

A message from the GGA Prime Minister



Goldington Green Academy Prime Minister

Hello everyone and welcome to our first edition of the MP's Newsletter. We are very delighted to be able to share our latest news with you. I am sure you will all agree that the lockdown has been pretty overwhelming at times. Some people have been upset that there has been a lockdown. I believe that the current situation has not only been negative but positive as well. Just think one day we will be able to share our experiences with the next generation. We have experienced a period in world history that will live on forever! One other thing that I am very pleased about is that there has been less pollution in the world and that makes me happy.

I myself have been very busy keeping up with all my home learning. Home learning has been going pretty well for me and I am sure it has been the same for you. What was lovely was that our teachers emailed us regularly and asked how we were doing. It really makes you feel good when you know that people are thinking of you and checking that everything is ok. I kept myself occupied by playing in the garden, going on walks, and working out. This has made a difference to how I feel. Keeping fit is really important especially with being stuck at home for over 10 weeks.

As you may know I will be leaving GGA in July and moving on to another school. This means my role as a Prime Minister will sadly be coming to an end. I am very grateful for the opportunity that has been given to me and my team. We have been able to develop ourselves as individuals and as a team. We understand the importance of teamwork and the commitment you need to have to become a great Leader. I would like to take this time to wish the next Prime Minister all the best and I hope that their experience will be as extraordinary as mine.

I would also like to thank all of the members of the cabinet who have worked extremely hard and have supported me with improving our school. I feel that we have made a difference. Most importantly this could not have been achieved without them, so thank you .

Have fun reading all about our experiences. Who knows you could be the next GGA PM!

Meet our MPS - 2019-2020



Hello my name is Eduard and I am the Deputy Prime Minister. I work closely with the PM to improve our school.



Hello my name is Lala and I am the Prime Minister. My main job is to make sure your voice is heard.



Hello my name is Chelsea and I am the MP's Clerk. I do most of the admin work to help keep the MPs on track.



Hello my name is Donaeo and I am the Chief Newsletter Editor. My role is to share our actions and news.



Hello my name is Maiya and I am the Newsletter Graphic designer. I have worked closely with Mrs Hotchkiss to create an interesting Newsletter.



Hello my name is Caiden and I am the Assistant Newsletter Editor. My job is to support the team with reporting our news.



Hello my name is Mason and I am the Executive Events Co-ordinator. Reyhan and I have the responsibility of organising whole school events, such as Multi-cultural week. Also fund raising events.



Hello my name is Reyhan and I am the Assistant Events Co-ordinator. My role is to gather your views on how to improve school events.

Here are some of our highlights being an MP

What do MPs do?

Being an MP is a very important job. You can gain lots of new skills by being an MP especially on how to become a young leader. Our main responsibility is to make sure that all of the children at GGA have a platform to voice their opinions on how to improve our school. We aim to take into account your point of views and act on any issues that have been raised. Please continue reading our news to find out what we have done over our time of being MPs.



Bedford Borough Pupil Voice Conference 2019 Our first official engagement!



We were invited to attend the annual Pupil Voice Conference. On the day there were approximately 140 children from different schools. We did a presentation on What It Takes to be a Great Leader. We really enjoyed this experience. We had lots of fun learning about being an MP. We got an opportunity to talk to other MPs and most importantly we worked as a team to represent our school!



Something you should know...

After attending the conference Lala and Reyhan completed an application form to become members of the Youth Cabinet Team. Guess what? They were both successful!

Lala shares her views and supports actions!



During the spring term our Prime Minister was invited to Bedford Borough hall to give the Youth Cabinet Team some feedback on their annual Pupil Voice conference. The Youth Cabinet shared the results of the young people's responses to their survey on topics such as knife crime, climate change, litter and transportation. Lala gave her view on how to combat these issues. She made a pledge on behalf of our school to support them with their project. Lala did an amazing job representing her team and our school.



Chatter Box—what's that all about?

