

Great Gaddesden CE (VA) Primary School

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Weekly update

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy week here at Great Gaddesden!

On Monday, we had our SIAMs inspection. Whilst I cannot share the outcome with the community yet, it was lovely for us to share our school with the inspector and the work that we do here. The report will be published by September and we will share this with you as soon as it arrives.

On Tuesday, Year 6 went with myself and Mrs Lilley to Chessington. This is a new tradition introduced this year to celebrate the children's time with us at Great Gaddesden and create a memorable experience for them to take with them. A great day was had by all and we were so impressed with their behaviour.

Yesterday, we had our transition morning. The children had the opportunity to spend time with their new classes and get to know a bit more about what to expect in September. The Inclusion and Pastoral team are finalising transition booklets to support the children to refer to over the summer which aims to reassure them as they move upwards.

To ensure your child stays safe in the sun, please ensure they have a water bottle, a hat and have plenty of suncream (they can apply themselves) every day as the weather has continued to be very warm this week.

On a separate note, if your child completed the Phonics Screening Check, Year 4 Multiplication Check or the KS2 SATs, the result will be enclosed with your child's end of year report next Friday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr M. Beach
Headteacher



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This month's values are:



Friendship



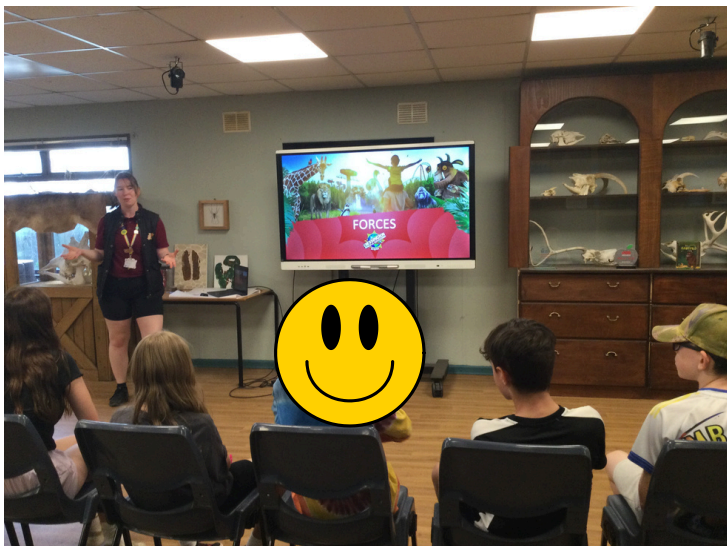
Love

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

Y6 Chessington



6 YEAR



Learners of the week



Headteacher's awards:

Mia, Charlotte & Esmae

Star Learners

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

Early years	Roman
Year 1/2	Esmae
Year 3/4	Amelie
Year 5/6	Leo

Outside Celebrations

Well done to **Kiera** who completed a Scouts Award and swimming 400m!

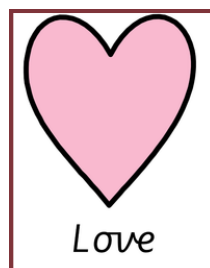
Also, we are pleased to share that this week, **Benji** performed at a Music Concert and won an award. We enjoyed watching a video of Benji playing in Celebration Assembly.

Please let us know if there are any outside celebrations your child would like to share with the rest of the school and we will continue to share these on the newsletter.

Value Ambassadors

This week, the following learners below were nominated for demonstrating '**love**' and '**friendship**' (our values of the month):

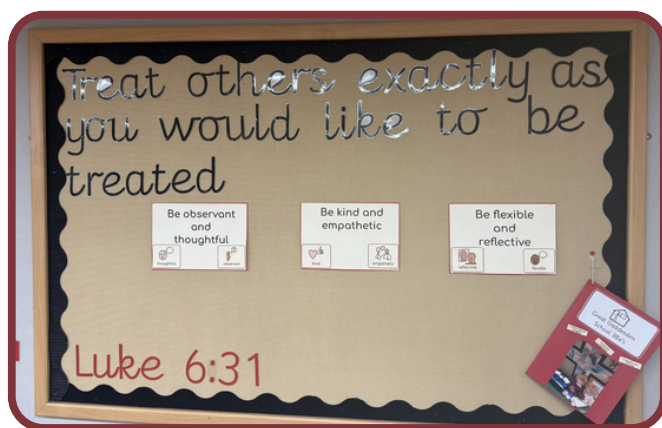
Early years	Poppy
Year 1/2	Fox
Year 3/4	Harley
Year 5/6	Sophie & Adam



Mission Ambassador

This week, **Year 6 were** awarded as our 'Mission Ambassador'. They were so excellently behaved at Chessington and showed what wonderful ambassadors they are for our school.

Well done Year 6!



Attendance

OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS: 96%

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FOGGs Summer Party



Spotlight on Learning

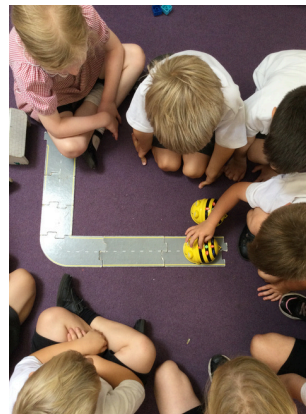


This week, we hear from Mrs Benson who leads Computing.

At Great Gaddesden we follow the Teach Computing scheme from Years 1-6. The long term plans are designed to ensure a progression of skills throughout the years and to build on prior knowledge. Each class covers 5 areas of learning : Computing Systems and Networks, Creating Media, Programming, Data and Information E-Safety. The units taught ensure a broad and balanced coverage of the National curriculum requirements, provide pupils with the opportunity to learn and apply transferable skills. The use of technology is on-going throughout EYFS. Children are exposed to some of the skills and equipment used in computing through linked provision and access to technological toys in the classroom. Some examples include: taking a photograph with a camera or tablet, searching for information on the internet and using google maps, playing games on the interactive whiteboard, using a Beebot (introduction to coding).

Here is what each year group has been learning:

In **Early Years**, the children have been using the Ipad to take photos of things that interest them around the school grounds that make them say "I wonder....". They have also been using the beebots to start to give simple directions.



In **Year 1 and 2**, the children have been developing their keyboard skills and learning how to use the space bar, delete button and return key.

In **Year 3 and 4**, they have been introduced to a new programming software called Scratch. The children have learnt to identify different programming command blocks, select the ones they want to use and see it come to life.



SCRATCH

In **Year 5 and 6**, the children have been learning to use Google slides to present their independent research. Furthermore, they have also used the online tool 'Book Creator' to publish their dystopian stories written during English lessons

Community Information

We are listening

Speak to a County Councillor
responsible for SEND

Have a chat and a refreshment
with an Elected Member.

Your views will shape what is
discussed at the upcoming SEND
Summit.



Friday 11 July, 9am - 10.30am

No booking,
just drop in

Hobbs Hill Wood School
Peascroft Road
Hemel Hempstead
HP3 8ER

Parking available
Wheelchair
accessible
BSL available



www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/SENDSummit



Key dates

July

15th Early Years 25/26 Parent Meeting

4:30-5:30pm

18th End of Year Reports sent out

**18th Maypole & Country Dancing 2:30pm in the
playground (parents welcome)**

21st July Change Team have organised our first
fundraiser (Pyjama Day)

22nd Y6 Leavers Service at 9am (St John's Church)

22nd Term Ends @1:30pm

23rd Occasional day