

GOLDINGTON GREEN ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

As I write to you at the end of another academic year I reflect positively on the way our school community has delivered an excellent education within a happy learning environment. I want to begin by thanking all of the teaching staff who have worked tirelessly planning, teaching and innovating to provide the children with amazing learning opportunities and to all the support staff who all play such a vital role. Thank you also to all the other staff who work across the school, the office team—the hub of school who keep it running so smoothly, the cleaning team who make sure the environment is pleasant to work in, and the midday supervisors and cooks who ensure the children all experience a safe and happy lunchtime. Thank you also to every parent/carer for their support and especially to the children who certainly brighten my day with their smiles and conversations.

The PTFA have been very active this year, as you can see by some of their events—it was so lovely to be able to bring our traditional fireworks night back again and welcome our families back on site. We will be introducing/re-introducing many more family engagement events in the coming year. Thank you to all the governors who have supported me in the strategic leadership of the school. I am very grateful for the time they give to me and the school as volunteers to make Goldington Green Academy the best that it can be.

I am so proud of each and every pupil for what they have accomplished this year. We will shortly be saying goodbye to our Year 6 pupils many of whom I can remember so vividly and with great fondness as they joined us all those years ago. I wish them well in all the great things I know they will go on to do next year and beyond and I hope to hear about their adventures at their secondary schools of choice. It has been a privilege to watch them grow and mature during their time here. I will miss them all!

Last year I spoke of me starting my phased retirement and that I would be in school less. I will be continuing in this way and the governors and I will let you know as and when I make my final decision to leave Goldington Green for good with plenty of notice.

Diary Dates for July

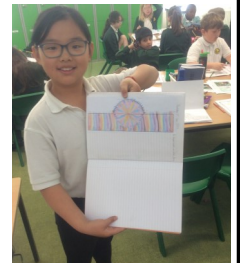
July	
4th	Year 6 Transfer Day
5th	Cultural Day
6th	9.15am Year 6 Leavers Performance
6th	Yr.4 Visit to Polhill Campus
6th	5pm Year 6 Leavers Performance
7th	School Reports out to Parents
11th	Whole School Transfer Day
12th	Yr.2 Trip to Paradise Park, Herts
13th	Yr.6 Leavers Disco
20th	Yr.5 Trip to London
20th	Awards Day
21st	Last day of Term

**Children return to School on:
Monday 4th September**

**Mrs C Skingsley
Headteacher**

Year 3 'Fabulous Finish' Activity

As a fabulous finish to their Rainforest topic, year 3 enjoyed a DT day to design, create and evaluate headdresses inspired by the tribes of the Amazon rainforest. The activity also links with recent RE learning on baptism' & 'journeys' as children discussed occasions where they may have worn a special item of clothing and the reasons behind that. Children learnt more about some of the many tribes living in the Amazon rainforest. Headdresses are worn for many reasons such including tribal initiations and celebrations. Using a variety of items (including scavenged natural items) children planned out their headdresses thinking of the tropical birds which inspired them. Year 3 each made their own headdress and evaluated their product thinking of 'what went well' and 'even better if'. A wonderfully creative conclusion to our learning!



Staff News

Since our last Newsletter we are sad to say a few more goodbyes to staff that will be leaving at the end of term. **Mrs Dianne Weller**, Teaching Assistant in Year 1 will be retiring after almost 30 years working with the children of Goldington, firstly at Saplings Pre-School and then continuing here at Goldington Green Academy once Saplings Pre School merged with us. We would like to wish her a very long and restful retirement. We will also be saying goodbye to **Miss Maisie Cupit**, Class Teacher and wish her well as she moves on to another teaching post.

On a happier note, we will be welcoming 2 new members of staff in September. **Mr Connor Bates**, Class Teacher and **Miss Rachel Newell**, Class Teacher. We hope they will both be very happy here at GGA. We would also like to say a huge 'welcome back' to **Miss Hayley Fox**, TA as she returns from Maternity Leave on 11th July.

School Office Hours

Please can I remind you that the School Office opens at 8.30am for parents queries and closes at 4.00pm each day.



