

# GOLDINGTON GREEN ACADEMY

Welcome back and Happy New Year 2024! I hope you all had a lovely festive break with your loved ones. Please remember to look at the various forms of communication we use regularly to help keep you informed. The 2 podiums on the playground have brief notices and the website contains all the important information about your child's learning. Please remember the school day starts at 8.30am and as you know, being in school on time is extremely important for all children in order that they receive the best possible start to their learning. Arrival at 8.30am enables staff to support children in a range of activities, for example, time to have 'check ins' with the teacher or learning support assistant for Emotional Health and Well Being support, individual reading with an adult, opportunity to practice spellings, maths facts or pre-learning for lessons and sharing class news together. All of these activities maximises the opportunity for a settled start to ensure children are ready for their first lesson. Please also remember raising any concern early can help stop a molehill becoming a mountain!

*Skingsley* Mrs C Skingsley  
Headteacher

# NEWSLETTER

## Diary Dates for January/February

### January

- 3rd Staff Training Day
- 4th **Start of the Spring Term**
- 16th M&M Productions in school  
'Jack and the Beanstalk'
- 23rd Yr. R to Yr. 6 Class Photographs
- 23rd 9am Monkey Puzzle Class  
Assembly
- 30th 9am Holly Class Assembly

### February

- 6th 9am Coconut Class Assembly
- 19th-23rd **Half Term**

## Spare Clothes

We are desperate to receive any donations of boys and girls underwear (including socks/tights), for use when children have 'accidents' at school. We particularly need small size items for children in Reception/Yr.1. Please can we also ask that if your child comes home wearing 'school' underwear/uniform, that they are washed and returned to school as soon as possible to replenish our stocks.



## 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



## Winter Reading Tree Winners

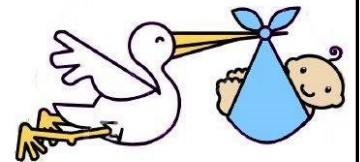
Well done to Red and Yellow houses who won the Reading Tree challenge. Children had to describe a book they had read by using only 3 words and give it a rating out of 5. This information was



filled in on a Christmas tree bauble and placed on the Reading Tree. The house with the most of their coloured baubles on the tree won.

## Staff News

Congratulations to **Mrs Grace Humphries**, Maple Class Teacher and her husband on the arrival of their baby, Oliver Humphries, weighing 9lbs.



We have said goodbye to several members of staff during December. **Mr John Litchfield**, Site Agent, **Miss Mia Munday**, Class Teacher, **Miss Ami Betteridge**, TA and **Ms Nosheen Sheikh**, TA. We would like to wish them all the very best for the future.

On a happier note we would like to welcome **Mr Richard Cole**, Facilities Maintenance Manager, **Miss Jennifer Watts**, TA joining Year 1, and **Miss Aaliyah Goodman**, TA joining Year 2. We hope they will all be very happy here at Goldington Green Academy.

### Year 6 Lincolnsfield Trip

On Thursday 30th November, we went on a school trip to Lincolnsfield. Our trip was related to World War II. When we arrived at school, we got onto the coach at around 8:45am and started our journey to Lincolnsfield. Once we had arrived at our destination, all adults and children went into the hall to put their bags on the tables. Once that was sorted we were split into 4 groups with Mrs Spina, Miss Coluccello, Mr Bates and Mr Young. After being sorted into our groups, we headed to our first activity- a 1940's school. Inside the classroom, we sat down at our desks and a strict teacher (called Miss Karen) taught us about what school life was like for kids during the war. After that, we went



to an activity called the Blitz. We saw a real bomb site and went into an air-raid shelter. Next, we went to a World War II museum and got to wear a ¼ of a bag that a soldier would have worn. We were also able to hold a gun and wear soldier helmets. Our next activity was to explore and look at a 1940's house. We were able to play with some of the toys they would have had in the children's playroom and look at a 1940's kitchen. For our final activity, we looked at an Anderson shelter and got to hear 2 different air-raid sirens depending on whether you should go in or out of your shelter. All students made their way back to the hall to grab all of their belongings. After we had all collected all of our things we headed back to the coach. Overall, this trip was very fun and interesting.



### Christmas Tree Festival at St Paul's Church

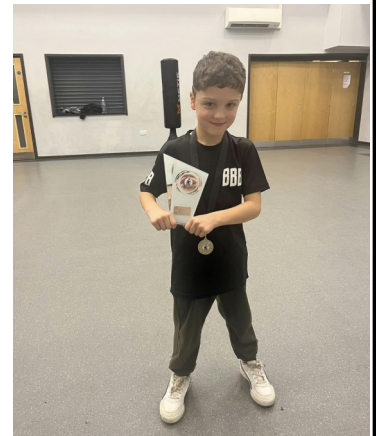
Please see the beautiful Christmas Tree that we entered in the festival this year. The theme was Kings and Queens. Thank you to Ms McGuinness and the children for their wonderful Pearly Kings and Queens and to Mrs Peck who decorated the tree in the church



### Recent Monies Raised

The following recent events raised:- Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day **£41.81** and the PTFA Christmas Fayre - **£714.30**. Thank you to all of you who supported these two events.

Congratulations once again to **Ellis in Willow Class**, this time for being most improved boxer of the year. This is very impressive since he is the youngest in his boxing class. Well done!



### Recipe of the Month Mini Pizza Quiches

Use tortilla wraps and a muffin tin to make individually portioned egg, salami and tomato bites - ideal for lunch boxes or picnics. Follow the link below to get the recipe.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/mini-pizza-quiches>



## Values Education

During the month of January the school is focussing on the value of **Understanding**

If your child has demonstrated the value of Understanding 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.