

# GOLDINGTON GREEN ACADEMY

Well my goodness, we are already in the final half term of another successful school year. I hope you all enjoyed the half term break and the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

As you can see from the content of this Newsletter so much has resumed this year with the children engaging in all the wonderful curriculum activities with more planned for this half term.

Another exciting event this half term is the PTFA Summer Picnic on Saturday 11th June. It will be so lovely to have our families back together after so long at a school event, albeit outside.



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**Mrs C Skingsley**  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates for June/July

### June

- 7th Year 1 Woburn Safari Park Trip
- 8th 6pm-7pm Reception Sept 2022 Open Evening
- 9th 7pm PTFA Meeting
- 10th Year 5 Pyjama Day Fundraising for Ghana
- 11th 11.30am-2.30pm PTFA Picnic
- 20th-22nd Year 3 Bushcraft Residential
- 20th-24th Year 6 France Residential
- 20th-1st July Fitness Fortnight
- 23rd KS1 Sports Day
- 28th Year 5 Space Centre Trip
- 30th Pupil Premium Theatre Trip

### July

- 1st KS2 Sports Day at the Athletic Stadium
- 4th Year 6 Evening Production
- 8th Cultural Day
- 15th Year 5 Priory Marina Walk
- 15th Year 6 Ice Cream Van reward
- 15th 5-7pm Year 6 Leavers Disco
- 19th Year 6 Trip to Box End
- 21st End of Term



**Children return to school on:  
Monday 5th September 2022**

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## Chicks

As many of you will know, Reception hatched and looked after some chicks and we are lucky enough to be able to home two of them at school. We took some name suggestions from the children and have decided to call them



Shelley and Maggie. Everyone is very excited for them to come back to school when they are a bit bigger.

## Conifer and Hornbeam News

Conifer and Hornbeam have been in Vis Ortis (our Environmental Area) creating a lovely new home for our frogs and newts. We have Billy and Georgie Gnome looking after them. Please come pay them a visit!



# NEWSLETTER

## Staff News

At the end the last half term we said goodbye to 2 members of staff, **Mrs Cassie Lucas**, Gingko Class Teacher, and **Miss Rebecca Lilly**, Cleaner. We wish them the best for their future.

At the end of the summer term we will be saying goodbye to several members of staff: **Mrs Rachel Timms**, Deputy Head, **Miss Victoria Paulding** and **Mrs Vicky Moore**, Assistant Headteachers, all have secured promotions and we are very proud of their achievements and wish them every success in their new roles.

**Mrs Diane King**, TA and **Mrs Sandra Barker**, Pre School, are both retiring after many, many years of working with several generations of Goldington Green pupils. We wish them a very long and restful retirement.

On a happier note we will be welcoming several new members of staff in September, **Mrs Hazel Stephenson** and **Miss Masie Cupit**, Class Teachers, **Mrs Sandra Mensah** and **Mrs Sarah Sears**, Assistant Headteachers. Also, since our last Newsletter, **Miss Lauren Ventress** joined us as Assistant Senior Midday Supervisor.

We would also like to send huge congratulations to **Mr Michael Wright**, Apple Class Teacher and his wife **Jenny** (who used to teach here) on the birth of their first child, Reggie, weighing 6lb 10oz on 4/6/2022.

Finally, we will also be saying 'au revoir' to **Miss Hayley Fox**, TA and **Miss Marie Perryment**, Midday Supervisor as they start their Maternity Leave. We will look forward to hearing of news of their new babies, both due over the summer. We are also delighted to announce that **Mrs Jade Harrison**, who is presently on Maternity Leave, is pregnant with her second baby. She will be returning in September before going on Maternity Leave again later next academic year.

### Year 6 Cinema Trip, by Ethan, Lime Class

After a long week of SATs tests, the whole of Year 6 were treated by their teachers to an off timetable day on Friday 13th April, including an exciting cinema trip, a calm picnic and an opportunity to play in Russell Park. We walked to Cineworld and were given Munchboxes of popcorn, magic stars chocolate and a fruit shoot. Everyone took their seats and the surprise movie was Sing 2! After the screening we walked over to Russell Park which we sat and ate our packed lunches. If that wasn't enough we also went to play! All of Year 6 can agree that this surprise was awesome!



