



Congratulations to Benedek and George F in Year 3, as well as Junior in Year 5 for improving their accuracy this last week. Also well done to Roman in Year 4 as well as Thomas W, Columbus and Harriet C in Year 3 for playing well over 100 minutes on TTRS!

Year 5 & 6 Bikeability

It is that time of year when the Bikeability Team come to Giles Brook with the aim of teaching our pupils how to be safe on our local roads. If your child is taking part, please can they bring their bikes onto the semi-circular playground and prop against the wall before the morning bell goes. Also a reminder about cycle hats, gloves and appropriate coats - the children will be completing the sessions whatever the weather.

Staffing news

Mrs Kelly Rothman, our Damselflies teacher, will be leaving us at the end of the Spring Term to work in a school for children who have Special Educational Needs. This is an exciting opportunity for her and we know she will be amazing. Damselflies class will be taught by Mrs Sarah Cowper and Mrs Gemma Heather for the Summer Term.



Governors Award

Our awards this term will focus on happiness. We recognise that being happy is really important to be able to be our best and learn as well as we can. Happiness fuels our motivation to aim high, embrace challenges and work hard. We want everyone in our community to be happy in order to thrive.

To ensure your nomination is included and certificates can be handed out at the end of term, please can we have all responses back by Friday 22nd March.

You can do this by clicking on: [governor award nomination](#)

We encourage you to consider the whole community of GBS when deciding who to nominate – students, teachers, office staff, cleaners, lunch team, volunteers, coaches, and anyone else you can think of. Whether you interact with them a lot, or a little is fine – do not feel like you have to nominate only from members of your classroom.

Thank you!

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WORLD BOOK DAY

It's been an amazing week celebrating World Book Day - the children (and staff) looked amazing in their costumes yesterday. Well done to Grasshoppers class for all their lovely reading in the Readathon. The week ended successfully with a production of The Little Princess, kindly paid for by our Friends Association. The children loved it!



Leavers hoodies - Year 6

The final date for ordering your child a Leavers hoodie is next Friday 15th March 2024. No orders will be accepted after this date. If the supplier can accommodate an individual late order, the hoodie price will be approximately £25.00 instead of £14.50, so please don't miss the deadline!

Ramadan

Next week sees the start of Ramadan for our Muslim community. We will be providing a quiet room where children can spend some time reflecting should they wish. If your child will be fasting during this period, please can you speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

I would like to wish all of our Muslim children and their families Ramadan Mubarak for the weekend.

One of our pupils, Daniel Speight, has passed his grade 1 clarinet this week, achieving a merit grade! This is a fantastic achievement considering he only started learning in September. Well done Daniel!

Music Festival

A huge well done to our brass and woodwind musicians on taking part in the Milton Keynes Music Festival on Wednesday. It takes a lot of courage to stand up and perform in front of 300 people and to such a high standard. Our woodwind group came away with an 'Outstanding Performance' certificate too.



Congratulations to OAK class whose attendance this week was 99.4%. Fantastic!

Spring 2024

March

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



Our School Council have asked their classes what they would like to do for Red Nose Day on the 15th March. The majority of pupils across the school would like to wear their own clothes but to also bring a teddy to school for the day (please make sure 'special' teddies do not come in as we would hate anything to happen e.g. lost or damaged).

We ask that a minimum donation of £1 is either paid online or brought into school. Thank you for helping us to support this very worthwhile charity.

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Young Performers

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