

GOLDINGTON GREEN ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely time with your loved ones. We had a mixture of weather, but hopefully you managed to get out and about.

I was listening to Joe Wicks over the break and he was stressing the importance of being active. Looking at all the articles in this Newsletter just shows us how much we do as a school beyond the normal curriculum and also demonstrates what talented children we have in the school!

This half term is another very busy one and also includes our annual Year 4 residential to Caythorpe.

As a reminder to all our SEND parents/carers, Mrs Sarah Sears has now taken on the role of SENDCo who many of you have had the opportunity to meet before Mrs Liz Turner left. If you have any questions or worries regarding this please either email myself or Mrs Sears whose email address is ssears@goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support for the school and events.



Skingsley

**Mrs C Skingsley
Headteacher**

Diary Dates for April/May/June

April	
16th	Start of the Summer Term
19th	8.30-9am Yr. R Friday Family Reading starts
19th	Year 4 Ancient Egypt Day
22nd	Whole School Group Photograph
24th	Year 3 trip to Verulamium Museum
30th	9am Cedar Class Assembly
May	
7th	9am Chestnut Class Assembly
8th-10th	Year 4 Residential to Caythorpe
8th	Year 3 Faith Tour
13th-16th	Year 6 SATS week
14th	Year 1 Faith Tour
21st	9am Rowan Class Assembly
27th-31st	Half Term
June	
3rd-7th	Year 6 Residential to Liddington
4th	9am Birch Class Assembly
11th	9am Aspen Class Assembly
12th	5.30-6.30pm Reception 2024 New Parents Evening
17th-28th	Fitness Fortnight
18th	9am Gingko Class Assembly
21st	10.30am Years 1&2 Sports Day
21st	1.30pm Year R Sports Day
25th	9am Magnolia Class Assembly
28th	KS2 Sports Day at the Athletics Stadium

Message from the School Office

Please can we ask you to remember to include your child's surname when making contact with school, either by email or telephone voice mail message on the absence line. We have over 600 pupils in school and first names are often shared by several children. This will help to avoid any confusion. Thank you

Recent Monies Raised

Gadget Shop

A big thank you to all the children that purchased items from our 'Gadget Shop' during Science Week. We managed to raise **£355** for the school and this will be used to buy equipment for our Science curriculum.

PTFA Mother's Day Shop and Raffle

Thank you to all of you who contributed items for the PTFA Mother's Day Shop and Raffle prizes. As always these were very much appreciated. We raised **£369** at the shop and **£99** from the Raffle. A huge thank you to all.

Sponsored Spell

At the time of publication we have raised **£949** from our recent Sponsored Spell event. Thank you to everyone for their generosity and to the children for working so hard on their spellings. If you still have any Sponsored Spell money to send in to school, please do so as soon as possible.



Pupil Achievements

Esme, Coconut Class and Isla, Walnut Class had their gymnastic competition before Easter (a first for Isla who only joined in September). Both girls shone in their confidence, their focus was out of this world and the passion they both have was amazing.

Esme came away with a gold, 2 bronze and a silver. Isla came away with 2 golds, 1 bronze and 1 silver. Well done to both girls, we are very proud of you.



On 16th March Ellis, in Willow Class passed his karate grading exam and has now moved up a colour belt. Ellis is now an orange belt in karate. Well done Ellis, we are very proud of your achievement.

Emoji Book Quiz

A big thank you and well done to everyone who took part in the Emoji Book Quiz for World Book Day. Some of your answers were even better than the actual books! The following children guessed the most correct book titles from their year group and each received a book as a prize. Well done!

- Y2 – Mikaeel (Maple)
- Y3 – Elliot (Redwood)
- Y4 – Theodora (Magnolia)
- Y5 – Jacob H (Holly)
- Y6 – Oscar (Lime)

Year 1 Trip to Woburn Safari Park

The Year 1 trip to Woburn Safari Park on 22nd March was a great success. The excitement on children's faces was clear to see as we went through the road safari seeing lions, giraffes, bears and monkeys very close up! Thank you to all our parents/carers for supporting the trip.



