

# GREAT GADDESSEN C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Spring 3

Friday, 15th February 2019

### Message from the Head

We have had a very busy and productive first half of the Spring term, with the children working enthusiastically and diligently. The range of curriculum experiences that run throughout the learning in our school, is certainly an area to celebrate. This week, we have had bread tasting in Technology in Y3/4, Maya sporting games in Y5/6, turnip growing and soup making in EYFS and fruit creations in Y1/2. It is great to see how keen the children are to discuss their learning and the sense of pride they have in their work.

Our new payment system, *Gateway*, is now up and running. Many thanks to those who have already signed up for this. If you have yet to do so, the details are as follows: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/get-started/>. We will now be using this system for parental consent for all school trips and outings, as well as for payment of school dinners and trips.

I wish you all a good half term and look forward to seeing all the children safely back at school on Monday, 25th February.

### FEELING GOOD WEEK

This week has been designated as 'Feeling Good Week' throughout Hertfordshire. As a school, we have been carrying out discussions and activities to promote the children's emotional wellbeing. We are raising awareness of mental health and stressing the importance of keeping our minds healthy, as well as being physically healthy. 'Healthy Young Minds in Herts' is an initiative that has been set up in Hertfordshire to provide support, resources and information for students, parents and teachers. It provides excellent information and can be accessed at [www.healthyyoungmindsinherts.org.uk](http://www.healthyyoungmindsinherts.org.uk).

This week, all children have been introduced to the 5 aspects of Well Being :

***Connect, Be active, Take Notice, Keep Learning, Give.***

### Yoga feedback from Mrs Crowther:

After several weeks of teaching yoga to EYFS, KS1 and KS2 After School club, it is wonderful to see the progress the children have made. They are very engaged and are now familiar with the yoga poses. The children have made great progress in being able to relax into the meditation and remain focused on their breath. Well done.

In EYFS, we have had circle time, sharing times when we feel good inside and things we do that make us feel happy inside.

Y1/2 have been 'learning' new things about different types of fruit and how we can 'take notice' of our environment.

In Y3/4, we thought about how 'connecting' with others helps us to feel good and ways in which we can 'give' our time to others.

Y5/6 have been considering how each of the five areas could be of benefit to themselves. They will be keeping a log of their activities.

### Monthly Value:



### FRIENDSHIP

Jack W and Dexter started the 'friendship tree' as they were nominated for making sure their friends were all included in their playground game. A lovely example of friendship being inclusive. This week, we added Jack B's hand print as he was recognised for the thoughtful way in which he treats his friends.

### IALAC

Recently, Charlie, Olive, Grace H and Holly shared their gifts and skills with us. The children were recognised by others for being supportive to others and their siblings, being cheerful and displaying great perseverance.

### HOUSE POINTS AWARDS

10 House point certificate

Congratulations to :-

Ethan, James, Sophia, Ryan, Harrison, William, Lilly, Hope, Harry O and Ollie A.

20 House point certificate:-

Congratulations to:-

Harley, Josh, Zach, Harriet and Fenella.

### Prayer of Friendship

***Dear God, Help us to make good friend and be a good friend to others.***

### EYFS REQUEST

Our EYFS team have been very busy rearranging the EYFS unit. They have put out a request for the following items :- toy vehicles (metal die-cast cars + toy buses in particular), buttons and beads and any Happyland items (Small World Play). All contributions would be gratefully received.

### SCHOOL LUNCH PAYMENT

A reminder that Herts Catering require all school lunches to be paid **in advance**. Please contact the office if you would like to discuss an alternative payment arrangement.

### YEAR 2 ATHLETICS

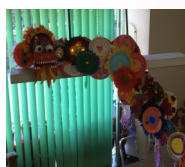
On Friday, Year 2 joined other school in Dacorum and participated in an Athletics Festival at Berkhamsted Leisure Centre. The activities included beam balancing, javelin throwing, stepping and long jump. The children performed superbly and as a whole team, they finished in a very impressive 11th place overall, out of 38 teams. Our girls' team finished in 7th place ! These are great results for our small school. Well done, Year 2. Thank you to Mrs Robertson and Mr Presence for supporting the children with this trip.

### OUTDOOR LEARNING

Year 5/6 have been linking their Maya topic to their outdoor learning. Last week, they created a Maya calendar, using glyphs to represent the days of the week. They created these symbols using earth and natural resources. The children were able to confidently explain the meaning of each set of symbols that were used to form the calendar.



### CHINESE NEW YEAR



In celebration of the Chinese New Year on Tuesday, 5th February, we had a whole school challenge to create our very own dragon. This brightly coloured creature has now taken residence in the library. He is has yet to be named by the children. Our EYFS children impressed us all at our Celebration Assembly by sharing some of their Chinese writing with us all.

### PACKED LUNCH

As part of our PSHE programme, we encourage the children to understand the role that good food and nutrition plays in contributing to their health and wellbeing. A reminder that in line with our policy, we have a 'no chocolate or nuts'. Thank you for supporting this by ensuring that the children's packed lunch reflect this.



### SPRING TERM DATES 2019

#### Spring 1

#### **HALF TERM**

**Monday, 18th February -  
Friday, 22nd February**

#### Spring 2

#### **Tuesday, 26th February**

- 9:00 Y4 Speed Stacking Festival
- 3.00 Hudnall Park parents' meeting

#### **Thursday, 7th March**

- World Book Day
- Wow Forest School Day

#### **Friday, 8th March**

- Wow Forest School Day

#### **Wednesday, 13th March**

- Science Day

#### **Friday, 15th March**

- Red Nose Day

#### **Thursday, 21st March**

- 9:00 Y5/6 Sharing Assembly

#### **Monday, 25th March**

- Waste Aware Assembly
- Workshop Y5/6

#### **Tuesday, 26th March**

- 9:00 Y1/2 Sharing Assembly
- 3:30—5:00pm  
Parent Consultation Evening

#### **Wednesday, 27th March**

- 5:30—7:30pm  
Parent Consultation Evening

#### **Thursday, 28th March**

- 9:00 Y3/4 Sharing Assembly

#### **Wednesday, 3rd April**

- EYFS Sharing Assembly

#### **Thursday, 4th April**

- 9:00 Easter church service
- 10:30 Egg rolling competition

#### **Friday, 5th April**

- 1:30 End of term.
- 1:30 FOGGS Easter Egg hunt

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for our friends and our friendships. Help us to value the gift of friendship.*

*Amen.*