

GOLDINGTON GREEN ACADEMY

HAPPY NEW YEAR

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to a briefer than usual Newsletter. As you can see there are no diary dates as we are locked down again. Hopefully this will not be for too long.

I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable break. I would especially like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy New Year. Lets hope that 2021 proves to be the year that shows us light at the end of the tunnel from this pandemic and that we can soon get back to a more normal way of life with new opportunities and ventures for us all.

We have recently published a video on our website to attract new families to the school in Reception for September 2021 as we cannot hold open evenings at the moment. I would like to appeal to any of you who would be prepared to record a few seconds of video to share your positive experiences of Goldington Green Academy as a parent. We would then be able to put together a video for parents who are considering sending their children here.

If you would be prepared to do this, please drop an email into the admin@goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk email address - it would be greatly appreciated and we can provide you with some further instructions.

Mrs C Skingsley
Headteacher

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Modeshift STARS

As a school we have been working hard to achieve the Bronze accreditation of Modeshift STARS. This is an active travel initiative which aims to encourage children and adults to travel actively to school. Over the year children have took part in many challenges and activities to achieve this award. These include the recent Santa Challenge where children worked together to see if they could reach the North Pole through their active travel miles. As a school 299 children completed the 10 day challenge and a massive 5,980 miles were walked, scooted or cycled to school! That's nearly 3 times to the North Pole! Well done to everyone who took part in all the activities to help us achieve this award. The school will be presented with the award in February 2021.



Important change to Term dates

Please note that we have added a staff training day to this year's term dates. School will now be closed to children on Monday 12th April for staff training. Children will return to school after the Easter holidays on Tuesday 13th April 2021

Staff News

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed **Miss Gemma Franklin** as our new Senior Midday Supervisor. She was already a member of our Midday Supervisory team and this is a promotion for her. Congratulations Gemma!



We would like to give a warm welcome to 2 new members of staff that join us this term. **Miss Ellen Coulter**, Preschool Assistant, and **Mrs Huma Ghafoor**, Teaching Assistant in Key Stage 2. We hope they will both be very happy here at Goldington Green Academy.

Recent monies raised

Thank you all for your contributions to our recent fund raising events.

Non-uniform day for our Parliament raised £315.09, and
Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children raised £306.



Science at Home

Fizzing Rocks

Water
Bicarbonate of soda/baking soda
Vinegar
Food colouring

Instructions

Mix some water with the bicarbonate of soda. I used a whole packet of bicarbonate of soda and just added water slowly until I had a very thick paste type mixture. Add a few drops of food colouring, mould into rock shapes and leave to dry for a few hours. Once the rocks have hardened add vinegar very slowly and watch as they fizz and dissolve.



The Science bit

Vinegar (an acid) and bicarbonate of soda (an alkali) react together to neutralise each other. This reaction releases carbon dioxide a gas, which is the bubbles you see.

We do hope you are enjoying our 'Science at Home' pieces each month. Please do send any reports and especially photographs of your children doing these experiments - we would love to see them!

Values Education

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

Hope

If your child has demonstrated the value of Hope 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.

Reminder regarding Admissions to Reception Year September 2021

If your child's date of birth falls between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 it is essential that you complete an application form for your child's place in the Reception Year at school before the cut off date of 15th January 2021. **ALL PARENTS must apply for a Reception place, if you do not apply you will not be allocated a school place AT ANY SCHOOL.** These applications can be completed online at www.bedford.gov.uk/onlineadmissions if you do not have internet access please telephone the School Admissions Service on 01234 718120 to request a paper application form. Please remember that your child will not automatically get a place at our school if they attend our Pre School or Acorns class, and that even though your child is wearing our school uniform and we very much see us as one school, pre-school and Acorns children are not part of Goldington Green Academy until they are formally admitted into Reception through Bedford Borough procedures. **You must apply for your September Reception place with Bedford Borough Council.**

Recipe of the Month

Mince Pies

If you still fancy festive food after the holidays why not try making this recipe at home with your children for Mince Pies. Just follow the link below:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/mince-pies>

