

Great Gaddesden CE (VA) Primary School

This month's
values is:



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Weekly update

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been a busy week as Year 6 completed the end of KS2 assessments. Well done to **Tommy, Adam, Dottie, Olive, Sophie & George** for completing all of the tests and for the hard work they have put into them. They enjoyed some celebratory cakes this morning and explored some different designs for the leavers hoodies. I would also like to thank the Y5/6 team for ensuring our children were prepared for the tests. We are looking forward to taking our Year 6 children to Chessington later this term to celebrate their hard work and also to make a special memory during their last term with us.

It has been lovely seeing lots of photos of the children completing their 25 challenges. Please continue to share these via the school office as we share them in celebration assembly and in the newsletter.

Next week, on Friday, FOGGs have organised a "Yes Day". Please refer to the flyer further down in the newsletter. The suggested donation is £2.50 and is to please be paid via Arbor (from next week).

On a separate note, please can you ensure that on your child's Arbor profile, we have at least two emergency contacts. It is vital that we are able to reach someone in the event that we need to. If you are unable to amend this via Arbor, please let the school office know.

We also have a few spaces left for Nursery and Reception in September. If you know of any families looking for a school place, please let them know.

Have a good weekend

Mr Matt Beach
Headteacher

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Wrap around care

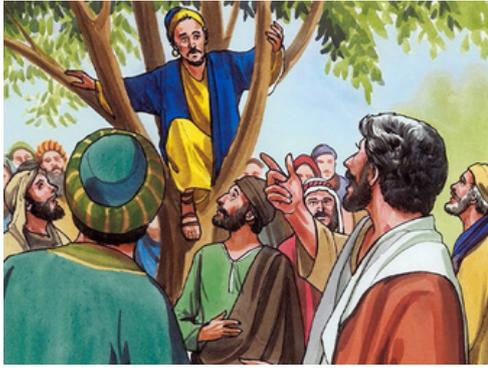
Monday, Wednesday &
Thursday 8:00am-6:00pm
Tuesday 8:00am- 4:30pm
Friday (breakfast club only)

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

Attendance

**OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE THIS
WEEK IS: 91%**
**OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE SO
FAR THIS YEAR IS: 94%**

Religious life



Linked to our value of the month 'honesty', we revisited the Bible story about Zacchaeus. We considered how Zacchaeus reflected on his dishonest behaviour, sought help from Jesus and put things right.

Our Big Question this week was:

How can those who have been dishonest become honest?

"To tell someone if you have lied"

"Say sorry and ask for forgiveness"

"By owning up and telling the truth"

"Own up and say sorry, please forgive me for being dishonest and then everything will be fine"

FOGGs updates

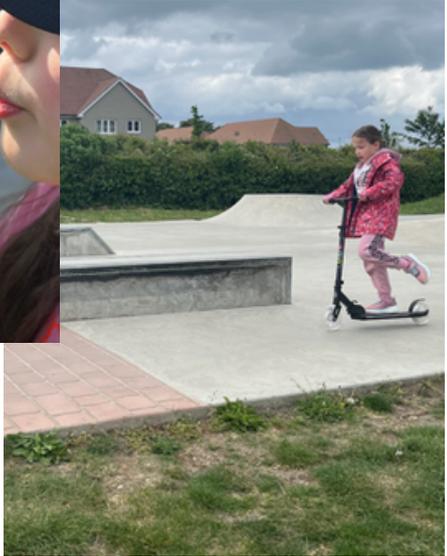
Here are some more of the challenges that have been completed this week!



Alex took his twin brother and sister for a walk around our farm and sat with them in the digger.



Priscilla & Ophelia have been enjoying scootering and blowing dandelions.





Mia tried her first & second ever rollercoasters!

Pippa and Mia painted some rocks
Pippa and Mia searched for shells on the beach.



Charlotte wanted to dance in the rain as one of her challenges!

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Alys enjoyed watching the sunset in Margate last weekend!

FOGGS SUMMER PARTY

We are looking for donations!

- Teddy's
- Soft Toys
- Unwanted Toys
- Lucky Dip



Please start collecting for our Summer Party on Friday 11th July and hand donations in to school office for FOGGS to collate!

More info to follow!

Thank you!

YES DAY

FRIDAY 23RD MAY

£2.50

SILLY HAIR

WEAR TRAINERS

NAIL VARNISH

CHOCOLATE AND SWEETS IN LUNCHBOX

NAIL VARNISH

CRAZY SOCKS OR TIGHTS

BRING A SOFT TOY
OR A FIGURINE

£2.50 TO BREAK AS MANY AS YOU WANT

PLEASE MAKE PAYMENT VIA ARBOR, THANK YOU!

Spotlight on Learning



Early Years have had a fantastic time learning about pirates this week! They have learnt how to talk like pirates (and written speech bubbles), found out what pirates have to wear and drawn and labelled their pirates. They have also sent messages in bottles, made treasure maps with tea bags to make them look old. They used their phonics knowledge to read instructions to find treasure and they also discovered what its like to be part of a pirate crew having to scrub the decks, climb the riggings and look out for sharks as well as treasure chests! They have collated all their knowledge into creating leaflets showing how to be a pirate!



Learners of the week



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

Headteacher's awards:

- Early years **Roman**
- Year 1/2 **Keeva**
- Year 3/4 **Elise**
- Year 5/6 **All of Year 6!**

- Freya
- Frankie

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

- Early years **Freddie**
- Year 1/2 **Sophie**
- Year 3/4 **Bea**
- Year 5/6 **Leo**



Key dates

May	<p>20th EYFS Forest School (afternoon) 21st Group photos 23rd May FOGGs 'Yes Day' w/c 26th Half Term</p>
June	<p>3rd June Y3/4 Forest School (afternoon) 6th June Y5/6 visiting Amaravati Buddhist Monastery 13th EYFS Forest School (afternoon) 16th Y5/6 Forest School (afternoon) w/c 23rd Small schools week 24th Whole School Trip (More information to follow) 26th Sports Day (Weather Dependent) (lunch picnic followed by the afternoon of events) 27th INSET Day (School closed for Pupils)</p>

July	<p>1st Soiree (Evening/Time TBC) 2nd Y3/4 Forest School (afternoon) 7th Early Years Stay & Play/Welcome Meeting (for new families joining Nursery & Reception) 2-3:00pm 8th Y6 Trip to Chessington 8th Y1/2 Forest School (afternoon) 18th End of Year Reports sent out 22nd Y6 Leavers Service at 9am (St John's Church) 22nd Term Ends @1:30pm 23rd Occasional day</p>
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