

Great Gaddesden CE (VA) Primary School

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This month's
value is:



Weekly update

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have lots planned over the next few weeks so I thought it would be useful to provide a more detailed summary (please see below):

On the w.c 23rd it is small school's week. The theme for this year is 'Going on Safari'.

Please ensure to note down the following dates/information:

- 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 day (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)

This week, we introduced a new award to our celebration worship. Alongside the Star Learner and Value Ambassador awards for each class, I will be nominating one child each week as a Mission Ambassador. This is for any child living out our mission statement 'Treat others exactly as you would like to be treated' Luke 6:31 which is at the heart of our theologically rooted vision and demonstrating one or more of the Three Be's:

- Be observant and thoughtful
- Be kind and empathetic
- Be flexible and reflective

With the much warmer weather, it is really important for every child to have a hat, bottle of water and have suncream applied every day.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

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



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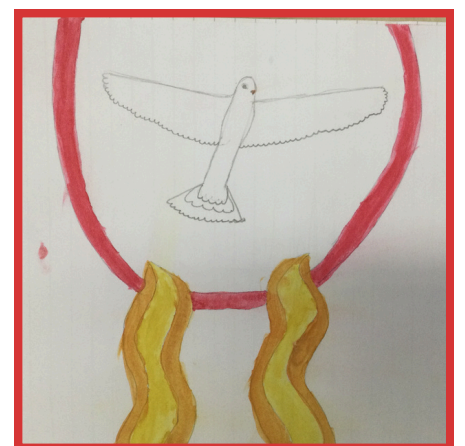
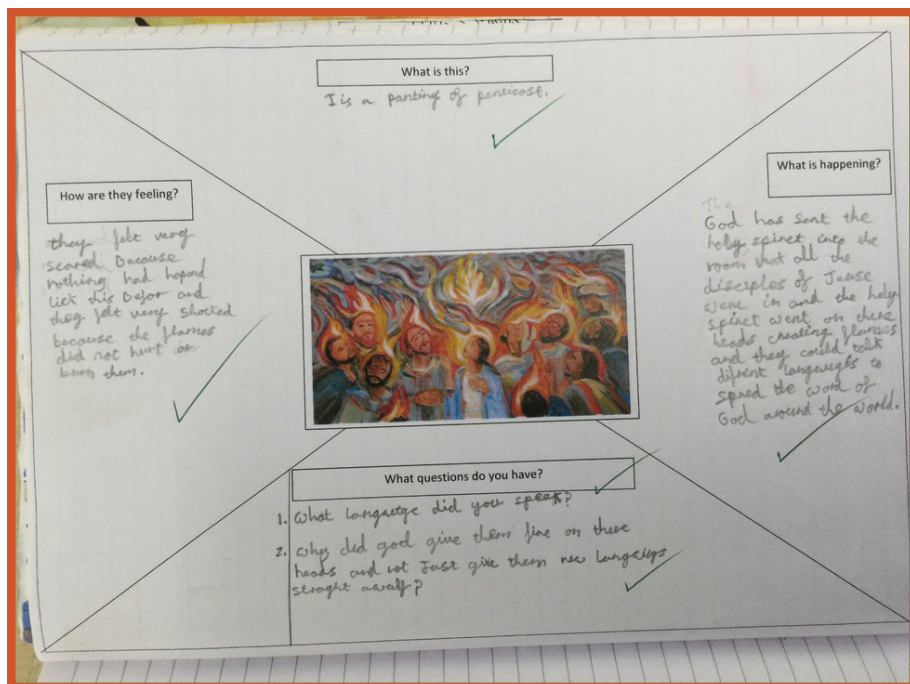
Religious life

On Monday, in collective worship, we reflected on Pentecost which was on Sunday 8th June. We explored different artistic interpretations as well as listening to the Bible story.



We discussed how on this day, the followers of Jesus waited together in prayerful anticipation for the promise of the Holy Spirit. We discussed that this arrival showed Jesus' followers that we can always trust Jesus.

We also shared some learning and creative work both KS1 and LKS2 have completed as part of their RE learning about Pentecost.



Jesus had promised his disciples he would send the Holy Spirit after his ascension (John 14:16-17)

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	Fredrik
Year 1/2	Liam
Year 3/4	Ella G
Year 5/6	Amorie

Headteacher awards:

- Ellie
- Nyree

Value Ambassadors

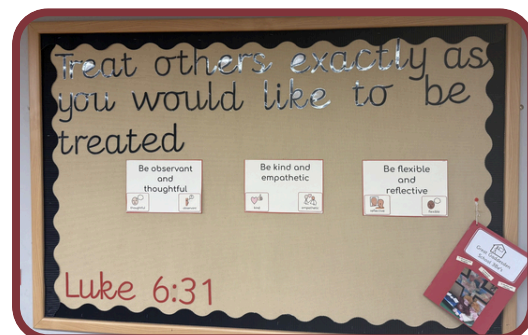
This week, the following learners below were nominated for demonstrating '**trust**' (our value of the month):

Early years	Maeve
Year 1/2	Joshua
Year 3/4	Harley
Year 5/6	Sophie



Mission Ambassador

This week, **Ophelia** was awarded as our 'Mission Ambassador' for being kind and empathetic all of the time and also for being observant and thoughtful by sharing a response every week to the big question. Well done!



