



GADE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Year 4

Last week we were thinking about how to encourage teamwork, cooperation, and physical coordination in a fun and engaging way. Year 4, used the parachute to work together to lift, lower, and manipulate the parachute, fostering communication and a sense of shared achievement. Additionally, it provides opportunities for creativity and imaginative play, while supporting social interactions, turn-taking, and active participation for all children, making it an inclusive and enjoyable experience.



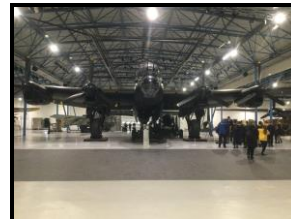
Year 6 Trip to RAF Hendon

This week, Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic trip to RAF Hendon. The pupils explored a range of World War 2 aircraft and attended a workshop which investigated whether or not pilots were the only heroes of World War 2. In the workshop, the pupils investigated five men and women who played vital parts in the war effort. It was clear that although the pilots were incredible, several other men and women were heroes too!

Stanley : "I enjoyed seeing all of the planes!"

Peter : My favourite planes were the World War 1 planes because they were all bi-planes."

Darcy : "I really enjoyed dressing up and acting out the story of a Hurricane pilot called Ray Holmes!"



CHAMP For Life

On Wednesday 24th October 2024 we had a CHAMP afternoon where pupils could choose a champ for life award to participate in. The awards are designed to develop CHAMP skills in a real life context.

Animal Care

We had a very exciting session with a very exciting guest- Ernie, a 5 month old French bulldog puppy!

We were all very excited to meet Ernie, and he greeted everyone with an excitable wag of his tail and sniff. We learned all about Ernie and what he's like at home as well as seeing all the different tricks he can do. We also talked about how to care for a dog and what CHAMP skills are important to be a dog owner. All the pupils took Ernie for a walk and, if they wanted to, they could hold his lead. Ernie was a fantastic guest (even if we did learn about what dog's do if they come across another animal's poo!)

Ben- "I had to be really Confident and Perseverant to hold the lead when walking Ernie around the field."

Harper- "I really enjoyed meeting Ernie and petting him. It was funny when he rolled in poo too!"

Aariff- "I really liked when we got to walk Ernie. He is really cute."



Baking

Pupils worked in groups to make cakes. They had to collect their equipment, follow a recipe and decorate them.

Isaac: "I enjoyed making the cakes."

Isabell: "I enjoyed decorating the cakes."

Sam: "I learnt how to bake, it was fun."



Circus Skills

We learnt how to spin a plate, the basics of juggling and how to entertain an audience. The pupils had great fun in developing their CHAMP skills and performing to Year 1.

Ollie: "I liked that it was challenging and loved developing new skills."

Alfie: "I liked performing in the show. Plate spinning was challenging but I got it in the end."

Aurellia: "I thought some stuff was really hard, but I persevered, and it became easier for me."



Music

Our CHAMP for Life activity was music. In this activity we got to explore and try a range of instruments including pianos, electric drums and guitars. We were given challenges on the different instruments to help us learn simple rhythms and songs.

Jayden: "I really enjoyed doing the drumming."

Sophie J: "We got to try lots of different instruments and learn new songs."

Isla: "I really enjoyed learning to play Happy Birthday on the piano."



Outdoor Cooking

In this session, the pupils learned how to make pizza using a barbeque and a pizza stone. The pupils learned how to make pizza dough and understand the importance of giving the dough time to rise. The pupils worked in pairs to create their own pizza and were able to choose from a range of toppings. Everyone in our group was very attentive, motivated and perseverant!

Tom : "I enjoyed eating the pizza! The cheese was very stringy!"

Sophia: "I enjoyed the smell of the moist dough and the taste of the cooked pizza!"

Lily: "I liked it when I got to knead the dough because it was very sticky!"



Science and Engineering

The pupils investigated flight by designing and making paper aeroplanes. The children worked in small groups to experiment and improve their designs to engineer the aeroplane which could fly the furthest.

James: "I am really good at making planes."

Fatih: "Our plane didn't fly very well but we improved it."



Sewing

The pupils learnt how to thread a needle, health and safety rules using a needle and sharp sewing scissors. They learnt different stitches and all had a thoroughly enjoyable time creating their own cross stitch pumpkins

Su: "It was really relaxing and good fun, I loved making my own design."

Aribella: "I liked practising on the fabric, it was hard but I really enjoyed it."





Spanish

We learnt some Spanish greetings using actions and practised saying a short conversation in partners. We also played a variety of Spanish games and made chatterboxes using the vocabulary that we had learnt.

Jasmine: "I enjoyed making the chatterboxes."

Henry: "I enjoyed the chatterboxes and learning the different words in Spanish."

Harry: "I liked it when we learned about the new words in Spanish because it was fun."



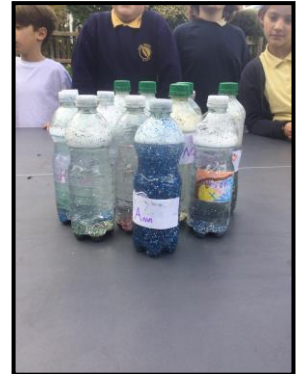
Wellbeing

Wellbeing - we had a blast! We made lava lamps which was such fun, hands-on activity, and then we went out to the playground to play games. The pupils learned that this always a great way to bond and be calm.

