

GOLDINGTON GREEN ACADEMY

It seems hard to believe that the Easter Holidays have been and gone and that the Summer Term is now upon us! We have lots of exciting plans for the term ahead and for some their last term at primary school!

As I write this we are already busy preparing for our King Charles III Coronation celebrations on 2nd May. We have chosen this earlier date to ensure all the children can take part as Year 4 are then off on their residential from 3rd -5th May. We are hopeful that the weather will be kind to enable us to enjoy our parade and tea party on the school field. In school the children are producing portraits of the King using different medium in each year group. We will display these and families will be welcome to come into school and view them. Details to follow.

On another note does your child use Social Media? Do you know if they are? As we know being safe online is of paramount importance and something, as a school, we are continually talking to the children about. Recently we have again, had parents approach us following either seeing their own children's conversations / photos online or that of others. They have brought this to our attention, for which I thank them, as they are concerned and we have worked with the parents and children concerned to address the issues. In particular, I am drawing this to your attention as some parents were not aware of their child's online activity or that they had such accounts. Please can I remind you that the legal age for having a Snapchat, Instagram, YouTube, Facebook account and lots more is 13. The legal age for having WhatsApp is 16.

NEWSLETTER

Diary Dates for May/June

May

1st	School Closed - May Day Bank Holiday
2nd	King's Coronation celebration
3rd-5th	Year 4 Residential Trip to Caythorpe
8th	School Closed - King's Coronation Bank Holiday
9th-12th	Year 6 SATs week
15th-19th	Year 2 SATs week
29th-4th June	Half Term

June

5th-9th	Year 6 Residential Trip to Liddington
19th-30th	Fitness Fortnight
23rd (am)	KS1 Sports Day
23rd (pm)	Year R Sports Day
30th	KS2 Sports Day at Bedford Athletics Stadium

Attendance Matters!

As you know, we take attendance and punctuality of the children very seriously. Thankfully, in the most part, families also echo this and for that we thank you. Sadly, there are still a small number of families who do not echo the school ethos. Please can I remind you of the importance of children attending everyday unless they really are too unwell to do so. It is also imperative that 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.

Please help us help your children. Thank you for your continued support and to all those who ensure their

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

child's arrival at school is punctual; it really does help everyone concerned.

Mrs C Skingsley
Headteacher

Recent Fund Raising Events

Thank you to all who supported our recent fund raising events.

Our Sponsored Spell raised **£724.70** for school funds.

We raised **£645.50** for the Comic Relief charity on Red Nose Day.

The PTFA raised **£346.68** through sales of Mother's Day gifts and also **£186.41** from the Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of term.



Mobile Phones

Please can we remind everyone that Mobile Phones **must not** be used whilst you are on the school site (including the grounds). This is to ensure the safeguarding of all our children. Thank you for your support.

Staff News

We would like to say a warm 'welcome back' to **Mrs Holly Brewin, Teacher**, as she returns from Maternity Leave. We also have two new members of staff join us this term, **Mrs Amy Rogers, Deputy Head** and **Mrs Galina Kuprijanova, Cleaner**. We hope you both will be very happy here at Goldington Green Academy.

On a sadder note, we have said goodbye to **Mrs Elsy Lacy, TA**, **Miss Kirsty Nice, Cover Supervisor**, and **Ms Julie Quince, Cleaner**. They have all left us since our last Newsletter and we would like to wish them all the best for the future.





So Talented!

The children who attend Many Harts have been working on some Spring themed artwork and have produced some beautiful still life paintings of Hyacinths.

Art Club runs every lunchtime between 1:00pm and 1:30pm. We've got lots of exciting activities planned for the summer term.

Wildshots!

GGA Wildlife Photography Competition

A huge thank you for all the wildlife photography you've submitted from your outdoor adventures around the British Isles during the Easter break. We've had wildlife images from your holidays, days out and time spent in gardens, local parks and nature reserves. It's evident that we don't have to travel too far to engage with nature and experience superb sights and sounds at close hand!

The level of participation, from early years through to Y6, demonstrates our children have a love of nature which we also see here in our regular forest school sessions and outdoor learning.

We are pleased to announce the winners are:

Mason – Winner in the pre-school category for his picture of wild geese,

Mia – Winner in the Y1&2 category for her picture of a grey seal,

Philip – Winner in the Y2&3 category for his picture of a wild pony in the New Forest and

Dominik – Winner in the Y5&6 category for his picture of garden snails. Each of them have received an Amazon voucher and some chocolates.



Year 1 Trip to Woburn Safari Park

Year 1 had wonderful trip to Woburn Safari Park. It turned out to be an exciting end to our topic 'Carnival of the Animals'. We saw a lion attempting to jump on someone's vehicle. The monkeys also had lots of fun riding on our coaches.



Year R Trip to Mead Open Farm

Reception had a fabulous time at Mead Open Farm!

They enjoyed lamb feeding, grooming ponies, feeding the animals and petting the bunnies. Some children even got to see a lamb being born!

It was lovely to see children consolidating the knowledge they have gained through our Spring Term topic Let's Explore. Lots of the children wanted to go back the next day despite the wet weather and the sleep on the way back to school!



Choosing your child's school lunch at home

Please can we remind you of the importance of using the new system of booking your children's lunch choices at home. We haven't had a great take up of this facility and yet it is quick and easy to do and saves classroom time if done at home. Thank you

Recipe of the Month Easy Cheesy Puff Pastry Crowns

How about making these fun Cheesy Puff Crowns in celebration of this month's coronation of King Charles III. They are super simple and perfect to pop in your child's lunch box. Get this easy recipe by following the link below:

<https://www.eatsamazing.co.uk/fun-food-for-kids/creative-food-tutorials/easy-cheesy-puff-pastry-crowns-recipe>



Values Education

During the month of May the school is focussing on the value of **Patience**

If your child has demonstrated the value of Patience 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.



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