

GOLDINGTON GREEN ACADEMY

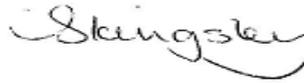
As another year draws to a close and another chapter in the life of Goldington Green ends, as always, it is good to reflect the year that we have had! And what another year it has been, certainly one of the hardest. Covid-19 certainly presented us with continued challenges and as a school; our heart goes to all those in our community and the wider world, who have been so affected by this virus.

As a school we have grown stronger and as a community I truly believe we are more united than ever before. Thank you to you all for supporting us in what we do and believing in us for the good of your children. It would be remiss of me not to mention our amazing staff team as well as the Governing Body who have again been fabulous the whole year through - I am sure you will agree.

As this is the final newsletter of the academic year, as always, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who have helped us get the school to where it is this year and I thank you all for your unreserved support in all that we do each day for the good of the children.

On behalf of us all, I truly hope you have the best summer possible and we look forward to welcoming most of you back to school on Monday 6th September.

To our Year 6 - Good Bye and Good Luck! It was certainly not the normal way to end your Goldington Green Academy career but I am sure it will certainly be remembered. Throughout your time with us, I hope, like us, you have made lasting memories and friendships. You are fantastic young people who have bright futures ahead of you - remember with hard work and determination anything is possible. Stay safe and remember to come back and see us!



Mrs C Skingsley
Headteacher

Diary Dates for July

July	
1st	Year 6 Movie Afternoon - fund raiser for Ghana
2nd	Year 5 Weir Walk
2nd	Bikeability Level 3 - Year 6
5th	Year 5 visit to Go Ape
5th	Year 4 visit to Cineworld
6th	Year 6 visit to Box End Aqua Park
9th	New Teacher Videos emailed home
12th, 13th, 14th,	Transition Days
15th	Year 3 visit to Whipsnade Zoo
16th	3.30-5pm PTFA Year 6 Leavers Party
19th	EYFS Movie & PJ day for Ghana
20th	EYFS Gumbles Funfair day
21st	Last day of term
	New School Year starts on Monday 6th September 2021

Staff News

We would like to give a warm welcome to **Mrs Rajna Begum** who has joined our Midday Supervisor's Team this term. We would also like to welcome two new Teachers who will be joining us for September, **Miss Alex Pugh** and **Mrs Sheree Turner**.

On a sadder note, we will be saying goodbye to **Miss Rosie Roberts**, Intervention Teacher at the end of July as she moves on to a new Teaching role.

Also we have a few weddings taking place over the summer holidays:

Miss Cassie Thomas becomes **Mrs Lucas**;
Miss Rachel Clay becomes **Mrs Timms**;
Miss Grace Elliot becomes **Mrs Humphries**;
and **Mr Michael Wright** who

is marrying Miss Jenny Goodship, who used to teach here in Year 1.

We would like to wish them all the most special day and every happiness for their future.

We have one more name change for September **Mrs Gayle Johnston**, Preschool and Office Admin Officer, will be known as **Ms Gayle Meakins**.



A Tip for helping your Child with their Reading



Turning on subtitles while children are watching TV can greatly improve their reading skills. A quick, simple, free way to make TV time, reading time.

Congratulations

We are delighted that **Arjan** in **Coconut Class** will be representing the school in the Bedfordshire ESU Junior Public Speaking competition at the beginning of July. He will be competing against children from a number of other schools in the area. We wish him all the best in this wonderful opportunity.

Charity fundraiser by Evie R

During the May half-term, I climbed Mount Snowdon to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. This charity means a lot to me and my family. I had a very early start, and had to get up at 6:30am! It took me 8 hours and 10 minutes to climb the mountain. I climbed up Miners path, and as I got higher I could see the shimmering on the lakes.

Then, when I got even higher it was harder to climb as we had to climb over lots of big rocks. The views were amazing!

Finally, when we reached the summit I thought the views were amazing! When I had to climb down using Llanberis path it was also very difficult because it was so steep. So far, I have raised £1070! I am very proud of myself for climbing Mount Snowdon.

Evie R, Year 4 Chestnut class.



Year 1 Trip to Woburn Safari Park

Year 1 enjoyed a well deserved day out at Woburn Safari. The highlight of our day was when a monkey climbed aboard the bus roof for a ride. We enjoyed the safari bus tour and a walk around the foot safari where there was so much to see.