World Book Day 2024

Thank you once again for all of your hard work at home and support during our World Book Day 2024 celebrations. We had an array of fantastic costumes showing a diverse range of book characters and genres in reading. It was extremely difficult for staff to choose a year group winner with so many fantastic costume designs.

The children participated in different reading related activities through out the day and Year 4 even joined a national online football quiz. The children enjoyed listening to well known authors and seeing their favourite male and female football stars also enjoying books. We continue to encourage a love of reading and hope you do too!

Bedfordshire Festival of Music, Speech and Drama

Mrs S Turner and Mrs Sears are very proud of all of the children that took part in the Bedfordshire Festival last month. It takes a lot of courage to stand up in front of lots of strangers to recite a poem or a prepared reading. The skill of public speaking will help them throughout their school life and also in the workplace. Well done to everyone who took part!



Donations

We are looking for any donations of items suitable to make up 'Wet Play' classroom boxes for use during rainy playtimes or lunchtimes.

We would be very grateful to receive any of the following that may be looking for a new home:-

Lego, small construction, puzzles, board games, etc.
Thank you for your help



Midday Supervisor Job Vacancy

We currently have a job vacancy for a Midday Supervisor working over the lunchtime period Monday to Friday for 1 hour 15 minutes per day (a total of 6hrs 15mins per week) term time only.

If you would like further details, or an application form please ask at the school office or look at the school website.



Conifer/Hornbeam News

Conifer and Hornbeam have been busy transforming the Whispering Seats area. Many of the items have been kindly donated by members of the public including a brand new Cozy Coupe car. Bedford Borough Council also donated soil for our vegetable gardens. This area can now be used for the whole school for outdoor learning and imaginative play. We would like to thank everyone who has made this possible with their kind donations.



Bedford Modern Junior Art Competition

Some of our children took part in the Bedford Modern Junior Art Competition in March. All of the entries were amazing and we are very proud of everyone who took part. We are pleased to announce that the following children were presented with awards:-

- Year 3 - First - Sienna, Hazel Class
Highly commended - Piero, Hazel Class
- Year 4 - Third - Tyrelle, Cedar Class
Highly commended - Maria, Magnolia Class and Alisa, Chestnut Class
- Year 5 - Highly commended - Martyna, Coconut Class
- Year 6 - Third - Kaitlin, Beech Class



Year 6 Ancient Greek Day

A report by Jeremiah, Lime Class

On Friday 15th March Year 6 had an amazing day: They dressed up as ancient Greeks for a day and did fun activities from making remedies to acting out plays and dancing. In the morning we were taken down to the hall where we met a lady called Calliope. She explained to us what each station was used for. There was one station for making mosaics; another station to make wax tablets; another for carving images into a block of soap; a station for making pottery; a station for making ancient remedies; a station for making a necklace with a god's sign; a station for painting mosaics; and a station for making olive oil lamps. In between the activities we were given questions and were told to ask three teachers for their opinions. After lunch we went back to the hall and were given stories that we had to act out in groups. There were three tragedy stories, one comedy story and one dance. The day was really, really fun and we all loved it!

Attendance and Punctuality Matters!

As you know we take attendance and punctuality of the children very seriously. Please can we remind you of the importance of your children attending every day unless they really are too unwell to do so. It is also vitally important that your children arrive on time as learning does start straight away and they cannot afford to miss what is happening at the beginning of the day.

School starts at 8.30am. Children will be marked late if they arrive after 8.40am. If they arrive after 9am their attendance will be marked with an unauthorised late mark.

Can we remind you that your child/children's attendance and/or punctuality is **your** responsibility and that further action can be taken with the Education Welfare Officers at Bedford Borough Council if attendance and/or punctuality becomes a problem. Thank you for your support.

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Recipe of the Month Easy Chicken Curry

Encourage children to explore fresh flavours with this family friendly curry recipe. This easy chicken curry is made with just a handful of ingredients and is enriched with creamy yogurt. Just follow the link below.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/easy-chicken-curry>



Values Education

During the month of April the school is focussing on the value of:

Friendship

And during the month of May we will be focussing on the value of:

Respect

If your child has demonstrated the value of Friendship (April) or Respect (May) 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.