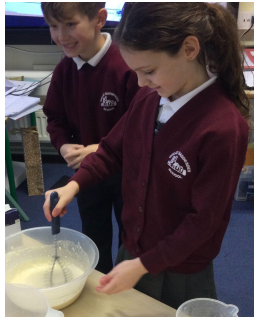




Great Gaddesden C of E Primary School Weekly update - Spring Term '24 : Week 6

Religious Life of our School

This week, all children have marked Shrove Tuesday by making and eating pancakes together. They learned about Jesus spending 40 days in the desert, in order to spend time with his father and prepare for what was to come. We now enter Lent, a season of preparation, where we remember the events leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus.



As part of our RE curriculum, we learn about other faiths, in addition to Christianity. This week, the younger children were learning about Islam. We were delighted to welcome Pippa and Mia's auntie to school, who talked to the children about the Islamic faith. The children asked very thoughtful questions and were extremely interested in the different religious artefacts, particularly the prayer mat and the figs that are shared at the end of fasting.

Safe use of the Internet



On Monday, we were visited by Mary Rebelo, who works for CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Agency). She spent time in every class and spoke to the children about the apps and websites that they use and the potential risks that these may pose, from inappropriate content to selling of data.

In the evening, Mary held a parental workshop where she discussed this further. The feedback from both parents and children has been extremely positive and forms part of the ongoing dialogue we have, as a school community, about safe use of technology.

Mary has shared the slides from the parents Zoom meeting for those who were unable to attend. She has also given access to her [padlet](#); this is an online collection of relevant articles and resources that she regularly updates. Mary particularly highlighted the [Parent Zone Library](#) and [PEGI](#), which allows parents to check the suitability and content of apps.

We would like to thank FOGGS for funding Mary's visit to our school; it was an extremely useful and informative day.



Open classroom

Over the last two weeks, it has been lovely to have so many parents who were able to join the children in class, engaging in activities together. This week it was the turn for Y5/6 and Y1/2 parents to spend time in class with the children.




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.

Newly added dates are displayed in **red**.

19/02/24 - 23/02/24 Half term break	
29/02/24	Y1/2 - Dacorum Sports event: Everyone Active, Hemel.
04/03/24	Y5/6 - Magistrate workshop
07/03/24	World Book Day
10/03/24	Mother's Day
15.03/24	FOGGS disco
19/03/24	3:30/5:00 Parental Consultations
21/03/24	5:00/7:00 Parental Consultations
26/03/24	9:15 Easter Service in church
	Egg rolling competition
28/03/24	1:30 End of term




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Can't get them to try new foods!*

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Monday 19th February 6pm - 7pm

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