

## Great Gaddesden C of E School : Week 6 Update : Summer Term '23

### Religious Life of our school

Congratulations to all the children who have been nominated this month for being fine examples of how we can live the Christian value of 'Honesty'. Well done to :- Lucille, John, Lottie, George, Olive, Pippa, Jack S., Michaela, Molly, Jessica J, Arlo and Sienna.

### Forest School

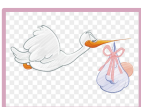
Year 5 and 6 had the opportunity for tool work at Forest School this week. With the option of knives, saws and palm drills, they had free reign in what they decided to make. After nearly two years of regular Forest School, it is wonderful to see the progression in their skills and independence. As you will be aware, Forest School is a great opportunity for children to take supported risks, which in turn leads to greater self-efficacy and intrinsic motivation - skills which will help our children to become lifelong learners.



### Small School Week - 19th to 23rd June

Plans are well underway for this year's Small School Week. After the success of our street dance club, we have booked a whole day of dance workshops for the Wednesday, during which all classes will have the opportunity to learn a choreographed dance. Weather permitting, we hope to invite parents to the playground at 2:15 p.m, so that the children can showcase their dances.

On the Tuesday, the whole school will be visiting the National Trust property, Cliveden, for a school community day out. The children will be able to enjoy picnicing in the grounds, trying out the maze and viewing the gardens, ready for a special project back at school - redesigning our school garden. This trip is only possible because of the fabulous support our families give to all the FOGG's funding raising events. FOGGS have made a very generous donation towards the cost of this trip, which reduces the voluntary donation for each pupil. This will be £12 for per pupil, reducing to £10 for other siblings. Payment details will follow after half term.



### Congratulations

Many congratulations to the Pugh family, on the arrival of baby Summer. We are sure that Pippa and Mia will be marvellous big sisters, supporting and guiding Summer in the years ahead.



### Marvellous Me App

Thank you to those who have shared feedback with us on how much you have enjoyed the updates on Marvellous Me. The short videos have been a particular hit. If you have not yet downloaded the app and signed up, please do so. All the updates so far will be waiting for you and provide a useful insight into what your child is learning. This week's snap shots of the children's learning includes Y5/6 Active Maths, Y3/4 Barmy Army and an insight into African Art printing from Y1/2.



### The Gaddesden Gallop

Many congratulations to all our 'Gaddesden Gallopers', (including one of our Governors). What a great achievement! Well done to all.

### Summer 1 invoices now due

All payments for the following activities are now due and are payable via Arbor :-

- Swimming (Y3/4)
- School lunches (KS2)
- Breakfast Club
- Nurture Club
- Tag Rugby (KS2)
- Street Dance

*Please note:* all balances need to be settled by 31/05/23, in order to access these facilities next half term. Please contact the office if you need support with meeting this deadline.



### Clarinet and flute lessons

On Thursday, the children completed their clarinet and flute sessions. They have done exceptionally well and thoroughly enjoyed them. Herts Music Service will be in touch in the near future, giving details of further musical options.

### Snares for Wares

This week, Isla and Arlo introduced us to a Ugandan based charity called 'Snares for Wares'. They explained the work of the charity and showed some amazing sculptures made from the metal previously used to make snares. The ethos of the charity reflects so many of our school values - *respecting* our environment, taking *responsibility* for our world and working as a *community*.



### Choir: Show and Share

On Thursday, 13th June, all families are invited to join our KS1 choir (Y1/2) and our KS2 choir (Y3 - 6) for a 'Show and Share' session. This will take place in our church and will give the children the opportunity to share the music and songs that they have been learning during our choir sessions with Mrs O'Brien.



School is closed next week for half term. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable week. We look forward to hearing all about the camping trips and holidays when we return on Monday, 5th June.  
Mrs Wickens

Please see diary dates on following page.  
Please note that new dates are shown in **red**.

### Diary dates:

All dates are displayed on the [School Calendar](#), on the website. Please note that occasionally, it may be necessary to change dates. When this occurs, these will be highlighted to parents.

29/05/23 - 02/05/23	HALF TERM WEEK
08/06/23	Class photos
15/06/23	KS1 : Mini Olympics challenge
19/06/23 -23/06/23	<b>Our Small Church School Week</b>
19/06/23	School based activities
20/06/23	Whole school trip to Cliveden NT
21/06/23	2:15 Street Dance display (weather permitting)
22/06/23	Sports Day:- EYFS +Y1 / Community picnic p.m. Y2 - Y6
23/06/23	<i>Inset Day</i>
27/06/23	Y6 trip - Hazard Alley
29/06/23	Y3/4 trip - Saxon Day, at St Albans Cathedral
04/07/23	Djembe Family Workshop (part of Dacorum Music Festival)
05/07/23	Jazzy Socks for Jazzy Jars
07/07/23	Y1/2 trip to College Lake, Tring
08/07/23	Great Gaddesden School + Church Summer fete
13/07/23	Show + Share choir session. 2:00/3:00 - in church
14/07/23	Inter-village Sports Day : Y3- Y6 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Hosted by Little Gaddesden
17/07/23	Y6 Leavers' Service
20/07/23	FOGGS end of term party 3:30 Y6 Leavers' Party
21/07/23	Last day of summer term