Mia: "It was exciting when we made lava lamps. I had to be perseverant when putting the glitter in."

Sienna: "I enjoyed the outdoor games. I liked participating with the others and making sure that everyone got a go."

Anvi: "I liked when I learned about the 5 ways to wellbeing. I now know how to calm down."



Harvest Festival



Today we celebrated Harvest with a Harvest Festival Assembly, all the pupils contributed beautifully by singing their Harvest songs.

"It's Harvest time" - Whole School

"Big Red Combine Harvester" - Nursery and Reception

"Conkers (I'm collecting conkers)" - Year 1 and Year 2

"Harvest Samba" - Year 3 and Year 4

"Cauliflowers Fluffy" - Year 5 and Year 6

Thank you so much for all your kind donations for Harvest, these have been boxed and taken to a local care home.

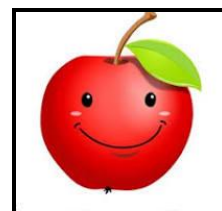
Poppy Appeal



We are pleased to inform you that we will be selling poppies from Tuesday 5th of November. Please send your donation into school with your child in a named envelope.

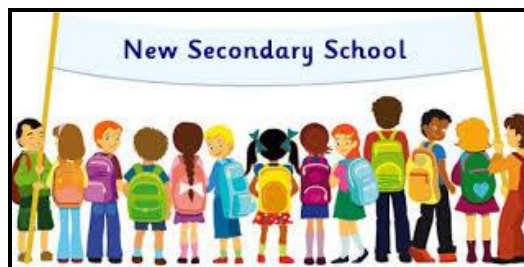
There are also a few additional Poppy themed items which can be purchased such as
Poppy reflector - 50p
Festival bracelet - £1.00
Snap band - £1.00
Poppy sticker - 10p

Healthy Snacks



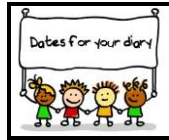
Please can you ensure that any snack bought in for break time for pupils in KS2 are healthy snacks, no crisps, chocolates, or sweets, a piece of fruit is ideal.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer



Reminder to Year 6 parents/carers that the application deadline for a secondary school place is Thursday 31st October 2024. Please make an application via Hertfordshire Admissions or use the following link.
[Herts Admissions - applications](#)

Dates for your Diary



Monday 28th October 2024 - Friday 1st November 2024 - Half Term
Friday 1st November 2024 - Pumpkin Festival and Spooky Trail 4:00pm - 5:30pm
Monday 4th November - Inset Day
Monday 11th November 2024 - Year 3 School Trip - Discover Bucks Museum and Roald Dahl Centre
Wednesday 13th November 2024 - Year 1 GOAL Day
Thursday 14th November 2024 - Celebration Evening 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Wednesday 20th November 2024 - Year 3 Assembly 9:00am
Friday 29th November 2024 - GVSA Xmas Fair 3:15pm to 5:00pm
Friday 29th November 2024 - Flu Vaccinations Reception to Year 6
Friday 29th November 2024 - No Night Owls
Monday 2nd December 2024 - Occasional Day

Champ of the Week



14.10.2024 - 18.10.2024 for being:

Attentive

Violet	-	Reception
Rex	-	Year 1
Elsie-May	-	Year 2
Maximus	-	Year 3
Sophie B	-	Year 4
Oliver	-	Year 5
Lewis	-	Year 6

**21.10.2024 - 25.10.2024 for being:
Motivated**

Ruby	-	Reception
Matilda	-	Year 1
Arthur	-	Year 2
Nelly	-	Year 3
Sara	-	Year 4
Mia	-	Year 5
Oscar	-	Year 6

Attendance Initiative

Whole School Attendance Figures

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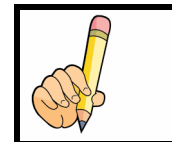
Reception	92.0%
Year 1	96.0%
Year 2	93.0%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	98.0%
Year 5	92.0%
Year 6	91.0%

Whole School Attendance Figures

21.10.2024 - 25.10.2024

Reception	95.0%
Year 1	95.0%
Year 2	95.0%
Year 3	97.0%
Year 4	93.0%
Year 5	94.0%
Year 6	92.0%

Handwriting Award



14.10.2024 - 18.10.2024

Zack	-	Reception
Beau	-	Year 1
Raphaella	-	Year 2
Storm	-	Year 3
Jenson	-	Year 4
Ayesha	-	Year 5
Ellis	-	Year 6

21.10.2024 - 25.10.2024

Sophie P - Year 1
Albert - Year 2
Belle - Year 3
Henry - Year 4
Ariyah - Year 5
Darcy - Year 6

Golden Ticket Winners



14.10.2024 - 18.10.2024

The winners this week were Year 1.

21.10.2024 - 25.10.2024 The winners this week were Nursery.

Growth Mindset Quote

The expert at anything was once a beginner.

Hertfordshire Offer

