



Giles Brook School

# NEWSLETTER



## Chinese New Year

Saturday 10th February marks the beginning of a New Year on the Lunar Calendar. We know we have many families who will be celebrating and we are looking forward to hearing all about it at school.

Traditionally a time to honour deities and ancestors, the Chinese New Year has become a time to feast and to visit family members - a time to see out the old year and to welcome in the luck and prosperity of a new year to come. 2024 is the year of the Dragon. We wish all our families who will be celebrating lots of best wishes for the New Lunar Year and hope that you enjoy the festivities over the next couple of weeks.

### Clubs


Teacher-led clubs have now finished for this half term. Sport clubs continue everyday as usual.

Booking for next half term is now live on School Gateway.

### Parking Etiquette

We are kindly asking our parents to maintain mutual respect in our car park, even during disagreements. It's important that we set a good example of respectful behaviour for our children. Thank you.

**If you're worried  
about a child:**

 **0808 800 5000**

 **help@nspcc.org.uk**

 **www.nspcc.org.uk**

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

7 MARCH 2024

## World Book Day Tokens

The children will be bringing home their World Book Day tokens on **Thursday 15th February 2024.**

Getting a free £1 book for your child is easy – simply take your £1 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR use it to get £1 off any ANY book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller at:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/participating-retailers/>



# Reminder



## Mufti Day - Friday 18th February

On the last day of term, we invite all our children to wear their own clothes to school in exchange for either £1 or a donation for the Friends Association tombola at the school fete. Items such as bath and shower products, chocolates, drinks of any kind, stationery, tins, packets or any small gifts would be greatly received. We will place a table on the playground at the bottom of the path where donations can be handed over to the Friends Association. Nursery parents may leave items with the nursery staff in the nursery porch. Many thanks for your support in advance.



## This week's sports fixtures

This week we have had our first fixtures of 2024 and our children have made us very proud. On Tuesday we took our year 5/6 Dodgeball Team to Hazeley for a tournament. The team was captained by Daniel and Ellie who were brilliant. They played five games winning two, drawing two and losing only one. Special mentions go to Phoebe and Victor but well played to all.

On Wednesday we managed to take a team of year 5/6 to a fixture over at Middleton Primary school for a football tournament. The two teams we took played amazingly. Team 1 won all of their games and Team 2 won one, drew two and lost one. Special mentions go to Hudson and Aurelia from Team 1 and from Team 2 lots of praise should be given to Captain Mitchell, who is one of our schools sports leaders. He led the team brilliantly and showed great sportsmanship throughout the evening. Goal of the night goes to Hudson's scorpion kick and Ameer's wonderful strike that produced the best smile of the night from his dad.

**MK**  
**LIT FEST**  
**SPRING FESTIVAL 2024**

**Central Milton Keynes**  
**Wednesday 3 – Saturday 6 April 2024**

# Spring 2024

February	March
<p>12.2.24 School Nurse in for Reception and Year 6 children</p> <p>13.2.24 School Nurse in for Reception and Year 6 children</p> <p>13.2.24 Parent Consultation evening</p> <p>15.2.24 Parent Consultation evening</p> <p>16.2.24 Mufti Day (for £1 donation or contribution to the tombola stall)</p> <p>16.2.24 School closes for half term</p> <p>26.2.24 School reopens</p>	<p>4.3.24 Book Week commences</p> <p>5.3.24 String and guitar festival</p> <p>6.3.24 Woodwind and brass festival</p> <p>7.3.24 World Book day</p> <p>8.3.24 M &amp; M Productions 'The Little Princess' performance to Years 1 - 6</p> <p>11.3.24 Year 3 to Roald Dahl Gallery</p> <p>12.3.24 Reception to Mead Open Farm</p> <p>12.3.24 Science Day</p> <p>15.3.24 Red Nose Day</p> <p>18.3.24 Year 1 to MK Museum</p> <p>19.3.24 Year 4 Ancient Egyptian Day</p> <p>22.3.24 Nursery session with The Parks Trust</p> <p>28.3.24 School closes for Easter</p>

**Would you like to play in an orchestra?**



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# FOUR HUBS ORCHESTRAL JAMBOREE 2024

**Do you play a string, brass, woodwind or  
percussion instrument at pre-grade  
and grade 1 standard ?**

**Then this free music making day  
could be for you!**

**Sign up here...**



**Sunday March 17th  
10am-4pm  
Shenley Brook End School  
Walbank Grove, Shenley Brook End  
Milton Keynes, MK5 7ZT**

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