



GADE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Issue 8
18th December 2020

Message from Mr Barron

Considering the circumstances, I don't think this term could have gone any better. Thank you again to all the staff, pupils, parents and governors for making Gade Valley so special.

COVID update

As you are all aware the global pandemic is not over yet and the recovery curriculum is having a positive impact; therefore, we will still be incorporating all of our phase 3 protocols and procedures next term.

The update phase 3 plan is available on the school website.

Thank you for your ongoing support - it is really appreciated!

COVID-19 Keeping us informed over Christmas

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 between the last day of term on the 18th December and Christmas Eve, please email the school **ONLY** on **covid19@gadevalley.herts.sch.uk** and we will contact you to conduct our normal track-and-trace processes.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 between Christmas Day and the first day of the new term on Tuesday the 5th January you must visit the NHS Track-and Trace website at [https://contact-](https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk/)

tracing.phe.gov.uk/ or call 111. You will need to let us know if your child will be self-isolating at the start of term, and we will contact you to confirm this from the 5th January 2021.

Please do not send your child back to school on the 5th January if they have symptoms of COVID-19:

- a new, continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss, or change, of taste or smell
- they, any members of your household, or any close contacts that have tested positive for COVID-19 and they haven't completed the full 10 day isolation period.

Please do not contact the school in any way other than by **covid19@gadevalley.herts.sch.uk**. The other email addresses and the telephone lines will not be monitored over the Christmas break.

Attendance

We are extremely proud of all our pupils who have shown such good attendance during this term, well done and keep it up!

Reception	97.8 %
Year 1	96.8 %
Year 2	97.0 %
Year 3	98.8 %
Year 4	97.6 %

Year 5	96.2 %
Year 6	97.2 %

Spring term (1) Dinner Money and School Milk 2021

Dinner money/Fun day lunch

The amount for school dinners will be £2.70 (£13.50) for years 3, 4, 5 and 6. If you wish to pay for the first part of the spring term (Tuesday 5th January 2021 until Friday 12th February 2021) the amounts are: £78.30.

For those who wish to pay for Fun Day Meals the amounts are £16.20

School milk

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, the price for the whole term is £16.20, milk is free for all nursery children and any child in reception who is 4 and does not have their 5th birthday during the following dates - 01.01.21 until 26.03.21 inclusive.

KS2 milk price for the whole terms is £16.20.

All orders must be made by Thursday 7th January 2021 at the latest.

Please contact the school office if you require further information.

GVSA Christmas Hamper Raffle



Thank you to everyone who donated items for their class hamper and bought raffle tickets. You raised an outstanding £340!

Congratulations to the winners!

Jenna	-	Nursery
Sophie B	-	Reception
Amelia	-	Year 1
Autumn	-	Year 2
Melaina	-	Year 3
Luke	-	Year 4
Oliver	-	Year 5
Madeline	-	Year 6

A big thank you for all your support



Thank you for supporting all of the fundraising events this term - we cannot express our appreciation enough - every penny counts.

Secret Santa	£315.00
Christmas Cards	£365.00
Pantomime	£100.00
Xmas Jumper for Dens	£120.00
Film Night	£620.00

Christmas at Gade Valley

During the week our focus still has been on learning and we have maintained the normal weekly lessons, however, we still were able to fit some lovely Christmas activities and events in for the children to enjoy.

On Tuesday 15th December, Nursery had a very special visitor, all the children were very excited to see Father Christmas!!



Everyone also enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Dinner prepared by our amazing 2 cooks with a little bit of help from 3 Christmas Elves!!



On Thursday 17th December all the children had the opportunity of watching the pantomime 'Covidella' (oh no they didn't!!) within their class bubbles. Lots of shouting and laughing could be heard throughout the school!



CHAMP of the Week



14.12.20-18.12.20 for being:
MOTIVATED

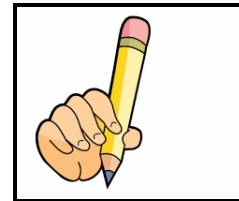
Sophie B	-	Reception
Martha	-	Year 1
Ben	-	Year 2
Zack	-	Year 3
Oliver	-	Year 4
Sonny	-	Year 5
Harris	-	Year 6

Golden Tickets Winners

14.12.20-18.12.20

The class with the most tickets were
Year 6.

Handwriting Award



14.12.20-18.12.20

Khloe	-	Reception
Sam	-	Year 1
Yasmin	-	Year 2
Victoria	-	Year 3
Henry	-	Year 4
Gia	-	Year 5
Isabel	-	Year 6

Track Time

14.12.20-18.12.20

Year 4 - 29 children broke their previous amount of laps around the track.

Reminders

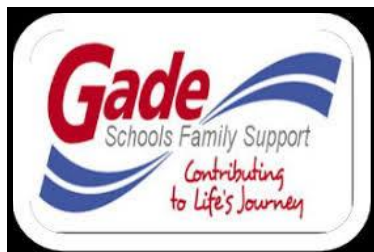
Monday 4th January 2021 - Inset day

Tuesday 5th January - School Starts

Growth Mindset Quote

This storm will pass.

Community News



Gade Family Support

Family Support Service Christmas Newsletter

With the Christmas holidays soon to be upon us, your Family Support team wanted to provide you with a Christmas newsletter with some activity ideas for the Christmas holidays but also to remind you of some of the tips and techniques we have previously provided to help support your family if anyone is feeling in any way anxious in these very difficult and confusing times. Coronavirus has caused everyone's lives to change and the future continues to feel uncertain.

Both change and uncertainty can be big causes of anxiety. So it's not surprising that worry is a feature of our lives at present.

Within this newsletter we have provided a range of tips and techniques to help you to support your child - whatever their age. In addition we have also included a range of advice on how to support yourself as a parent but the wider family at this time. Finally we have included some simple activities that you can do when at home over the Christmas period to help support and boost your wellbeing. There is a wide range of information available on a variety of different themes and hopefully the following web sites will be of some help and support.

www.gadeschoolsfamilysupport

www.kls.herts.sch.uk/student-wellbeing/student-and-family-services

www.dacorumspl.org.uk

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/families-first/families-first.aspx

www.healthyyoungmindsinherts.org.uk

www.youngminds.org.uk

www.healthforkids.co.uk

www.healthforteens.co.uk

www.familylives.org.uk

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On behalf of all in your Schools Family Support team we would like to wish all our families a happy, restful and safe Christmas and New Year