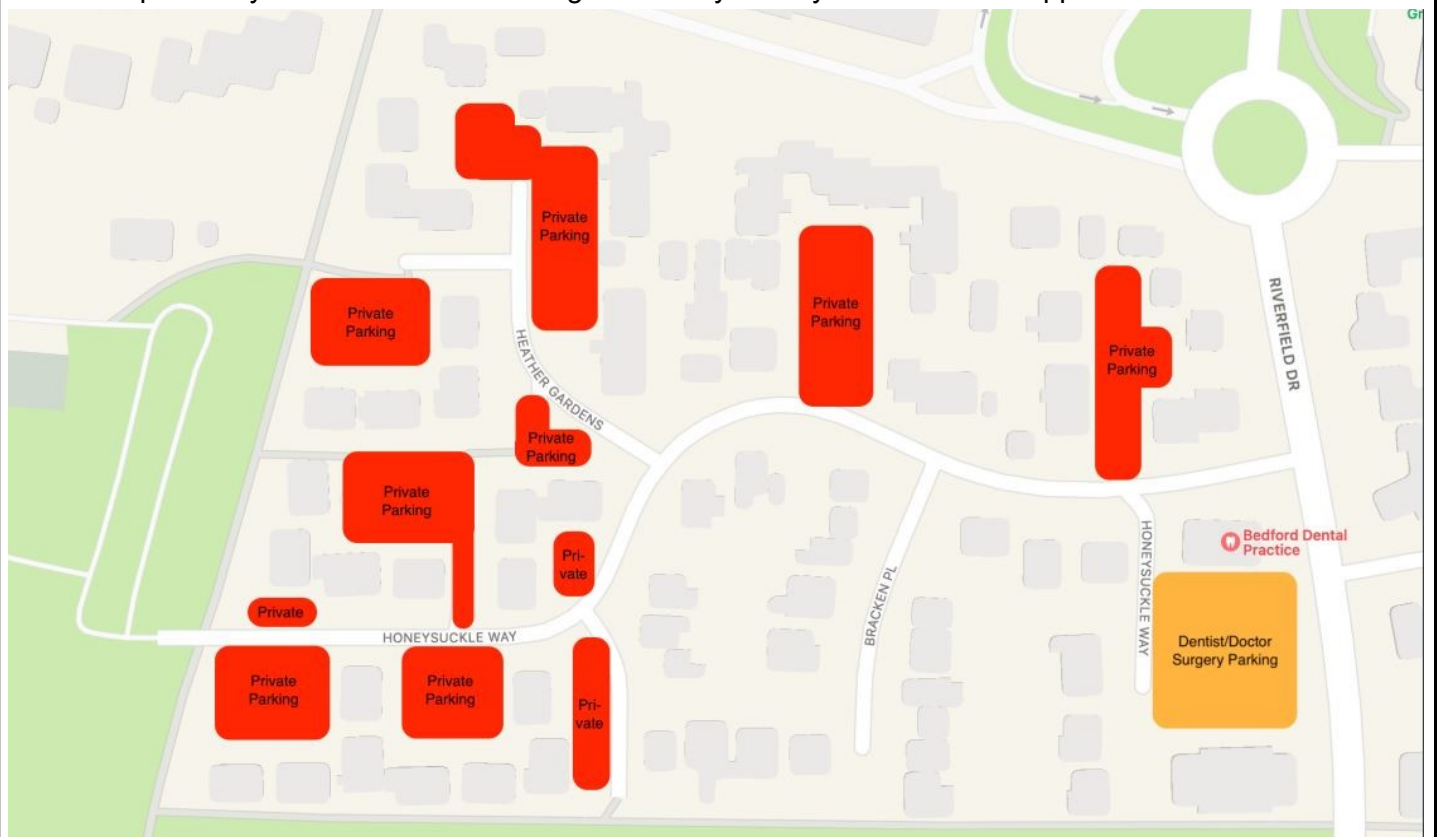
Parking Reminder

Please can I inform all new parents and remind all others of the parking issues we have here at school. Please be aware that the car park at the rear of the school is for staff only.

Parking around our school entrances at the beginning and end of the school day is a problem to all concerned, especially local residents and unfortunately we regularly receive telephone calls from distressed residents who have had altercations with drivers who have blocked their driveway or used private parking bays while dropping off or collecting children from our school. **(Please see diagram below of the private parking bays in the Honeysuckle Way/Heather Gardens area.) All our local residents have been advised by the police to report to them registration numbers of any vehicles parking inconsiderately, and any verbal abuse or threatening behaviour they receive from vehicle owners.**

I also need to remind you that the lane between the school and the Holy Cross Church on Goldington Road should not be used for parents parking. This is a private lane for residents only. Also that the Holy Cross Church car park is a private car park and must under no circumstances be used by our parents.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that Tesco are happy for parents to use their car park at these times and it is only a very short walk to school from there. Please be aware though, that parking is only permitted in the customer car park and **not** the area used by Tesco delivery lorries and only to park in disabled spaces if you have a disabled badge. Thank you for your continued support.



