our recent **Sponsored Spell**. If you have not yet returned your sponsor money/donation, please can you do so before the end of term.

Thank you also for your donations on our **'Shine Bright, Wear Bright'** day. We raised **£213** for the CHUMS charity. **Year 2** would like to thank all of you who came along to their recent SATs meeting. We hope you found it informative.

Recipe of the Month Fun and Healthy Easter Nest Bagels

Have fun with your children making these very healthy Easter Nest Bagels for lunch. Get this easy recipe by following the link below:

<https://www.eatsamazing.co.uk/easter/healthy-easter-recipes/fun-healthy-easter-nest-bagels>



Values Education

During the month of March the school is focussing on the value of **Trust** and during the month of April **Unity**

If your child has demonstrated the value of Trust or Unity at home, please let us know by emailing their class teacher, stating the reason you are nominating them.

Names of pupils nominated for the monthly Value will appear on the School's Value Notice Board and School's Website.