

Great Gaddesden CE (VA) Primary School

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This month's
value is:



Weekly update



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very sunny and warm week here at Great Gaddesden!

This week, we have had Mr Burgess (Foundation Governor) visit collective worship. Mr Burgess was particularly impressed with the children's behaviour, reflections and understanding. He also commented on the children's confidence when singing and overall he could see the impact collective worship has on both children and adults spiritual development.

Also this week, during our Celebration Worship, we had so many amazing outside of school achievements shared. Just a polite note to say that we always warmly welcome the children to bring them in on a Thursday to share and celebrate with the whole school.

As per last week's newsletter, next week is small school's week. The theme for this year is 'Going on Safari'.

Here is a reminder of the week ahead:

- 23rd Whole School Trip to Woburn Safari Park
- 24th Mixed aged activities afternoon for the children
- 25th Musical Soiree 4-5:00pm (parents welcome & children taking part to stay in school)
- 26th Sports afternoon (parents welcome- picnic on the Penfold 12-1:00 & 1:00pm onwards Sports activities. The children will be split into 4 teams named after animals the children will see on our Woburn Safari).
- 27th INSET day (School Closed for Pupils)

Have a lovely weekend, enjoy the sunshine and I look forward to seeing many of you on Sunday!

Kind regards,

Mr M. Beach - Headteacher

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Wrap around care

Monday, Wednesday &
Thursday 8:00am-6:00pm
Tuesday 8:00am- 4:30pm
Friday (breakfast club only)

To extend your booking to
5:30 or 6:00pm, please
contact the school office



Religious life

This week, in collective worship, we have continued to explore our value of the month 'Trust'.

We revisited the story of David and Goliath and considered how trust in God helped give David strength to face such a challenge.

Our Big Question was: **How does trust in God give us strength?**

Here are some of the children's reflections:

"Because God is powerful"

"Because we know he is always there for us in the hardest times"

"If we trust God then he will help us do incredible things even when we find them hard"

"Because we know God is there for us in difficult times"

Supporting local Hospice



Well done to everyone who attended the 'Bubble Rush' charity event last weekend.

They had lots of fun supporting such a special cause.



'Treat others exactly as you would like to be treated yourself.' (Luke 6:31)



Forest school

Sadly, it was the last Great Gaddesden Forest school afternoon for the Year 6 children this week. We made the most of the sunshine and had a lovely afternoon. We cooked smores on the campfire and built dens. Mrs D tested out how waterproof the dens were using a water pistol! We finished the afternoon sitting around the fire sharing our favourite memories of forest school.



Learners of the week



Star Learners

This week, the following learners below were chosen by their class teacher for demonstrating **excellent learning behaviours**:

Early years	Poppy
Year 1/2	Reed
Year 3/4	Grace
Year 5/6	Adam

Headteacher awards:

- Savannah
- Freddie
- Poppy

Value Ambassadors

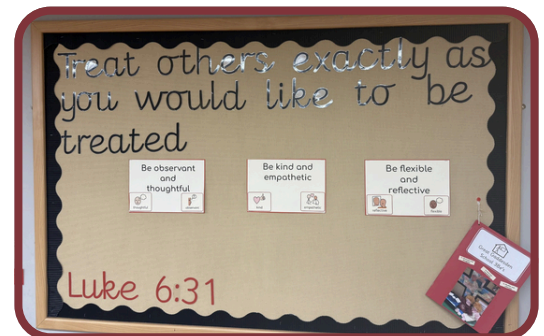
This week, the following learners below were nominated for demonstrating '**trust**' (our value of the month):

Early years	Eve
Year 1/2	Amelia
Year 3/4	Theo
Year 5/6	Dolly



Mission Ambassador

This week, **Reed** was awarded as our 'Mission Ambassador' for being really observant and thoughtful by helping to tidy up all of the play equipment at the end of lunch time without being asked. Well done!



Attendance Ladder



Attendance

OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS: 97%
OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR IS: 94%

Our attendance has been very good again this week. Well done everyone!

Spotlight on Learning

This week, we hear from Mrs De, our Creative Arts Lead.

At Great Gaddesden School, Art is planned using the National Curriculum and we structure our long term plans based on a progression of skills. It is a broad and balanced curriculum ensuring a wide variety of diverse artists. Each class has 3 units to cover in a year and the children have the opportunity to explore and evaluate different creative ideas developing skills in drawing, painting, printing, collage, textiles, sculpture and digital art. Children build on prior skills and knowledge to ensure clear progression across the year groups.