School Football teams

Since September, Mr Harding has been running the Yr.3/4, Yr.5 and Yr.6 football teams. They have played numerous matches against local schools, both at GGA and also travelling by minibus for away matches! Well done to all the players for their hard efforts and commitment and thanks to all the parents for their support too. You can follow our school football teams (team info, fixtures and results) on school website link



Below:-

<https://www.goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk/CLUBS>

and school twitter link below

<https://twitter.com/GgaSports/status/1661464682983505922?t=edbF6jIWvtaoMXP2NibJhA&s=19>

Fitness Fortnight

A Report by Isobel, Lime Class

Fitness Fortnight was a jam-packed two weeks of fun and enjoyable exercise. People came in and taught us activities like tennis, boxercise and dance. We also had a chance of going on inflatables and doing a mile around the field.

I enjoyed boxercise, dance and tennis because we had a chance to be with our friends and learn things that might have not come apparent before. Tennis and boxercise had more of a competitive side while dance was more focussed on thinking where your hands and feet were going to go next.

The golden mile was five laps around the field: We had a chance to chat and have a break from inside. It did bring out competitiveness in some as people were trying to run more laps than others.

I loved Fitness Fortnight as we were allowed to come in sporty attire for two weeks.



Year 6 Residential to Liddington

After the long road trip we arrived on our centre block no.36 and we had a section all to ourselves. We began unpacking to begin our first activity: buggy building or giant swing (which was most people's favourite). We could not have been luckier to have a better instructor: Grace did an amazing job to make us feel welcome and have a good time in the evenings. For the following days we continued to do a range of activities. My favourite was the giant swing and Teyah's favourite was the Vertical Challenge. Teyah was one of the only children to reach the top. I overcame some of my fears around heights and I nearly got to the top of the climbing wall. My friends encouraged me. A lot of children also really enjoyed the canoeing because they got to splash each other and at the end we could jump into the lake. I also liked doing the Survival activity because I learnt how to make a fire using flint and steel. All the PGL activities were really fun and some helped you learn new skills and work as a team.

The PGL's lunches were a fantastic service to experience. They served the best dishes and a salad bar consisting of various vegetables to keep us healthy. The rooms were in good condition and it was fun to share a room with our friends. We had two bunk beds and our own bathroom and separate sink and shower. The only thing we didn't like was the early morning wake up routine and getting up at 6am!

We would like to say thank you to the PGL staff for welcoming us to their activity centre. Thank you to the GGA staff who ensured we were safe and made it fun - it was nice to see the teachers' funny reactions on the different activities with us. It was the best week ever!

Ameros (Lime) with help from Teyah (Beech)



Plant Sales

A huge well-done and thank you to the Y5 Goldington Greens gardeners 'sales-team' who have done a phenomenal job of selling plants to our parents and staff every Friday after school throughout June.

Our business is thriving due to the quality plants all of our Goldington Greens team have raised from seeds and cuttings. The children have applied their science and maths learning not forgetting their emerging horticultural knowledge! Their sociability and positive salesmanship has encouraged many of you to return every week. So, we'll see you all next summer with more stock to help your garden grow!



Vehicle Idling

Please can we remind you of the importance of switching off your car engine when waiting to collect your children from school. The emissions that come from parked cars that leave their engines running on residential roads contribute to dangerous and unacceptable levels of air pollution. Thank you for your support.



Money Raised

Thank you to all who contributed to the following money raising events:-

We raised **£666** at the May Queen crowing event.

The PTFA raffle raised **£168.10**.

PTFA Father's Day Shop raised **£260**

Year 2 Ghana fund raiser made **£107.14**

Year 6 Ghana fund raiser made **£22.20**

PTFA picnic raised **£81.25**.

Thank you for your support and generosity .



Recipe of the Month Easy Rainbow Fruit Salad

While the gorgeous summer fruits are in season, why not involve the children in making this colourful and tasty fruit salad. Get the recipe by following the link below:

<https://www.eatsamazing.co.uk/rainbow-food/easy-rainbow-fruit-salad-recipe>



Values Education

During the month of July the school is focussing on the value of **Freedom**

If your child has demonstrated the value of Freedom 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.