

## GOLDINGTON GREEN ACADEMY



# NEWSLETTER

Another year has passed and what a busy year it has been and so lovely to have had many Covid restrictions lifted and school life return to near normal. It has been lovely to welcome parents back to some events too. Happy children walking around school and working hard in their classrooms has been a highlight. I am so proud of my staff who work hard to give your children the best education possible. Sadly some parents quickly forget how much they valued and appreciated the teachers during lockdowns but thank you so much to those lovely parents who do recognise how hard the teachers work to provide all the pupils - your most precious possessions - the best opportunities they can including trips and visitors.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break and I wish all our Year 6 the very best as they embark on the next stage of their educational journey and goodbye to all those families who are leaving the school after many years with us.

*Skingsley*

### Diary Dates for July

#### 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 Woburn Safari Park
21st	End of Term



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

**Mrs C Skingsley**  
 Headteacher

### Methods of Communication

We regard regular communication with our parents/carers as being crucial, therefore we are always striving to improve and looking for new methods to ensure this is as easy and trouble free as possible. Below are listed the methods of communication available to you:



- School app
- Email: all teachers have their own school email address
- Groupcall (text message)
- Year Group Twitter accounts
- Telephone the school office
- Whole school monthly Newsletter
- Letters home via the website
- School Website
- Parent Consultations
- Google Classroom (homework)

Please ensure the school has up-to-date contact details **including an email address** to help with effective communication and to ensure we can contact you if required.

We at school are all here to help wherever we can, and we will try our hardest to do that, but can we ask that you follow our school values and remember to speak to us in a way that you would like to be spoken to yourself.

### Year 6 End of Year Production "We're all going on a .....SUMMER HOLIDAY" Report by Caitlyn in Beech Class

As the first week of rehearsals passed by with the role of Margaret, I was nervous but the teachers helped me realise that there is nothing to be nervous about and that it is just acting. The days flew by quickly and then it became a week, then a day and now it was the night of the show. As I was getting ready I was anxious but as soon as I entered the stage I was enjoying it. The support from my family was so encouraging and I had the most fun ever! The show was amazing and it was great to perform with a full audience.



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## Leicester National Space Centre

When you walk in the place you will be amazed. When you get there, if you are hungry you can get food. If you go up stairs you can see a rocket up close. If you don't want to go up the stairs you can go up in the elevator - I went up the elevator twice. You got the first room which is the fact room and you can see all the facts about the Thor rocket. On the second floor you can act like you're in the Sputnik capsule talking to NASA space command. On the third floor you can press lots of buttons and control a small rocket. In the galleries, you can find out about how to be an astronaut. There were a lot of buttons to press! You can learn when NASA first launched their rockets and landed on the moon. You can learn about different planets, stars and the Sun. I was the first person to use the Mars Rover in Year 5. As soon as I got there, the whole of year 5 crowded me because they wanted a go. It was fun, like controlling a little car. We went over a projection of water and it made a splash when you stepped on it.

But the best bit of the whole day was the planetarium where you watch the astronaut show. It was very funny and it had these test dummies showing what it would be like in space without a space suit. I learned that if you want to go to space and NASA lets you and you can live in the space station, make sure you don't take off your space suit when you go outside of the space station. What would be worse would be that you would float away anyway. I would like to go back so I can buy the baby Yoda stuff from the shop!

**By Ashton, Coconut Class**



## Year 1 Trip to Woburn

Year 1 had a brilliant day at Woburn Safari Park. Our learning in class was bought to life as we explored the zoo. We saw bears, lions, tigers, giraffes and so many more.

What a fantastic day!



The Parrott Display

## Sports Day at the Athletics Stadium

On Friday 1st July, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 walked to the Bedford International Athletics Stadium with staff and parents. Everyone sat in the stands and our announcer, Mr Young greeted everyone and told us what activities we would be doing with our PE coaches. Everyone participated in long jump, chest pass, javelin and ball throw. After those exciting events everyone had a lunch break while our house point scores were being added up. After lunch the races began and all the individual year groups competed. The races were very close but the overall winning house was Orange!

**Report by Ethan, Lime Class**



## Year 3 Bushcraft Residential Trip

### Bushcraft Memories 2022 by Ava, Hazel Class

#### Introduction

Have you ever been camping before? I have! This piece of writing is about my experiences at Bushcraft.

#### The Egg Incident

In the forest at Bushcraft I found a blackbird's egg on the floor so I picked it up.

I thought it was a rock because it was ice cold. I accidentally squeezed it and egg yolk went all over me, Charlotte and Jacob. It was so funny.

#### Fire

In the wood we made lots of fires. We made one of them out of cotton wool and Vaseline. My favourite was using Potassium Permanganate, which made the fire purple.

#### Fish Eye

When we were looking at the salmon and touching the gills James and Joshua ate a fish eye. YUCK! After a while black stuff came pouring out of James's mouth; it was blood! Neither of them swallowed it but James kept it in his mouth for the longest.

#### First Aid

At camp we learnt about DRABS, which stands for Danger, Response, Airways, Breathing and Secondary response. To test what we had learnt we went out in to the forest where we found a 15-year-old plane. Mrs Simister and George (my camp Leader) pretended to be unconscious. Straight away James and I took charge. In the end they recovered. We also got some fake blood that was made out of corn syrup and red food colouring. We even ate some!



### All Babies Cry Campaign

Beds and Luton Children's Community Health Visiting Services launched the 'All Babies Cry' campaign to offer support to parents and carers to know how to cope and who to turn to when caring for a crying baby. The campaign follows the ICON programme, ICON stands for:

- I Infant crying is normal
- C Comforting methods can help
- O It's OK to walk away
- N Never, ever shake a baby

Local help and support for families and carers is available from our Health Visiting Teams via the Health HUB on 0300 5550606, or via our Parentline text messaging service.

Bedfordshire: 07507 331456 (9am-4.30pm Mon-Fri)  
Luton: 07507 331886 (8am-4.30pm Mon-Fri)  
(Please note that the Health HUB and Parentline text messaging services are closed on bank holidays).

Further help and support - National Crsis Number: 08451 228699

Further information about ICOB can also be found here:  
[www.iconcope.org](http://www.iconcope.org)

Bedfordshire Community Health Services  
Luton Children & Adults Community Health Services  
NHS  
ICON  
Babies Cry, You Can Cope!  
YOU ARE NOT ALONE  
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### Staff News

Since our last Newsletter we are sad to say a few more goodbyes to staff that have left/or are leaving at the end of term. **Mrs Rachel James**, Clerical Assistant, **Mrs Charlotte Reeves**, TA in Conifer Class and **Mrs Hayley Brown**, TA in Year 3. We wish them every success in their new ventures.



### School MP News

We have had a really busy year this year as MPs and it has been great. We have been visited by Iqra Academy pupils to give us advice about how to be a good role model as an MP. How to communicate with other people in our school and how to improve and make changes. We are still working on it and have some great ideas for next year. The MPs have introduced a suggestions box into every classroom so pupils in all classes can share their ideas and tell us what they want in school. We have also introduced our house captains idea and this will be developed in the autumn term. Remember (for year 4 and 5 only), the applications for MPs are in the new build corridor or you can ask your year 4 or 5 class teacher and join us next year!

## Values Education

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

**Happiness**

If your child has demonstrated the value of Happiness 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 Sticky Upside-down Banana Cake

Try this updated version of a classic recipe with the children for a tasty dessert by following the link below:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/sticky-upside-down-banana-cake>

