



GADE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Year 6 GOAL Day

For our first GOAL day of the year, Year 6 were involved in preparing two new special areas in our school: CHAMP Central and our new school allotment. The pupils helped to prepare both areas for planting by digging over the beds and removing all weeds. The class also helped to set up the school polytunnel. The pupils were incredibly motivated and perseverant! Well done Year 6!

Autumn: "I really liked preparing the allotment beds and filling them with compost - it was a real team effort."

Hudson: "I really enjoyed that we helped the school by setting up the allotment area. I can't wait to plant something!"

Darcy: "I really enjoyed weeding the beds in CHAMP Central - the area looks so much better already!"



Year 1 - Frogmore Papermill

On Thursday 10th October Year 1 had a visit from Sue from the Frogmore Papermill. Sue came to teach us about the history of the papermill and how paper is made.

Ozgur: "I liked learning about the history of making paper."

Lottie: "I liked making paper and that you can take it home and then draw on it."

Sophia: "Paper is made from plants."





Year 2 - Bekonscot Trip

On Thursday 3rd October, Year 2 went on a trip to Bekonscot Model Village. We started the day by taking part in a workshop about toys from the past compared to toys of today. We learned about the history of Bekonscot Model village and how it is the oldest model village in the world at nearly 100 years old. We then compared the toys that children had 100 years ago and toys of today. We found that there were quite a few similarities although we wouldn't want to cuddle the teddies from then as they were stuffed with saw dust and straw and definitely not cuddly!

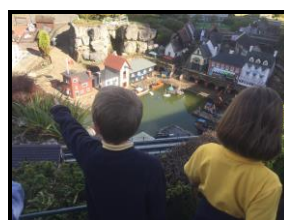
After our workshop, we walked around the model village. It was amazing to see all the different buildings, people and animals. We saw: a fairground, zoo, farmyard, railway, school, houses, shops, a church and there was even a burning building! We liked pretending to be giants and spotting all the different characters and buildings. We also had a chance to go on the train ride around the village.

We had a fantastic day and really enjoyed seeing all the different models!"

Casper: "I enjoyed seeing everything especially the zoo."

Carys: "I liked finding out and holding the new teddy bear. It was much softer than the older one."

Allie: " I loved seeing the model shops especially the shoe shop with the tiny shoes in it!"



Year 5 Ancient Greek Day

On Friday 4th October, the pupils in Year 5 took part in an Ancient Greek Day. They looked fantastic in their Ancient Greek costumes and enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities including making Greek pottery, learning to write their names in Greek and even taking part in our own Olympics.

Anvi: "I liked when we learnt to write our names in Ancient Greek."

Mukil: "I loved the different Olympic sports that we tried to represent."

Aurelia: "I really enjoyed making our own clay pots."

Jess: "I enjoyed competing in the Greek Olympics."



Year 4 CHAMP Corner

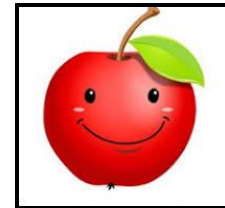
Our CHAMP corner project has been both creative and inspiring! It's wonderful to see Year 4 pupils connecting the theme of **kindness** with nature by planting wildflowers and designing their own unique flowers for their class planter.

As they explore the meaning of kindness, they thought of related words like:

- **Compassion**
- **Generosity**
- **Patience**
- **Empathy**
- **Warmth**
- **Consideration**
- **Friendliness**
- **Caring**
- **Thoughtfulness**
- **Understanding**

These words inspired colourful, imaginative flower designs. By linking their artwork to the theme of kindness, the pupils have made a colourful statement while also spreading positive messages for everyone to see!

Healthy Snacks

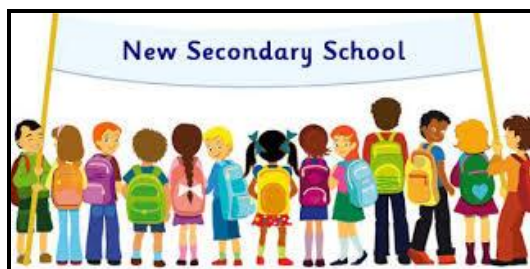


Please can you ensure that any snack bought in for break time for pupils in KS2 are healthy snacks, no crisps, chocolates, or sweets, a piece of fruit is ideal.

Macmillan Cake Sale

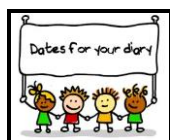
Thank you for those of you who baked cakes for the sale and for those of you who bought them! We raised £400.00 for Macmillan.

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 14th October 2024 - Year 5 Parent Teacher Consultation - 8:00-10:30am

Tuesday 15th October 2024 - Nursery and Year 6 Parent Teacher Consultation 8:00-10:30am

Tuesday 15th October 2024 - Nursery, Year 1 to Year 6 Parent Teacher Consultation 4:00- 7:00pm

Wednesday 16th October 2024 - Year 2 and Year 3 Parent Consultation - 8:00-10:30am

Wednesday 16th October 2024 - Year 5 Assembly

Thursday 17th October 2024 - Year 1 and Year 4 Parent Teacher Consultation 8:00 - 10:30am

Monday 21st October 2024 - Year 5 and Year 6 Cross Country at JFK

Tuesday 22nd October 2024 - Year 6 trip to RAF Hendon

Thursday 24th October 2024 - Class group photographs

Monday 28th October 2024 - Friday 1st November 2024 - Half Term

Monday 4th November - Inset Day

Champ of the Week



30.09.2024 - 04.10.2024 for being:
Attentive

Evie	-	Reception
Noelle	-	Year 1
Teddy	-	Year 2
George G	-	Year 3
Charlotte	-	Year 4
Sienna	-	Year 5
Kaylum	-	Year 6

07.10.2024 - 11.10.2024 for being:
Motivated

Willson	-	Reception
Millie	-	Year 1
Seb	-	Year 2
Harry	-	Year 3
Josie	-	Year 4
Anvi	-	Year 5
Harper	-	Year 6

Attendance Initiative

Whole School Attendance Figures
30.09.2024 - 04.10.2024

Reception	96.0%
Year 1	98.0%
Year 2	96.0%
Year 3	98.0%
Year 4	98.0%
Year 5	94.0%
Year 6	97.0%

Whole School Attendance Figures
07.10.2024 - 11.10.2024

Reception	99.0%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	97.0%
Year 3	99.0%
Year 4	99.0%
Year 5	97.0%
Year 6	96.0%

Handwriting Award



30.09.2024 - 04.10.2024

Audrey	-	Reception
Owen	-	Year 1
Casper	-	Year 2
Billy	-	Year 3
Ollie	-	Year 4
Mukil	-	Year 5
Yasmin	-	Year 6

07.10.2024 - 11.10.2024

Sophie S	-	Year 1
Meredith	-	Year 2
Allie	-	Year 3
Isaac	-	Year 4
Sophie J	-	Year 5
Bella	-	Year 6

Golden Ticket Winners



30.09.2024 - 04.10.2024 The joint winners this week were Year 3 and Year 6.

07.10.2024 - 11.10.2024 The winners this week were Year 5.

Growth Mindset Quote

Every flower blooms in its own time
Have patience.