Attendance Ladder



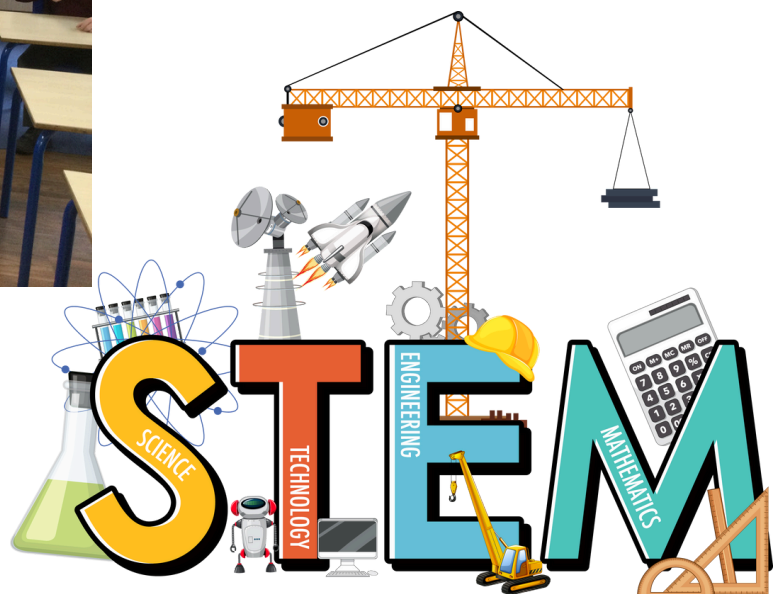
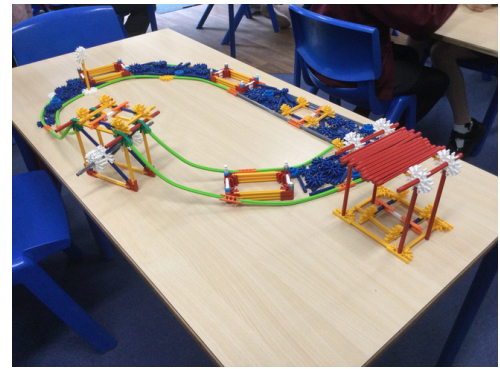
Attendance

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!

K'Nex Challenge

Key Stage 2 all took part in the K'nex STEM challenge this week. Their brief was to build a fairground ride! We had all sorts of ideas from log flumes to ferris wheels to roller coasters. The children were all very focused on the task and showed exceptional teamwork during the challenge.



Spotlight on Learning

This week we hear from Miss Carty who is our English leader.

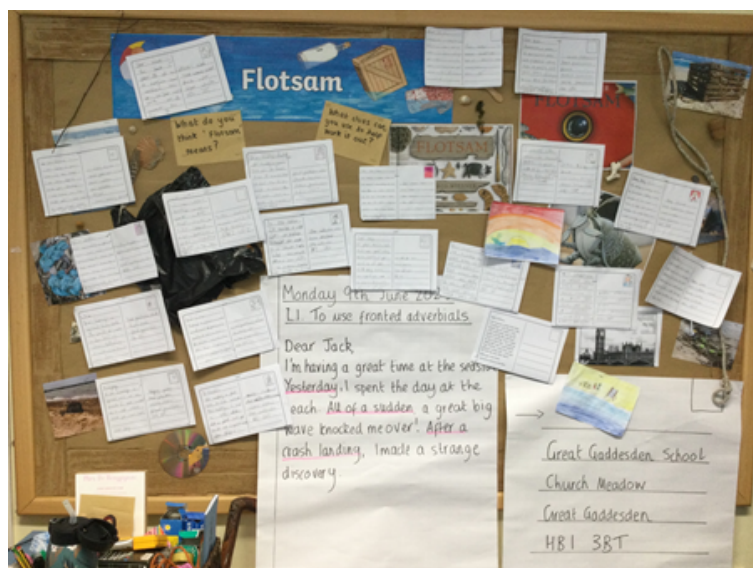
At Great Gaddesden School, we aim to offer an English curriculum that is diverse and engaging. We follow the Literacy Tree, an approach to the teaching of English that places children's literature at its core. This book-based approach immerses children into literary worlds, creating strong levels of engagement to provide meaningful writing opportunities where the audience and purpose are clear. The children encounter a wide range of significant authors and a variety of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts.

In **EYFS**, the children are exploring the book 'and Tango makes three' by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell. Fitting with the setting of the story, the EYFS environment has transformed into a zoo! This week, the children have been exploring the provision and writing labels for the animal enclosures, feeding time posters and writing in role as the animals.



In **Year 1 & 2**, the children have read 'Last Stop on Market Street' by Matt de la Pena. They have used their senses to explore the different settings in the story and developed a wide range of vocabulary, then using this to write some brilliant group poems which they then shared with the class. This week, they have planned their own version of the story and have made a brilliant start at their own narrative writing.

In **Year 3 & 4**, the children are sharing the book 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner. This beautiful picture book follows a character finding a camera on the beach and discovering photographs of amazing underwater worlds. They have explored these settings and used a brilliant range of vocabulary to describe them in their writing. This week, they have written postcards to retell what has happened to them, practising their use of fronted adverbials.



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In **Year 5 & 6**, the children are enjoying reading the novel 'Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen.



Key dates

June

16th Y5/6 Forest School (afternoon)

w/c 23rd Small schools week

23rd Whole School Trip to Woburn

25th Musical Soiree 4-5pm (date change)

26th Sports Day (Weather Dependent)

(lunch picnic followed by the afternoon of events)

27th INSET Day (School closed for Pupils)

July

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)

11th FOGGs Summer Party

11th Maypole & Country Dancing 2:30pm

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

FOGGs update



Due to a lack of organisers and donations, this year's Summer Party has been scaled back to an Outdoor Disco. While we're disappointed not to go ahead with the full event, we're still planning a fun-filled afternoon for the children!

The Summer Party will take place on Friday 11th July, straight after school collection at 4:45pm from the playground.

There will be plenty of games and activities, and each child will receive a goodie bag, snack, and drink as part of their ticket price. **Arbor will accept payments on Tuesday 17th June.**

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