At the beginning of the summer term we worked with a member of the Bedford Borough Youth Cabinet Team to develop our roles further In school. We explored ways to gather all of the children's voices from across the school using the Chatter Box . Our group was given a topic to debate . One of the topics included "every child should attend school on a Saturday", yay or nah! What do you think?



What do you think it takes to become a great Leader?

Here are some of our top tips ..

organised , team player, helpful, kind and friendly
good listener, be Creative with your ideas, be committed and show an interest in your job, be patient, determined, honest, reliable and show our school values at all times.



Growing Leaders one challenge at a time!

Question?

Can you think of any other qualities to becoming a great leader?

Did you know we had to be interviewed to become an MP..



There were 8 positions to apply for within the GGA Parliament. Before the interview we had an opportunity to decide on which position we best suited. First we choose the one that interested us the most and then we matched our strengths to the role. After a very long interview we were given a Parliament position. Mrs Skingsley and Mrs Wilson said we did an impressive job demonstrating our strengths and creativity during the interviews.

"Love for Reading" Whole School Competition

The MPS were requested to judge the creativity of the classroom doors for the Love of Reading whole school competition. We put on our creative hats and worked as a team to decide who the winners were. We saw some fantastic entries but unfortunately there could only be 1 winner in each Key stage. Miss Health used our scores to decide the key stage winners.



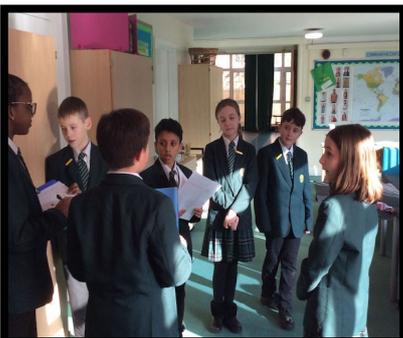
Getting creative and spreading the word....



We needed to let everyone know who we were. Our Newsletter Graphic designer Maiya, came up with the idea of creating a display board. We worked with a local artist to develop our ideas. Miss Abbot helped us to design our notice board and showed us ways to make it eye catching! We had fun working together and learning new skills. We developed a suggestion box to gather your ideas.



Teamwork in action



Have you seen our MPs notice board in the year 3 corridor? Have you got any ideas on how to improve our school? Please put them in the suggestion box.



What's on the Menu?

Being an MP has its benefits. Every term the Head Chef invited us to sample the new menu for the next term. We prepared a Q&A sheet for the Chef which included questions such as what ingredients are used, where does our food come from (is it sourced locally) and what are the most popular dishes at GGA. We also gave some suggestion on how to improve our school dinners.. He was really impressed with our questions and the way we worked as a team.



Presenting our plans....

Do you remember when we presented our ideas and plans? Well, we were so nervous because we didn't want to make any mistakes. The lesson we learnt from that experience was to always believe in yourself and rely on your team!



What have you learnt, enjoyed about being an MP?

Lala:

"I have found it exciting because I am learning adult skills".

Mason:

"I think the programme has improved greatly since I was a MP".

Donaeo

"I like the structure of the programme".

Caiden:

"I like the space that we work in and being part of a team".

Eduard:

"It's been a nice experience working with other children". "The resources are good". "I have developed the skill of working in a team".

Reyhan:

"I have enjoyed everything that has been on offer". "It's been greatly improved". "I also like the refreshments at our meetings".

Chelsea:

"I have enjoyed developing my understanding of the school through the School Guide Tour training".

Miaya:

"I have enjoyed learning the value of co-operation". "Also making decisions and sharing my ideas".

A message to the MPs from the Headteacher

Thank you for the amazing job you have all done this year as our first GGA Members of Parliament. As MPs you have all performed exceptionally well in your individual roles and I have been very proud as your Headteacher and how you have represented our school particularly outside of the school.

I wish each and every one of you continued success as you continue your educational journey. Stay safe, believe in yourself at all times and keep smiling!!

Mrs Skingsley