Here is what each year group have been learning about:

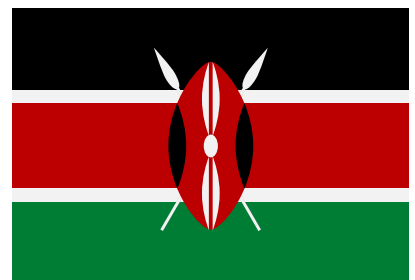
EYFS

In EYFS, the children have been exploring the topic of 'Zoos.' Their environment has been transformed into a zoo and they have been focussing on the different animals that might live there. They have been creating a wonderful 3D zoo complete with animals, trees and different homes to live in!



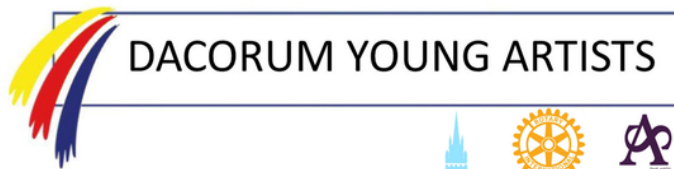
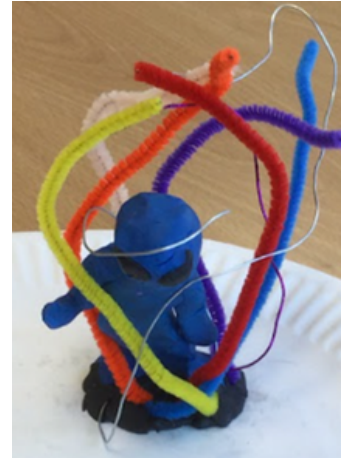
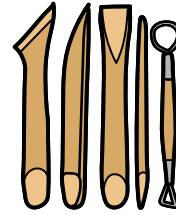
KS1

In Year 1 & 2, the children have been creating African patterns and paintings linked to their Geography topic 'Kenya.' They have used colour mixing to create their 'sunset' backgrounds, drawn repeating patterns for their border and then added African animal silhouettes which they cut out from black paper.



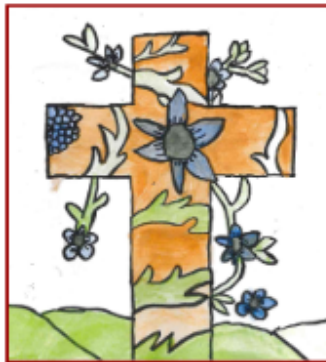
LKS2

In Year 3 & 4, the children have been looking at the work of different sculptors including Andy Goldsworthy, Antony Gormley and Anish Kapoor. They collected and used natural materials from the local environment to create sculptures in the style of Andy Goldsworthy and they are now using plasticine and clay to design sculptures using inspiration from a variety of artists.



Year 4 were also entered into the Dacorum Young Artists award this year.

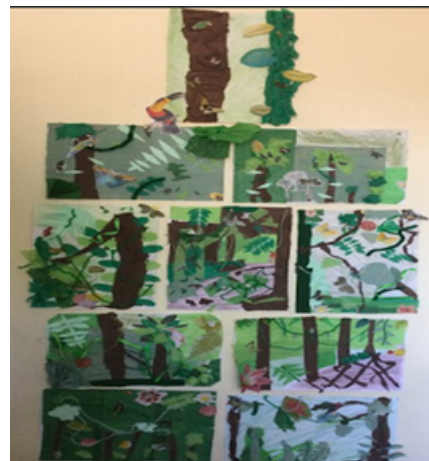
They all completed some beautiful Easter artwork.



Paintings by William, Lowri & Julie

UKS2

In Year 5 & 6, the children are exploring 'collage' as a medium. Linked to their work in Geography on 'Biomes' the children have created some beautiful rainforest pictures using a range of materials and colours.



FOGGs



Key dates

June	<p>w/c 23rd Small schools week</p> <p>23rd Whole School Trip to Woburn</p> <p>25th Musical Soiree 4-4:45pm</p> <p>26th Sports Day (Weather Dependent) (lunch picnic followed by the afternoon of events)</p> <p>27th INSET Day (School closed for Pupils)</p>
July	<p>2nd Y3/4 Forest School (afternoon)</p> <p>7th Early Years Stay & Play/Welcome Meeting (for new families joining Nursery & Reception) 2-3:00pm</p> <p>8th Y6 Trip to Chessington</p> <p>8th Y1/2 Forest School (afternoon)</p> <p>11th FOGGs Summer Party</p> <p>18th End of Year Reports sent out</p> <p>18th Maypole & Country Dancing 2:30pm in the playground (parents welcome)</p> <p>22nd Y6 Leavers Service at 9am (St John's Church)</p> <p>22nd Term Ends @1:30pm</p> <p>23rd Occasional day</p>

Piano



Mrs Seodi will have two vacancies for piano tuition from September.

If your child would like to start piano lessons, please email Mrs Seodi directly:

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