

**July 2018**

**Great Gaddesden C of E VA School**

**For Children Aged 3-11**

I would like to begin by welcoming a new member to the Great Gaddesden School family. Congratulations to our head of P.E. Mrs. Todiresei who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl earlier this month!

We held Sports Day early this year due to Mrs. Todiresei heading off on maternity leave. This was a competitive event between the four houses and the children did brilliantly, with the eventual victors being Beech wearing their house colours of yellow. Well done Beech.

Over the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June the children of Great Gaddesden School contributed to the exhibition which took place at the local church. This exhibition was to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gordon Benington, a local artist to the area. Gordon had a love for nature and this was clearly reflected in the subject material that the children had chosen to portray in their work.

The children have taken part in some fantastic activities and school trips this month. A week before the Royal Wedding, year 1 headed off to Windsor Castle as part of their Castles project. They spent the day learning about the Castle and even went inside St George's Chapel. Year 2 attended a singing festival at St. John's Church in Boxmoor. The children discovered new music, learnt a new song, prepared it and then performed 'My Body' to their parents at the end of the day. Year 1 and 2 combined attended an Olympic event at Sportspace where the team achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Well done years 1 and 2!

Years 4 and 5 joined with Gaddesden Row to participate in a WOOFYT workshop. Wooden One Octave Organ For Young Technologists if you hadn't guessed already! The children were given the opportunity to link their scientific knowledge with technology to create and play a wooden one octave organ. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Years 5 and 6 spent the day at the Great Gaddesden Monastery. The children had the opportunity to join in with meal ceremonies, meditation sessions and learn about the Buddhist beliefs.

If you have not visited our school before, there is a Summer Fair being held by the village on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July between 1pm and 4pm in the church yard and the school playground. Please feel free to pop along, show your support and see what you can win at one of the many stalls!

For any prospective parents, if you would like to enquire about future spaces at the school or would like to be shown our fantastic facilities please contact our head teacher, Mrs. Wickens on 01442 255734 who would be delighted to meet you.  
[www.greatgaddesden.herts.sch.uk](http://www.greatgaddesden.herts.sch.uk)

Have a great summer!

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