

# GREAT GADDESSEN C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Summer 2

Tuesday, 14th May 2019

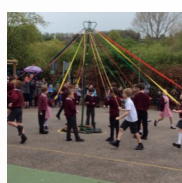
### Message from the Head

Great Gaddesden Primary School are the champions of the 2019 penalty shoot-out competition! The final was played on Sunday, 12th May, at half time at Vicarage Road stadium, during Watford v West Ham Utd. Our school had taken part in the previous qualifying rounds. The final was between Great Gaddesden School and Harvey Road Primary School. The children all held their nerve and scored an amazing 5 out of 6 successful penalties. Harvey and Rowan were fabulous in goal and saved a record 5 out of 6 of the oppositions' shots. What an incredible achievement for our small school. Many congratulations to Jayden, Jack G., Harvey, Maxwell, Rowan, Lilly, Jamie, Lucy, Fenella, Grace, Aaron and Phoenix - who were all part of the squad.

Our aim at Great Gaddesden is to prepare all our children for the world in which we live, encouraging individuality and guiding them to be true to themselves. This week, our Year 6 children are taking SATS in Reading and Maths. These statutory assessments are an opportunity for our children to demonstrate their learning over their primary years. We wish them all well this week.



### MAY DAY DANCING



Last week, we celebrated the arrival of the month of May with a display of traditional May Day dances and Maypole dancing. It was lovely to welcome so many friends, neighbours, families and Governors, despite the challenging weather! The children were fabulous as they danced enthusiastically and persevered to the very end.



EYFS Y3/4

Y1/2 Y5/6



### SPORTS DAY:

1:30 pm, Thursday, 16th May

All friends and family are welcome to join us in The Penfold for our annual sports day. This year, Nursery will be included in the teams and will be spending all day at school. Hopefully, the sun will be shining but in the event of bad weather, the school will use our text service to communicate any change in arrangements.

### Monthly Value:

#### FORGIVENESS



All our EYFS children were recognised for showing understanding and forgiveness recently when Donut 'helped' out with the edible art work!

#### QUALITY

In the month of May, we consider the value of 'quality'. Harry B is the first to be nominated consistently producing such a high quality of work. Well done, Harry.

#### IALAC



Harrison K, Abigail, Harley and George H have recently received their IALAC badges, having shared their gifts and talents with us. They are to be congratulated for the preparation and confidence that they showed when giving their 2 minute speech. Well done, children.



#### House Points

Congratulations to Harvey who has received his 30 House badge.

### EYFS Prayer of the week

*Dear God, Please look after the new royal baby and all the babies in our families.*

*Amen*

### EYFS Curriculum News

We have been doing some fantastic 'Under the Sea' learning, independently retelling The Rainbow Fish and making up our own versions. Sea creatures, starfish, octopus and fish are being used to support number work. The new 'Story Shelf' in our Reading area, is developing the children's story telling language.

### Y1/2 Curriculum News

We are exploring the world of The Hundred Acre Wood through the stories and poetry of A.A. Milne. We have turned the story of 'When Piglet Meets a Heffalump' into a rhyming question and answer poem. The children are looking forward to adding their illustrations to their fabulous writing.

### Y3/4 Curriculum News

In our Anglo Saxons and the Vikings topic, we are comparing Alfred the Great with King Athelstan.  
In Science, we are planning investigation in our 'Light' topic to test out our predictions. We are creating our own Wikipedia pages about Vikings or the artist Lowry, linking our Art and History learning.

### Y5/6 Curriculum News

Maths games of Cluedo has given the children opportunities to apply number strategies. The children are now studying Gordon Benningfield's art work; linking with Forest school sessions. The conclusion of the Mexican topic will be a Mexican fiesta day, with Mexican food, games and outfits - on Friday, 17th May.

### WORKING PARTY REQUEST : Saturday 1st June

We are looking for as many as possible parent volunteers to help on us Saturday, 1st June, with maintenance jobs around the school, including tree and hedge trimming, cleaning the bark area and reorganising school equipment. Hot drinks and biscuits provided! If you can help, please email our Premise Governor, Leo Scarborough at:-



lscarborough@greatgaddesden.herts.sch.uk.

We would greatly appreciate your help on this day, even if it is just for an hour.

### MUSIC LESSONS



In September, I am hoping to extend the range of instrumental lessons available in school. These would be provided by Herts Music Service. I would like to be able to offer:- violin, cello, flute and clarinet. This will be in addition to the guitar and piano we currently offer. A letter will be coming home regarding music provision for September '19, giving further details of instruments and tuition fees.



### SUMMER TERM DATES : 2019

#### New dates in bold

w/beg. 13th May

- KS2 SATS
  - Christian Aid week
- Thursday, 16th May
- 1:30 Sports Day

Monday, 20th May

- Y5/6 Leave for PGL Residential trip
- Wednesday, 22nd May
- 7:30 FOGGS meeting
- Friday, 24th May
- Y5/6 return from PGL trip
  - 3:15 FOGGS cake sale

*HALF TERM : Monday 27th to Friday, 31st May*

**Saturday, 1st June**

- **Parents working party**

Tuesday, 4th June

- **KS1— Mini Olympics at Hemel Sports Space**

Thursday, 6th June

- Y5/6 Swimming

w/beg. 10th June

- **ECO week (details to follow)**

Thursday, 20th June

- **School photos**
- **WOW Forest School Day 1**

Friday, 21st June

- **WOW Forest School Day 2**
- **Y3/4 Sports Festival at Ashlyn's**
- **Y1/2 Singing Festival at Berkhamsted**

w/beg. 24th June

- Small Schools Week (details to follow)

Tues. 25th June/Wed. 26th June

- Y3/4 Hudnell Park residential trip

Friday, 28th June

- **INSET DAY— School closed for pupils**

Tuesday, 2nd July

- **EYFS Sports Festival - Berkhamsted**

Tuesday, 9th July

- 5:00 pm Intervillage Sports

Thursday, 11th July

- 2:00 pm Y5/6 Production
- 7:00 pm Y5/6 Production

Thursday, 18th July

- 2:00 pm Leaver's Service
- Friday, 19th July
- 1:30 pm Summer term ends

*Dear God, Please help us all to appreciate the quality of the world in which we live. Amen.*