



28th February 2025

Year 3 Cinema Attendance Award Trip

As a reward for great attendance last term, Year 3 went on a class trip to the cinema to watch Moana 2. They had a fantastic time!

Zachary: "My favourite part was when Maui defeated the sea monster."



Year 2 GOAL Day

On our GOAL Day, we started by using the story "Commotion in the Ocean" as it was National Storytelling week. We had to create 3 characters from the story making sure we made them in the correct size order. We then went into the woods to take part in some geography fieldwork where we were looking at microhabitats around our local area. In the afternoon, we created our own bird's nests that we left in the woods. Throughout the day, we worked in groups to complete an outdoor learning course, where we had to follow the trail and answer the questions all about sea creatures. We had hot chocolate and biscuits to warm us up at the end of the day.

Raphaella: "My favourite part of GOAL Day was making the bird's nests. We tried to make sure that the birds would be comfortable by using moss and leaves."

Bobby: "I really enjoyed using the iPad to scan in the signs for the outdoor learning course. I really enjoyed answering the questions especially when we had to film ourselves hunting like sharks."

Carys: "I really liked the outdoor learning course because I liked the different activities that we had to do to answer the questions especially drawing the pictures of the 2 different sharks!"



Year 3 GOAL Day

On Friday 7th February Year 3 had their GOAL Day. We started the day by erupting our volcanoes which worked really well and then we created our own volcanoes in the woods using natural resources. We completed a map of the school labelling where the outdoor learning plaques are in the school. We had to scan these plaques on the iPads and answer questions about science. We had a great day!

Ella: "My favourite part of GOAL Day was the Science quiz on the iPads."

Reece W: "I enjoyed erupting the volcanoes."

Ralph: "I liked videoing my answers on the iPad."



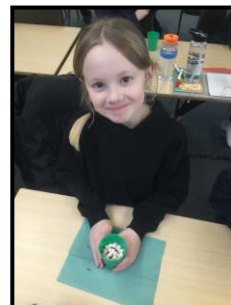
Year 4 GOAL Day

On Wednesday, 12th February, Year 4 had their GOAL Day. We ventured into the woods to share our free verse poetry, incorporating our science topic on states of matter. We made hot chocolate (a liquid), added marshmallows (solids), and watched the steam (a gas) rise into the air before enjoying our drinks. In PE, we explored fractions through outdoor activities, making learning both fun and active.

Beau: "I enjoyed when we had the hot chocolate because it linked to our science."

Khloe: "My best part of the day was when we were den building because I was helpful, and my friends were helpful."

Manahil: "My favourite part was when we did the orienteering on the iPads."



Year 2 Scooterbility

On Friday 28th February, Year 2 took part in a Scooterbility Training Course which was run by the Hertfordshire Active and Safer Travel Team. The pupils learned about safety when riding their scooters. They learned about road safety, how to stay safe in different places where they ride their scooter and how to ride in a safe way. They got to practise their skills at riding their scooters including changing direction and using the brakes safely.

Harper: "I got to demonstrate how to use my brakes when riding my scooter along a path and around a corner. I really enjoyed it."

Seb: "My favourite part was the weaving in and out and scoot back up to the line. I was able to go really quickly but I went a bit too quick and the wheels stopped when I used the brake, but I was still moving. I still had lots of fun! "

Casper: "I liked going around the cones."



Swimming Lessons



Swimming lessons will take place in our own outdoor pool starting in June for all classes Reception to Year 6. You will receive more information in relation to payment and the swimming rota. **Please note that all earrings must be removed for swimming lessons and cannot be taped over, please ensure that your child is able to remove their own earrings in advance of the sessions starting.**

Governor Message



I am Maureen Barton and have been a governor at Gade Valley for the last two years. I try to come into school for an afternoon each week and enjoy being a tiny part of this wonderful community. The staff and pupils create a friendly and positive environment, and the sense of energy and purpose always impresses me.

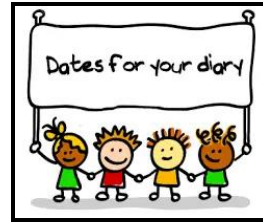
In the last few weeks, I have been listening to Year 2 children read and the progress they are making, and their increasing confidence is lovely to see.

As someone with no artistic ability, the self-portraits Year 6 have created using mixed media were simply amazing! Their science work on "Classification" clearly demonstrated their

CHAMP learning skills and I learnt a lot too!
 Sending 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.

