

Great Gaddesden CE (VA) Primary School

This month's
value is:



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Weekly update

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, I have had the pleasure of visiting all classrooms to see teaching and learning in action. We have recently implemented a new Teaching, Learning and Assessment policy (which is now published on our website); it was great to see all of the things we have been working on in action. One of the key areas we would like your support with, is continuing to develop the children's handwriting skills. We are currently looking at our handwriting curriculum and we are hoping to be able to provide some resources for parents to support this at home.

On Tuesday, it was Years 3&4's turn to take part in a local sporting event. They took part in a the small school rapid fire cricket event at Abbots Hill school. They enjoyed spending the morning being active.

On the topic of sport and exercise, it is really important that all children have the correct PE kit in school. They also should have a seperate kit for football club to avoid any muddy clothes being left in school. We also would like to politely remind all of our families about the school uniform expectations:

Winter uniform: Long grey tailored trousers (jogging bottoms are only allowed in Early Years),
White school polo shirt (logo not required), school sweat shirt/cardigan with logo, grey skirt / tunic
Socks or tights : white, black or grey Footwear: black shoes
Hair below the shoulders must be tied back with a hair band/tie

Thank you for your support with this.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Matt Beach
Headteacher



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Religious life of our school

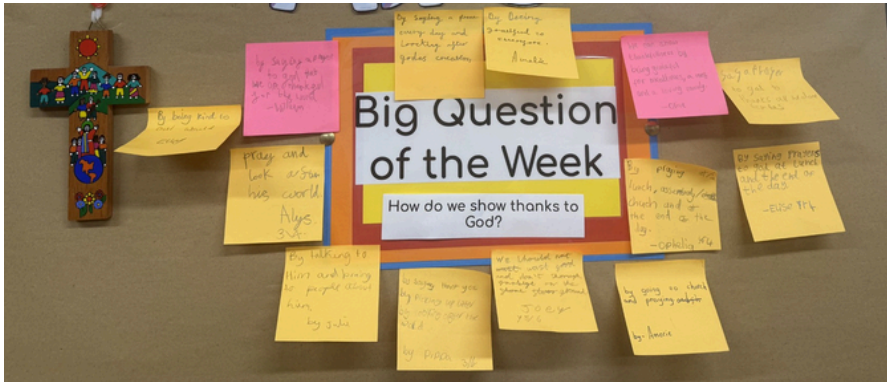


This week, in collective worship, we reflected on thankfulness in the Bible story 'Jesus Feeds the 5000'

The main points we discussed were:-
The importance of saying grace at meals, as before Jesus multiplied and distributed the bread, he "raised his eyes to heaven and prayed",

The importance of being grateful for what we have and not wasteful with food, because Jesus tells them, "Gather up the fragments, lest they be lost"

Big Question- How do we show thanks to God?



EYFS Outdoor area

We are very excited for our new Early Years outdoor area to be completed!
The works are due to take place in February which is just in time for our Early Years children to enjoy as Spring starts to arrive.



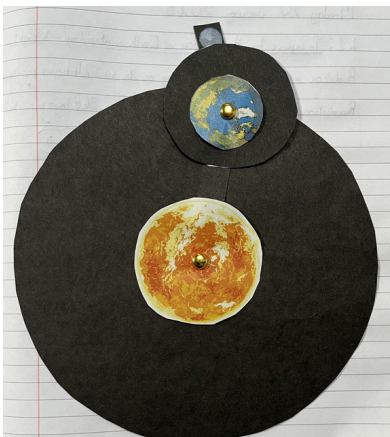
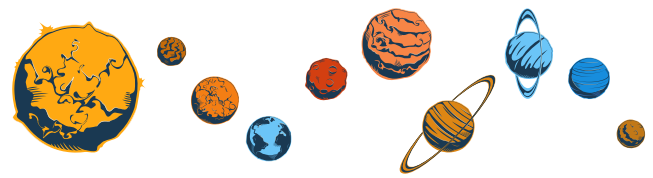
Spotlight on learning

In Year 5 & 6, we have been reading and enjoying the gothic story -Wind in the Walls. We have been exploring the conventions and language used in the gothic genre and the children are now working towards creating their very own gothic horror story.

During our geography lessons, Yr 5 and 6 have been researching information on different biomes. They have made their own posters and even created their own mini rainforest biome in a bottle!



Calm descends upon the class during our weekly PE lesson where they are learning different yoga positions and then creating their own Yoga Flows.



In Science we have started our new topic of Earth and Space.

We have looked at the movements of the Earth, Moon, and Sun, including making a model using split pins of the Earth and Moon's rotation and revolution.

The children have also researched this and made notes using lots of scientific vocabulary.

We have learned about what causes us to have night and day and used a torch and globe to investigate this during lesson.

We have also looked at what causes the seasons and researched the characteristics of each season and how these are caused by the Earth's tilt.

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

During Design and Technology, Year 5 and 6 have been learning about the seasonality of different foods and considering the benefits of producing and buying various foods locally and in season. We also spent the afternoon tasting a variety of soups including; Thai green vegetable, lentil and smoked bacon, and Caribbean sweet potato (which was the overall favourite!)



Learners of the week

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

- Early years **Benji**
- Year 1/2 **Esmae**
- Year 3/4 **William**
- Year 5/6 **Dottie**

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

- Early years **Iustin**
- Year 1/2 **William**
- Year 3/4 **William**
- Year 5/6 **Adam**



Elissa received a Headteacher's award for excellent independent writing.



Attendance

OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS: 86%

OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR IS: 94%

Our attendance has been particularly low this week as there has been a lot of illness. Hopefully those who have been unwell this week will feel better over the weekend.



Community information



After School Club Manager Great Gaddesden C of E (VA) Primary School

📍 Dacorum Borough 🕒 Part time
£ £25,183 - £26,409 H4 Pro-rata (based on 15 hours weekly/term time)
📅 Closing date: 30th Jan 2025 5:00 PM

We are very excited to offer this new opportunity to join our team. The role of After School Club/Wrap Around Manager is key to helping us achieve our vision to grow our wrap around provision at Great Gaddesden school. The role is for 15 hours per week (3:00-6:00pm Monday to Friday) and...

👁️ VIEW FULL DETAILS

**We're
Hiring**

We are working on **growing our wrap around provision** offer to be able to provide this for an **increased number of hours and places.**

In order to do this, **we are advertising for a After School Club Manager.**

Please click the link below to find out more & share to help us make this vision possible:

https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,after-school-club-manager_100149.htm

Please scan the QR code to find out lots of information about support available locally for families



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On **12th February 2-3pm** we have our next **Parent Forum Meeting.**

Parent Partnership is important to us and the meetings provide the opportunity to discuss school life, consult with parents and encourage open communication. It is also an opportunity to enjoy a warm drink and a biscuit!

Key dates

New or amended dates added in **red**
Things in bold are coming up next week

February	<p>5th Y5/6 'Cosmos in the Classroom'/Planetarium trip @St Albans Cathedral</p> <p>7th Parent Cafe @St John's Church (First Friday of each month)</p> <p>11th Safer Internet Day</p> <p>12th Parent Forum 2-3pm</p> <p>13th Y3/4 Forest School</p> <p>14th FOGGs Spring Disco 3:15-4:30pm</p> <p>w.c 17th Half term (school closed)</p> <p>27th- Y1/2 Forest School PM</p>
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