



Giles Brook School

NEWSLETTER

We've now come to the end of the busy first half of the Spring Term. A big thank you to everyone for the support shown on our non-uniform day. This morning, we received a wide array of donated products and gifts, all contributing to the tombolas at our Summer Fair. Your support means a lot to us.

It's hard to accept that we are actually now halfway through this school year - where does time go? The school closes today for the half-term break and will reopen for the second part of the Spring Term on Monday, 26th February 2024. We are excited to welcome everyone back – fully rejuvenated and eager to resume learning! Let's hope for more of the wonderful sunshine we enjoyed this week.

Forest Schools for Reception Children

Next half term our Forest Schools day will be a Tuesday. Please can you send your child into school wearing their PE kit on a Monday (PE lesson) and Tuesday (Forest Schools). Thank you!

Teaching Assistant Level 2 Required (Dedicated Specific Needs)

Daily 8.40am – 3.15pm

38 weeks per year

Grade D £24,702 – £25,979 pro rata
(Actual: £17,051 – £17,932)

Are you passionate about supporting pupils with special educational needs?

Do you have the patience and commitment to build strong, positive relationships with vulnerable children?

If this is something of interest to you or someone you know, you can find more details on the vacancy page of our website.

WINNER

We want to congratulate all of our pupils for their hard work and dedication this term. Your house points are well deserved! We're thrilled to announce that **Turing House** has taken the lead as the winning house for the first half of the Spring term, with a total of 2419 points. As a special reward, children in this house are invited to attend school in their own clothes on **March 1st**. Great job, Yellow House!

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

**Congratulations to
Butterflies class whose
attendance this half term
was 96.23%.**

Recent figures demonstrate that just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders. 36% of PA children in KS4 got grades 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs, also compared with 84% of regular attenders.



A Note from Friends!

'DOUGHNUT' FORGET HOW AMAZING YOU ARE!

Thank you to everyone who queued in the rain last week for our doughnuts! We raised £236!

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

Have a little spring clean in half term - We will be collecting your unwanted bags of clothes, shoes, towels & duvet covers on **Wednesday 28th February**. Please drop your bags to us by the bike shed before 9am on that day.

READ-A-THON

Emails have been sent out with your child's read-a-thon sponsor form if they wish to participate and win prizes for their class! Reminder that forms need to be returned no later than **Monday 4th March**, as winners will be announced on World Book Day.

Thanks to everyone who has supported us this half term and we hope you enjoy the break!



World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7 March 2024 and we hope you'll join us to celebrate across the school. We are celebrating World Book Day in school again this year because we support the charity's mission to change lives through a love of books and reading.

Dressing up or bringing books into school is a big part of World Book Day celebrations, and is something that the children particularly enjoy. We are inviting children to dress up this World Book Day – **Thursday 7th March 2024** as it's an exciting way for children to get book recommendations from each other.

The book choice is key – even if it's just a prop or a clue make sure your child is recommending something to read with their costume.

We are aware that the cost of living crisis might make this difficult for some families, so we encourage you to use things you already have at home to make a creative costume to make sure that our World Book Day is fun and inclusive for all.

M and M Productions will be visiting us again this year on Friday 8th March 2024 to perform The Little Princess. Pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 will enjoy a theatrical performance of this story and pupils in Year 5 will then complete a workshop with the theatre team afterwards, courtesy of our Friends Association.



PLEASE

Return any school kit that has been used for fixtures.
Thank you.



Street Dance Workshop

On Monday 26th February (first day back after half term) and Tuesday 27th February we are very excited to have VG Dance visiting to do Street Dance workshops with Year 1 up to Year 6. Please can your child come to school in their PE kit on the following days:

Monday: Years 3, 4, 5 & Grasshoppers
Tuesday: Years 6, 2 & Crickets

Thank you - I am sure they will love this experience!

This week's sports fixtures



Another brilliant week of sports at Giles Brook with lots of children representing the school.

On Monday we took a year 3 (and a year 5 sibling) to Middleton for a dodgeball fixture. The children played with fantastic smiles and lethal throwing. We won every game but we were also the loudest cheerers and seemed to have the most fun. Thank you to all of them for making it a great fixture to watch.

Wednesday saw us back at Middleton for a year 5/6 girls football fixture. The standard was amazing and we managed to win 3 games and lost only 1. Special mentions got to Ava and Ellie for the way they played and also the encouragement they gave their teammates.

The last fixture of the week was the annual swimming gala for year 5/6. Four boys and four girls swam for school and Mr Almond was blown away by their effort. A big thank you to the swim captains Sam and Fifi for leading the team so well.

Our final piece of news goes to one of our wonderful year 6 boys, Venkat, who received the news yesterday that he has been chosen for Northants U11 County Cricket team. This is a massive achievement and we are so proud of him. Well done!!!!

Nick





MILTON KEYNES MUSIC HUB

Music Centre

Music Classes and groups for children and adults in MK

From trumpet to flute, tuba to violin, Early Years to SEND or adult classes ... whether you are a complete beginner or an established musician, be part of our activities on Saturday mornings or weekday evenings.

Activities take place at Shenley Brook End School and other sites across Milton Keynes during term time. Take a look at our website for more information.

Make Music, Make Friends Come along for a no obligation trial!

Visit our website for more information: www.miltonkeynesmusichub.co.uk

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Spring 2024

February

26.2.24 School reopens

26.2.24 Street dance workshop: Years 3, 4, 5 & Grasshoppers

27.3.24 Street dance workshops: Years 6, 2 & Crickets

March

4.3.24 Book Week commences

5.3.24 String and guitar festival

6.3.24 Woodwind and brass festival

7.3.24 World Book day

8.3.24 M & M Productions 'The Little Princess' performance to Years 1 - 6

8.3.24 Nursery Mother's Day event 1.45 - 2.45pm

8.3.24 Friends cake sale 3.15pm

11.3.24 Year 3 to Roald Dahl Gallery

12.3.24 Reception to Mead Open Farm

12.3.24 Science Day

15.3.24 Red Nose Day

18.3.24 Year 1 to MK Museum

19.3.24 Year 4 Ancient Egyptian Day

21.3.24 Year 5 Fabulous Finish

22.3.24 Reception Book Breakfast

22.3.24 Nursery session with The Parks Trust

22.3.24 Year 3 Fabulous Finish 2.30pm

26.3.24 Year 2 Fabulous Finish (tbc)

27.3.24 Year 4 Fabulous Finish 2.40 - 3pm

28.3.24 Year 1 Fabulous Finish 2.30pm

28.3.24 Friends Easter egg hunt

28.3.24 School closes for Easter