Dates for your Diary



Monday 3rd March 2025 - World Book Week
Wednesday 5th March 2025 - Year 2 Class
 Assembly
Thursday 6th March 2025 - World Book Day
Friday 7th March 2025 - Year 1 GOAL Day
Monday 10th March 2025 - Parent/Teacher
 Consultations
Wednesday 19th March 2025 - Year 1
 Assembly
Wednesday 19th March 2025 - R,Yr1 and Yr2
 - Theatre Trip Radlett
Wednesday 26th March 2025 - Reception
 Class Assembly
Thursday 27th March 2025 - Year 5 GOAL
 Day

Attendance Procedures



Every Minute
 Counts!



Getting to school on time really matters. Did
 you know..

If in a school day, you are late every day by..	You would have lost approximately	Or, you would have missed approximately
5 minutes	3.5 days from school	18 lessons
10 minutes	7 days from school	35 lessons
15 minutes	10 days from school	50 lessons
20 minutes	14,5 days from school	73 lessons
30 minutes	22 days from school	110 lessons

Please be punctual to maintain attendance
 Remember absence = lost opportunity

Class Assemblies

Wednesday 5th March 2025 - Year 2
Wednesday 19th March 2025 - Year 1
Wednesday 26th March 2025 - Year R

Champ of the Week



03.02.2025 - 07.02.2025 for being:
 Perseverant

If your child is going to be late to school due to
 an appointment, please inform the office in
 advance of the appointment either by e-mail to
parents@gadevalley.herts.sch.uk or by
 telephone.

Asil	-	Nursery
Zack	-	Reception
Aanya	-	Year 1
Ava	-	Year 2
Brianna	-	Year 3
Kevin	-	Year 4
Carter	-	Year 5
Emmie	-	Year 6

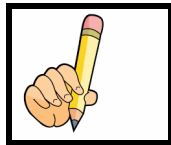
**10.02.2025 – 14.02.2025 for being:
Confident**

Matei	-	Nursery
Lucas	-	Reception
Ethan	-	Year 1
Carys	-	Year 2
Fatih	-	Year 3
Jasmine	-	Year 4
Darcy	-	Year 6

**24.02.2025 – 28.02.2025 for being:
Helpful**

Mark	-	Nursery
Aida	-	Reception
Alexander	-	Year 1
Olivia	-	Year 2
Jenna	-	Year 3
Daisy	-	Year 4
Evie	-	Year 5
Isobel	-	Year 6

Handwriting Award



03.02.2025 – 07.02.2025

Lexi	-	Reception
Ethan	-	Year 1
Teddy	-	Year 2
William	-	Year 3
Sophie Q	-	Year 4
Lilly	-	Year 5
Oscar	-	Year 6

10.02.2025 – 14.02.2025

Andrew	-	Reception
Evie	-	Year 1
Penny	-	Year 2
Maximus	-	Year 3
Ollie	-	Year 4
Ben	-	Year 6

24.02.2025 – 28.02.2025

Jade	-	Reception
Robyn	-	Year 1
Elsie-May	-	Year 2
Ralph	-	Year 3
Josie	-	Year 4
Amelia	-	Year 5
Toby	-	Year 6

Golden Ticket Winners



03.02.2025 – 07.02.2025 The winners this week were Nursery.

10.02.2025 – 14.02.2025 The winners this week were Year 1.

24.02.2025 – 28.02.2025 The joint winners this week were Nursery.

Attendance Initiative

**Whole School Attendance Figures
03.02.2025 – 07.02.2025**

Reception	93.0%
Year 1	93.0%
Year 2	94.0%
Year 3	99.0%
Year 4	92.0%
Year 5	97.0%
Year 6	94.0%

**Whole School Attendance Figures
10.02.2025 – 14.02.2025**

Reception	94.0%
Year 1	96.0%
Year 2	82.0%
Year 3	98.0%
Year 4	99.0%
Year 5	96.0%
Year 6	94.0%

Whole School Attendance Figures

24.02.2025 - 28.02.2025

Reception	94.0%
Year 1	95.0%
Year 2	100.0%
Year 3	100.0%
Year 4	96.0%
Year 5	94.0%
Year 6	91.0%

Growth Mindset Quote

Be patient with yourself, nothing in nature blooms all year.



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Have your say to make cycling and walking in Dacorum better for all...



A consultation on the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure

Plan is now open until 11.59pm on Sunday 23 March 2025.

To take part in the consultation online, and for more information, please go to:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/DacorumLCWIP

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