Year 5 National Space Centre Trip A report by Penny & Riya, Coconut Class

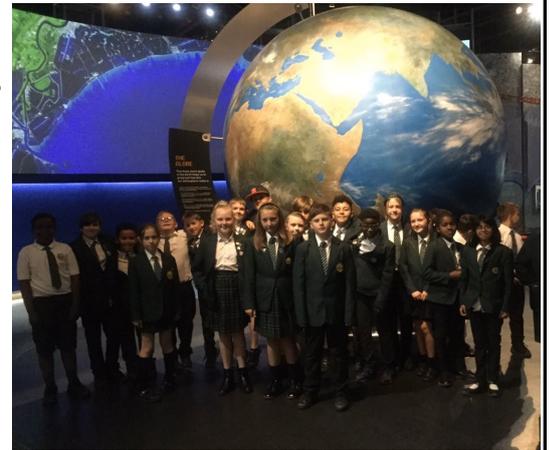
Year 5 went on a trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester on 15th June. We watched a film called Astronaut in a planetarium which we all enjoyed as we were in a dome and it made it feel like we were moving.

One of the areas that we visited had a spinning Earth, which was humongous! Next to it was a room with many activities and displays with facts to read and see. One of which was a projector on a table where we could press buttons to find out new and interesting facts and astronauts and space. Around the room were badges, control gadgets, fact files and many more!

Up high was the magnificent rocket called the PGM 17 THOR. Some people didn't go up the tower as they were afraid of heights, but most of us did.

The rocket was in a huge bubble to store it in. When the children reached the top it was a long way down if you looked down. The Rocket was as white as snow and as tall as a giant with a blue and red star.

The children loved the space centre as it was super fun!



Recent Fund Raising Events

Thank you to all of you who supported the following fund raising events:

The Kings Arm Project - we raised **£92.00**, and
Year 5 Ghana fund raising event - we raised **£63.50**.

Fitness Fortnight

We recently celebrated our fitness fortnight at GGA. The aim of this programme is to provide all pupils with some fun and engaging physical activities to broaden their experience of exercise. We have introduced obstacle courses, bouncy castles, dance fitness, balance bike skills, inflatable obstacle courses, rounders competition, sports day for all year groups and outdoor dance. The children, and adults, clearly enjoyed all these



opportunities and provided them with something new and different to experience. We look forward to doing the same again next year.

Launch of Beds and Luton Children's Community Health Hub on 1 June 2021

The 'Bedfordshire and Luton Children's Community Health HUB' is the new name for our Single Point of Access (SPA) service and over the coming weeks and months we will be eventually bringing together all our children's services under one new email address and one contact number across Luton and Bedfordshire.

From 1 June 2021:

Across Luton:

- A new contact number and email address for our Health Visiting and School Nursing 0-19 teams.
- A new contact number for our Looked after Children services and Community Paediatrics (Edwin Lobo Centre).

Across Bedfordshire:

- A new email address for our Health Visiting and School Nursing 0-19 teams.
- The phone number will remain the same, but the opening hours will change to 9am - 5pm (Mon-Fri)
- A new contact number for our Looked after Children services.

Our trained HUB administrators will be at the end of the phone to help and advise, and to signpost to the correct services.

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.

Science at Home

Kitchen Science

- Baking Soda
- Vinegar
- Empty Water Bottles
- Balloons
- Measuring Spoons
- Funnel (optional but helpful)

1. Blow up the balloon a bit to stretch it out some.
2. Use the funnel and teaspoon to add baking soda to the balloon. We started with 2 teaspoons and added a teaspoon for each balloon.
3. Fill the container with Vinegar halfway
4. When your balloons are all made attach to containers making sure you have a good seal!
5. Lift up the balloon to dump the baking soda into the container of vinegar
6. Watch the balloon fill up



To get the most gas out of it, swirl it around the container to get it all going!

SCIENCE: BLOWING UP BALLOONS WITH CO₂

The science, behind this balloon baking soda experiment, is the chemical reaction between the base {baking soda} and the acid {vinegar}. When the two ingredients mix together the balloon baking soda experiment gets it's lift!

That lift is the gas produced from the two ingredients is carbon dioxide or CO₂. As the gas tries to leave the plastic container, it goes up into the balloon because of the tight seal you have created. Because the gas has nowhere to go and is pushing against the balloon it inflates it! Similarly, we exhale carbon dioxide when we blow up balloons.

GGA Cultural Day Celebration!

Fun and laughter was the order of the day. Freedom of movement is how we began our day!

This year's theme was based on the Freedom of Movement, which is fitting for the difficult times that we are all facing. Each year group had the opportunity to work with two different artists ranging from Lindy Hop, African Caribbean, Carnival and Samba dance workshops.



Also on the agenda was African drumming and storytelling, Carnival and Rainforest mask making, Rap, Frida Kahlo clay workshop and the Freedom art workshop. The day was full

of enrichment for all. The children and staff had a wonderful day gaining new skills and knowledge of different cultures.



Recipe of the Month

Spaghetti with Meatballs with hidden vegetable sauce

Follow the link below to teach your children how to make this pasta supper - it's a tasty family meal packed with nutrients

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/cooking-kids-spaghetti-meatballs-hidden-veg-sauce>

