

GOLDINGTON GREEN ACADEMY

The first half of the Spring term has flown past and it does not seem possible that there is only a week until half term!

On Friday 10th February we are not only taking part in the "Shine Bright, Wear Bright" to support the CHUMS charity in raising awareness and understanding issues around children's mental health but we are also sending home our 'Sponsored Spell' - this is a fun way to support your child in their learning. I do hope you are able to support both of these events and we thank you in advance for any contributions you can make. The money made from the Sponsored Spell will go before the School MPs to consult with their year groups and decide how to spend the money. If you do not want to collect sponsors, then a donation through Parent Pay would be gratefully received.

Wishing you an enjoyable half term with your loved ones.



Skingsley

Diary Dates for February/March

February

- 9th 2.30pm Reception 'Share a Story'
- 10th Shine Bright, Wear Bright
- 10th Sponsored Spell lists going home
- 13th-17th Half Term**
- 20th Yr.4 British Museum Trip
- 27th Yr. 4 Parent Consultations
- 28th Yr. 1 Parent Consultations

March

- 1st Book Fair in School
- 1st Yr. 3 Parent Consultations
- 2nd World Book Day
- 2nd Yr. 5 Parent Consultations
- 7th Yr. 2 Parent Consultations
- 8th Yr. R & Acorns Parent Consultations
- 9th Yr. 6 Parent Consultations
- 13th-17th Science Week
- 17th Red Nose Day
- 17th Year 6 Ancient Greek Day
- 21st Year 1 Trip to Woburn Safari Park
- 30th Year R Mead Open Farm Trip

Mrs C Skingsley
Headteacher

Year 4 PSHE lessons

Last month was such fun because we were learning about first aid in PSHE. Miss Cupit brought in her friend who is a nurse. We learnt about CPR and practiced putting our partner in the recovery position. **Rico, Cedar Class**

Year R—Share a Story Afternoon

At GGA we value the importance of reading and sharing stories and we are actively encouraging children to develop a love of reading! We would therefore like to invite **Reception families** to "Share a Story" on **Thursday 9th February at 2:30pm.** This will be a chance for you to come into the classrooms and read with your child. You will also have the opportunity to see some of the strategies we use at school to support reading and ask any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there.



Parking Reminder

Please can I inform all new parents and remind all others of the parking issues we have here at school. Please be aware that the car park at the rear of the school is for staff only.

Parking around our school entrances at the beginning and end of the school day is a problem to all concerned, especially local residents and unfortunately we regularly receive telephone calls from distressed residents who have had altercations with drivers who have blocked their driveway or used private parking bays while dropping off or collecting children from our school. **All our local residents have been advised by the police to report to them registration numbers of any vehicles parking inconsiderately, and any verbal abuse or threatening behaviour received from vehicle owners.**

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that Tesco are happy for parents to use their car park at these times and it is only a very short walk to school from there. Please be aware though, that parking is only permitted in the customer car park and **not** the area used by Tesco delivery lorries and only to park in disabled spaces if you have a disabled badge. Thank you for your continued support.

NEWSLETTER

'Goldington Greens' News

We're hoping you can help us kick-start the new growing season here at GGA!

In the true spirit of allotment keeping, we'd like to re-use, re-purpose and upcycle garden/household items to save on costs but more importantly-to focus on sustainability wherever possible.

Below is a list of the items we'd like to invest in for a new enterprise 'Goldington Greens' our new food plant nursery which will be based largely in our new polytunnel.

If you have a surplus of these things at home or that are bound for the re-cycling we'd like to take them off your hands!

The items we would like are as follows:

- Used kitchen roll tubes (*not toilet rolls or the centres of foil/cling-film*)
- Seed trays, large and small
- Seed trays with individual cells
- Propagators (with lids)
- Bags of compost
- In date seed packets of marigolds, herbs, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, courgettes, chillies, runner beans, spring onions and sweetcorn
- Garden twine
- Bags of perlite or vermiculite



We also have a really big ask. We're looking to upcycle some wooden pallet crates into work benches, if you know of any local businesses that could provide us with some unwanted ones then this would be extremely beneficial to our new enterprise. Many thanks in advance for your consideration and support.

Ms Jo Davage

Forest School and Outdoor Learning Lead

The RSPB 'Big Schools' Birdwatch 2023'

The pupils in Y5 recently participated in the RSPB 'Big Schools' Birdwatch' as part of their citizen science studies. On a beautiful, bright blue sunny afternoon, we explored our immediate surroundings and studied the various habitats around us to see which species are to be found in our school environment. The results are still being collated at the time of this info going to press but here are a few sights we spotted with our binoculars or captured on our digital camera using the zoom lens:

Dunnocks, house-sparrows and blue-tits using the seed feeders in the nature reserve

Starlings roosting high up in the poplar trees and on the roof tops

Blackbirds rummaging through the dead leaves for invertebrates to eat

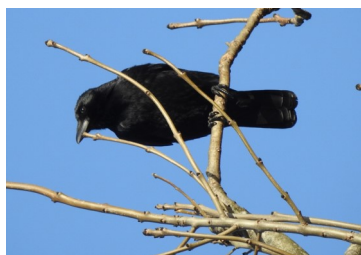
Jackdaws looking for snack scraps on the field

Robins in the willow tunnel

Gulls flying over from (we think) Priory Country Park

Red Kites being mobbed by the crows as they flew over the school

Wood pigeons galore!



Once we have collated all our data, we will be submitting our data to the RSPB website. We hope you participated at home!

Ms Davage – Forest School and Outdoor Learning Lead



M&M Productions—Sleeping Beauty

A Report by Amirah, Nika and Lily B, Year 6

On 11th January the company M&M performed a pantomime of Sleeping Beauty. Everyone was very excited as we hadn't seen a pantomime in a while. We had a great time seeing our favourite Disney characters. Nika's personal favourite part was when Maleficent's sidekick betrayed her at the end; Lily's personal favourite part was the dancing and the music; and Amirah's personal favourite part was when she got to high five Maleficent. We hope that they'll visit us again soon.



Recipe of the Month Fluffy American Pancakes

Shrove Tuesday falls on 21st February this year so why not make these pancakes with your children. They are a super breakfast alternative with either bacon or blueberries, or just plain with syrup. Get this easy recipe by following the link below:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/fluffy-pancakes>



Values Education

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

Love

If your child has demonstrated the value of Love 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.