



GADE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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CHAMP 4 Life

On Wednesday 21st June the pupils in year 3 to 6 participated in a CHAMP 4 Life afternoon.

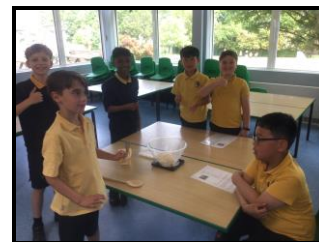
Animal Care



Circus Skills



Cooking





Music

Science



Sewing

Outdoor Cooking



Spanish



Wellbeing



Year 3 GOAL Day

During GOAL day, we took part in many cross-curricular activities. In the morning, we looked at different structures around our school grounds and then created our own sculptures inspired by these and the work of the sculptor Anthony Caro.

We then carried out our own surveys and created a pictogram to show the results.

We also played some team building and communication games as a class and in small groups.

In the afternoon, we completed an orienteering activity. We followed a map to find codes hidden around the school grounds. Once we found a code, we scanned it on the ipad and were given a question to answer. We filmed our answers as a group.



Olivia: " I liked making the Anthony Caro sculptures."

Scarlett: " My favourite activity was when we followed the map to find hidden questions."

George T: " I liked using the chalk to create a pictogram."

Year 4 Cassiobury Farm

On Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Year 4 embarked on an unforgettable trip to Cassiobury Park Farm, a sanctuary for rare and fascinating animals. The farm is home to unique species, including cotton-top tamarins, lemurs, alpacas, goats, otters, macaws, and porcupines, among others. They explored various geographical zones, learning about the specific habitats and environmental conditions these animals require to thrive. They also discovered the impact of environmental changes on wildlife, gaining a deeper understanding of conservation challenges.

Throughout the visit, the pupils exemplified their CHAMP qualities—curiosity, attentiveness, confidence, and motivation. When given the special opportunity to feed the animals, they demonstrated perseverance and teamwork, eagerly assisting one another. The day concluded with an engaging quiz to reinforce their learning, followed by joyful playtime in the meadow before returning to school.

James: "I liked learning about what habitats different animals lived in."

Beau: "I liked seeing Steve feed the otters. I was perseverant in my learning."

Sophie J: "I enjoyed feeding the animals, I was scared at first but I persevered. My favourite animals were the otters and the guinea pigs."



Sports Week 16th June to 20th June 2024



Next week we will be having our Sports Week. This is an action-packed week where all pupils in all classes will be taking part in a number of Olympic and Paralympic sports. The sports include: goalball, archery, hockey, table tennis, sitting volleyball, football, synchronised swimming, swimming races, hurdles, long jump, triple jump, javelin, discus, shot put, aquathlon and duathlon. The pupils will be taking part in adapted activities of these sports in their classes throughout the week. Pupils should wear their normal school uniform, except on Sports Day, swimming will continue as scheduled. Trainers can be worn all week.

When the pupils take part in the activities, they will be earning points for their House team and at the end of the week, there will be a closing ceremony to award the prestigious Sports Week Cup. In addition, a select number of certificates will be awarded to pupils based on the Olympic and Paralympic values of teamwork, self-belief, passion, determination, respect and honesty.

On Wednesday 18th June we will be holding our sports afternoon for the whole school at 1.15pm on the school field, weather permitting. We will inform you by 11am if the event has to be postponed due to unsettled weather - we will use the Arbor app. The reserve day will be Thursday 19th June 2025 at 1.15pm.

GVSA Summer Fair



Thank you for coming along to the Fair on Saturday 7th June, it was lovely to see you all. We would like to give a special Thank You to all the members of the Gade Valley School Association, we couldn't do it without your dedication and time.

We raised an amazing £1,500.

From our Governors

I am Maureen Barton and have been a governor here for the last two years. I try to come into school for an afternoon each week and enjoy being a tiny part of this happy, safe and welcoming school community.

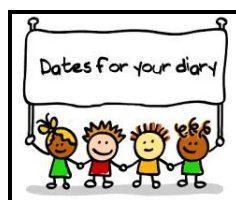
I am constantly amazed by the range of opportunities our pupils are given. On the VE day afternoon, it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm for the activities on offer. I was especially impressed by the imagination shown by those creating aeroplanes from the big wooden blocks! And the careful painting of the giant flags.

The KS2 champ For Life afternoon again provided pupils with opportunities to enjoy baking, pizza making, circus skills, sewing and much more.

There is a lot of preparation needed for these extra activities, a big "Thank You" to all of the adults involved.

We are looking for more governors to join us, so if you, or someone you know might be interested please do contact the school.

Dates for your Diary



Monday 16th June to Friday 20th June 2025 - Sports Week

Monday 16th June 2025 - Nursery to Year 2 Drama Workshop

Wednesday 18th June 2025 - Sports Day 1:15pm

Thursday 19th June 2025 - Reserve Sports Day 1:15pm

Wednesday 25th June 2025 - Nursery and Reception New Parents Evening 5pm - 6pm

Friday 27th June 2025 - Year 3 and Year 4 Dance Workshop

Monday 30th June 2025 to Friday 4th July 2025 - Year 6 Activities Week

Tuesday 2nd July 2025 - Year 2 GOAL Day

Thursday 3rd June 2025 - Year 3 GOAL Day

Champ of the Week



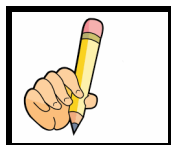
**02.06.2025 - 06.06.2025 for being:
Confident**

Rayan	-	Reception
Ronnie	-	Year 1
Bobby	-	Year 2
Brianna	-	Year 3
Masline	-	Year 4
Ethan	-	Year 5
Autumn	-	Year 6

**09.06.2025 - 13.06.2025 for being:
Helpful**

Frankie	-	Reception
Amelia	-	Year 1
Bobby	-	Year 2
Olivia	-	Year 3
Harry	-	Year 4
Scarlett	-	Year 5
Anabelle	-	Year 6

Handwriting Award



02.06.2025 - 06.06.2025

Siya	-	Reception
Albert	-	Year 1
Gracie	-	Year 2
Zachary	-	Year 3
Jasmine	-	Year 4
Pippa	-	Year 5
Harper	-	Year 6

09.06.2025 - 13.06.2025

Sophie S	-	Reception
Maria	-	Year 1
Connor	-	Year 2
Reece C	-	Year 3
Lily	-	Year 4
Grace	-	Year 5
Peter	-	Year 6

Golden Ticket Winners



02.06.2025 - 06.06.2025 The winners this week were Year 5.

09.06.2025 - 13.06.2025 The winners this week were Year 4.

Attendance Initiative

**Whole School Attendance Figures
02.06.2025 - 06.06.2025**

Reception	95.0%
Year 1	95.0%
Year 2	98.0%
Year 3	97.0%
Year 4	94.0%
Year 5	92.0%
Year 6	100 %

**Whole School Attendance Figures
09.06.2025 - 13.06.2025**

Reception	96.0%
Year 1	99.0%
Year 2	96.0%
Year 3	95.0%
Year 4	98.0%
Year 5	96.0%
Year 6	93.0 %

Growth Mindset Quote

Challenges are not meant to break you, but to build you.