



# GADE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## CHAMP For Life Day - 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### Wellbeing

In this session, the pupils learnt about the 5 ways to wellbeing. We worked collaboratively to make lava lamps, cards for loved ones and helped each other in competitive sports.

Lily: "I enjoyed learning how to help others."

Sophie Q: "I liked making the lava lamp."

Belle: "It was good to get outside and play games."



### Spanish

In Spanish, the pupils enjoyed playing a variety of Spanish games and learning how to greet each other, using actions and pictures to help them to remember to learn the new vocabulary.

Kevin: "It was fantastic."

Tom: "I really enjoyed learning Spanish because I'm going to Barcelona in Easter."

Bella: "I really enjoyed Spanish because I enjoyed learning new words."



## Sewing

The pupils were all very perseverant whilst they were sewing, there was a lot of intricate stitching and deep concentration!

Oliver: "It was fun having to use your perseverance as it was hard to thread the needle."

Olivia: "I really enjoyed it as you got to do cross stich and it was really fun!"



## Outdoor Cooking

During the outdoor cooking session, the pupils made and ate their very own pizza.

Manahil: "I like making pizza and it was very nice."

Ryan: "The pizza was delicious."

Harry: "It was really fun making the pizza and I loved cooking it on the pizza stone."

## Science and Engineering

The pupils were able to develop their CHAMP skills by undertaking a scientific investigation and discovering whether they could find the best solution to solve a problem.

Their challenge was to create a paper airplane which would either fly the furthest or stay up the longest. Each time the pupils tested their planes against the rest of the group, they were given an opportunity to share ideas, improve their designs and try again.

Ethan: "I enjoyed problem solving, it was fun."

Aariff: "I learned how to make a good paper airplane."

Tony: "My favourite part was when we flew the paper planes all at once."



## Music

We had great fun during our Music CHAMP for LIFE session where we tried a variety of different instruments including guitars, pianos and electric drums. The pupils were tasked with learning some simple rhythms or songs on each instrument.

Emmie: "My favourite part was when we learnt to play We Will Rock you on the drums."

George: "I really enjoyed playing the drums and getting to make lots of noise."

Aribella: "I can now play the drums, piano and guitar. It was fantastic."



## Cooking

The pupils followed a recipe to make and decorate their own cupcakes. They created their own PowerPoint presentation to explain the process.

Evie: "I loved it! I also liked making, decorating, and eating the cake. It was really fun and I also enjoyed making power points. It was nice working with people I don't normally work with and learning a new baking recipe. It was lots of fun."

Lilly: "My favourite part was icing the cake and putting sprinkles on. The cakes were delicious, and I was helpful to my group showing them how to use the scale."

Stanley: "I really enjoyed baking because we got to make our own cupcakes and my favourite part was either when we ate or decorated our cupcakes. I was confident when mixing and helpful while helping the group. I learned how to bake cakes and follow a recipe as well."



## Circus Skills

We had great fun in developing our CHAMP skills to learn how to spin plates and the basics of juggling. We then used our newly learnt skills to work together in putting on a performance for Year 1.

Brigeld: "I loved plate spinning and performing to Year 1."

James: "I had to really persevere."

Ben: "I enjoyed learning new skills and doing a show"



Daisy: "I enjoyed giving Inka treats and making her sit and do high five and high paw!"

Chloe: "I enjoyed learning about Inka and other animals. I was really Confident and Perseverant when we were walking and playing with Inka."



## Animal Care

During Animal Care, the pupils had lots of fun learning about Inka who is Mrs Reeve's dog. They enjoyed taking her for a walk around the field and playing with her favourite cuddly toy. Mrs Reeve showed them some tricks that she can do and they got to give her high fives as well as treats.

The pupils learned about caring for different animals as well as learning about wild animals and how to care for them. All the children showed all CHAMP skills and had lots of fun playing with Inka

Stef: "My favourite part was playing with Inka and her cuddly toy bee."

George: "I really enjoyed holding the lead and walking Inka around the field."

## 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 welcoming, happy community.

In the last few weeks, I have been listening to children read and it is wonderful to experience their enthusiasm and growing confidence.

Year Six have been designing "Steady Hand Games". Their imagination and creativity is amazing and I can't wait to see their final models.

Champ For Life Afternoon was great fun...helping Mrs Steadman and a group of pupils with sewing. Motivation and perseverance were clear to see, and the group were a credit to Gade Valley School and its values.

