

Great Gaddesden C of E School :

Weekly update - Autumn Term : Week 3

Religious Life of our school

Mrs Tisbury led our Collective Worship in church this week, focussing on our need to care for the world in which we live. The children were given a practical task, during which they had to work together in order to keep the inflated globe, representing the world, safe. They gave thoughtful responses and worked well together.



Wednesday Breakfast Club

Wednesday morning is proving very popular for our breakfast club. In order to ensure safe staff ratios, it will be necessary to pre-book a place for a Wednesday, going forward. This can be done by contacting the school office. Confirmed bookings that have already been made, do not need to be rebooked.

Marvellous Me

We will soon be launching our Marvellous Me badges, to encourage the children to be '*Curious*' about their learning, to develop their '*Independence*' and to support building on prior learning, '*Retrieval*'. When an award has been given, parents will be notified via the Marvellous Me app.



Grandparents Afternoon : Friday, 29th September

A reminder that if you have a family member wishing to attend our open afternoon, in celebration of National Grandparents' Day, please use the [link](#) to complete the booking form. Please note: we may have to limit numbers, dependent on responses.

Y2: Glow Dance Workshop : Thursday, 28th

On Thursday, Y2 will be joining other pupils from Dacorum at JFK, where they will participate in a Glow Dance workshop, led by Dacorum Schools Partnership. If your child is in Y2, please ensure that their full PE kit, including appropriate footwear, is in school.



Gaddfest

What a wonderful occasion the first Gaddfest was! We have received so much positive feedback, from parents and staff alike, remarking on how much they enjoyed the evening - from the hog roast and light up candy floss, to the socialising and auction! A huge thank you to the FOGGS team for organising the event, to Mr & Mrs Humbert for hosting and all who joined the evening of fun!

Please see the note below from FOGGS.



Forest School

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a windy Forest School session on Wednesday. Having foraged for elderberries and blackberries, they then created some fantastic tie dye pieces. It was great to see some fantastic collaboration as the children created an extensive den from tarpaulins. An impressive feat in the wind!



A message from FOGGS

🎉GADDFEST!🎉

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to Gaddfest this weekend. It was such a brilliant event and it was so nice to see so many familiar and new faces, parents and school staff. We hope you enjoyed yourselves.

(Photos have been uploaded onto our FOGGS Facebook page, so please take a look)

The whole idea behind this event was to build on strengthening our school community and raise some money for the school whilst doing it. I think we can say that it was a huge success and we are proud to announce that we raised.....

🎉 £1200 🎉

A huge thank you to Jonathan & Harriet Humbert who so kindly allowed this event to take place at their home and their generous donation of providing all the food for this event. Big thanks to the organising team who pulled this event together behind the scenes, booking entertainment, decorations, selling tickets and getting prize donations for the auction. Thank you to those of you who came and brought tickets and those of you who couldn't come but generously donated.

We look forward to arranging more fundraising events for the future. Watch this space 👁️

Many thanks
The FOGGS team.



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**.

28/09/23	Y2: Dacorum Glow Dance workshop (venue: JFK secondary school)
29/09/23	1:30 -2:45pm - Grandparents afternoon in school
29/09/23	7:00 FOGGS AGM (in school)
03/10/23	9:10am - Harvest Festival service in church
05/10/23	National Poetry Day
10/10/23	World Mental Health Day
11/10/23	Y6 Health check
17/10/23	3:30/5:00 Parent Consultations
19/10/23	5:00/7:00 Parent Consultations
23/10/23 - 27/10/23 Half term break	
27/10/23 - closing date for secondary applications	
01/11/23	Applications for Reception place opens (September '24)
02/11/23	Gaddesden Singing Festival
16/11/23	Flu vaccines
17/11/23	Children in Need day
29/11/23	Y5/6 Bletchley Park visit
07/12/23	Christmas Jumper Day (supporting Save the Children)
12/12/23	Whole School Pantomime - Jack and the Beanstalk
21/12/23	1:30 pm - End of Autumn term