### Year 5 Priory Walk

#### Riverfield Meadow Poem

We left our school, to go on a walk.  
When we first got to the forest area,  
We sat down next to a shimmering lake reflecting the sun,  
With leaves swaying in the trees,  
And bugs kept landing on me.

All of the fallen leaves were disintegrating on the ground.  
I saw a magpie flying over the lake,  
Other birds were swooping down into the trees.  
When we got up and started walking again,  
We saw flowers dancing in the fields.

The mysterious meadows were actually quite nice.  
The buttercup yellow flowers looked lovely.

Although there were  
silky, slithering nettles,  
We sat down again and I  
saw more birds:  
A robin, a collared dove,  
a wood pigeon and a blue  
tit.

**Poem and Reflections  
by Charlie (Holly Class)**



### Faith Tours

Year 3 and Year 1 enjoyed visits to the Queen's Park Faith Tour on April 26<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup> respectively. The children visited a Gurdwara, Mosque and Church - all located very close together. The children very much enjoyed guided tours of the places of worship and listened intently to information shared with them. They learnt all about different beliefs which linked to the learning we have completed in school. They also had fun dressing up and participating in a variety of activities, and exploring different customs and now know why each faith has different practices. The children's behaviour was exemplary and they showed sensitivity and respect during the visits.



### Year 4 Residential to Caythorpe A report by Freya, Chestnut Class

Caythorpe PGL was one of the best places I have ever visited. The PGL staff taught us lots of different things and encouraged us to try our best. There were loads of different interesting activities including rafting, survival, problem solving and more. For example, rafting—rafting was really interesting and fun because you built the rafts first then made sure it was secure then off you go! There was an activity called 'All Aboard' and it was a climbing activity. For those activities you needed to put harnesses on and the people that were not climbing were keeping you safe by pulling the rope really tight. You also needed a helmet for it, then you start climbing. I really enjoyed my time there and I'm sure the others did too.



## Queen's Platinum Jubilee A Report by Emily, Elm Class

At Goldington Green Academy we held a huge celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Firstly children received the opportunity to enter a cake competition which all year groups were invited to. In the afternoon loads of tables and chairs were set up around the playground with special table cloths symbolizing the British Flag. We were also allowed to wear our own clothes and our paper crowns that we created during the morning. A special part of the celebration was the crowing of the May Queen, Lily (Elm



Class) and her attendants, Penny (Lime Class) and Maryam (Beech Class). While the May Queen was being crowned we all got sandwiches and cupcakes to eat. It was great that we got the chance to do this.

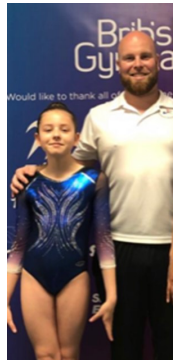


### Water Bottle Reminder!

Water bottles need to be in school every day not just on warm days! It is very important to keep hydrated.

### Congratulations to Sophia in Lime Class

We are very proud of Sophia who competed at the British National Gymnastic Finals in May and despite being unhappy and disappointed with her performance she has been ranked 11th out of the whole of the UK!



### Year 6 Ancient Greek Day, by Callum, Beech Class

The day started off as normal, we did register and our dinners then we all walked down to the hall and there were three Greek columns. There was a lady in a purple toga and brown sandals standing in front of the columns. There was also a few tables around the outskirts of the hall. We all had a brown paper bag that we got to customise before we got to the hall. The tables had activities all related to ancient Greece: they included a pottery making table, charm making, medicine making, mosaic making, soap carving, wax tablet making and painting on a base. After we had completed the task we had to say a sort of prayer for the goddess Athena. After lunch we did a play. I really enjoyed the day.



## Values Education

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

**Humility**

If your child has demonstrated the value of Humility 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.

### Recipe of the Month

#### Kids' spaghetti and meatballs

Get the children to help you whip up some magic meatballs with this easy recipe. Top with homemade tomato sauce by following the link below:

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/mos\\_magic\\_meatballs\\_53940](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/mos_magic_meatballs_53940)