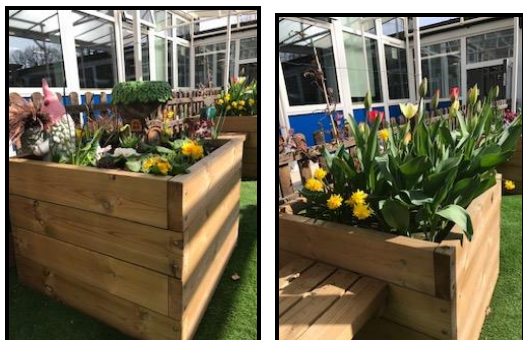
Wishing everyone in the School Community a safe and happy Easter holiday and a big THANK YOU!! for making me so welcome and for all you do every day.

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

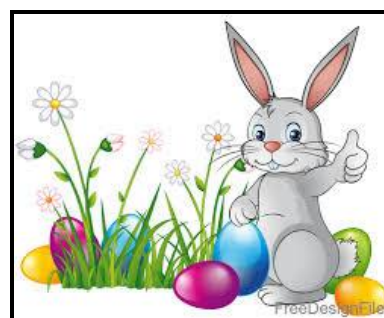
### Spring has Sprung!



The pupils have been busy tending to their class flower beds, watering them and clearing the weeds. As you can see Spring is here and the bulbs are flowering making a beautiful display in our outdoor learning area.



### Easter Egg Raffle

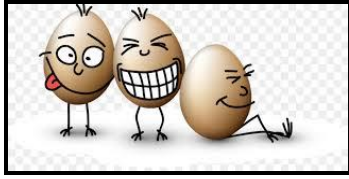


We are once again holding the hugely popular Easter Egg Raffle, with delicious prizes to be won!

You will have already received a letter with tickets attached, for your chance to win one of these prizes, simply send in your chosen number of tickets to school in a clearly marked envelope, along with your payment of £1:00 per ticket.

The last day to return tickets to school is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 and the draw will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

## School Disco



We will be holding a school disco for Reception through to Year 6 on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 from the end of the school day until 4.30pm.

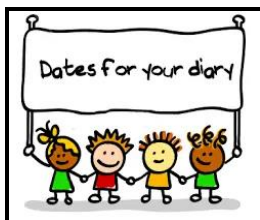
The cost of this event is £6.00 per pupil, the money raised goes towards enriching our pupils' school experience. This price includes refreshments and for your child to wear non-uniform to school for the day.

If you would like your child to attend, please send £6.00 in cash in to school in a clearly named envelope as soon as possible.

If your child wishes to participate in the non-uniform day but does not wish to come to the school disco, please send £1.00 in a clearly marked envelope.

There will be no Night Owls on this day.

## Dates for your Diary



**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025** - Year 3 and Year 4 Performance 9.15am and 2.15pm

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025** - Reception to Year 6 School Disco

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025** - No Night Owls

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025** - End of Term 1:00pm

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025** - Start of Summer Term

## Champ of the Week



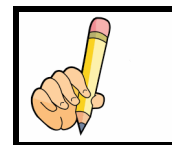
**17.03.2025 - 21.03.2025 for being:  
Motivated**

Miruna	-	Reception
Amelia	-	Year 1
Layla	-	Year 2
James	-	Year 3
Mia	-	Year 4
Martha	-	Year 5
Ollie	-	Year 6

**24.03.2025 - 28.03.2025 for being:  
Perseverant**

Roman C	-	Reception
Maisie	-	Year 1
Andy	-	Year 2
Mia	-	Year 3
Finnley	-	Year 4
Kitty	-	Year 5
Stanley	-	Year 6

## Handwriting Award



**17.03.2025 - 21.03.2025**

Ziggy	-	Reception
Noah	-	Year 1
Aniya	-	Year 2
Mia	-	Year 3
Noah	-	Year 4
Isla	-	Year 5
Tony	-	Year 6

**24.03.2025 - 28.03.2025**

Ben	-	Reception
Noelle	-	Year 1
Olivia	-	Year 2
George T	-	Year 3
Sophie J	-	Year 4
Jess	-	Year 5
Su	-	Year 6

### Golden Ticket Winners



**17.03.2025 - 21.03.2025** The winners this week were Year 4.

**08.01.2024 - 12.01.2024** The winners this week were Year 4.

### Attendance Initiative

#### Whole School Attendance Figures

**17.03.2025 - 21.03.2025**

Reception	95.0%
Year 1	97.0%
Year 2	97.0%
Year 3	99.0%
Year 4	98.0%
Year 5	98.0%
Year 6	95.0%

#### Whole School Attendance Figures

**24.01.2025 - 28.01.2025**

Reception	97.0%
Year 1	97.0%
Year 2	95.0%
Year 3	98.0%
Year 4	98.0%
Year 5	99.0%
Year 6	96.0%

### Growth Mindset Quote

A beautiful day starts with a beautiful mindset.