



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

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Newsletter 27th May 2021

Dear parents and carers,

How wonderful it has been to reach the end of half term with the school remaining open for the duration.

Two classes have enjoyed visits out of school in the last 10 days.

Class 1

Last week, Class 1 enjoyed a trip on the local bus to the monument. They each gave the driver money for their ticket and had a lovely time.



Class 2

Today, Class 2, having booked appropriate weather, had a fantastic day at College Lake. They pond-dipped and explored the herb garden, creating their own aroma. After lunch, as nature detectives, they were able to find evidence of the range of animals and creatures that can be found in the area.

Click the button, close your eyes and listen to the sounds of College Lake - how many

different sounds can you identify?





Class 2 have also been designing and creating their own version of historical homes. They were given a range of historical periods; from Late Middle Ages to Present day.



Music instrument lessons

Pupils currently in Years 2-5: Last Friday, we had a visit from Rob Schafer, who supports Tring School's Swing band. We all enjoyed his demonstration across a range of instruments, including the electric guitar, drums, piano and saxophone. Currently we offer instrument lessons for Guitar, drums and flute. Recorder lessons will begin again in the Autumn.

If you are interested in either arranging instrument lessons for your child from September or would like to know more about what is available, please complete this [form](#).

Pupils currently Years Reception and 1: From September we will be resuming recorder lessons. If you would like your child to have these please complete this [form](#).

Zones of Regulation

At the start of the school year, we introduced the Zones of Regulation framework developed by Leah Kuypers (2011). It creates a systematic approach whereby pupils can categorise all the different ways they feel into one of four coloured zones; Green, Blue, Yellow and Red.

The Zones is a systematic, cognitive-behavioral approach used to teach us how to regulate our feelings, energy and sensory needs in order to meet the demands of the situation around us and be successful socially.

(Leah Kuypers <https://zonesofregulation.com/index.html>)

To find out more, each class has created a short video (click on the videos to play). [Zones of Regulation.pdf](#)

Clubs after half term:

We still have a few places in the following clubs:

Tennis

Gymnastics

All of these can be booked via your Gateway Account from Saturday and will cost £24 for 6 weeks.

Street Dance for KS2 which will be run for us on a Wednesday afternoon by Pulse Performing Arts. [pulse performing arts flyer KS2 Streetdance.png](#) and application form [KS2 Street Dance Club-parentletter.pdf](#)

If you have any questions about the clubs, please contact the Office.

Poetry Slam

On 18th June we will be holding our own Poetry Slam following the visit from our Poet. In order to help the children prepare they will need to learn a poem of-by-heart. More details can be found [here](#).

Athlete visit

On 10th June Luke Delahunty, invictus games competitor will be visiting the school and setting the children a range of challenges. They will have brought home a sponsorship form to complete which also has the details of the activities for them to practise at home.

Update from the Governing Body

Thank you to all of you who completed the parent survey. Attached in our Governing Body Annual report. [GB Annual Report May 2021.pdf](#)

School uniform

For the remainder of the term, children can continue to arrive in school PE kit for days they have sports or PE lessons. This must be school PE clothing, NOT casual sports wear such as football kit. On days when pupils do not have sport activities they should be in full school uniform, including shoes. I appreciate that through lockdown accessing some clothing was not easy, however since restrictions have now eased, we expect to see our pupils dressed appropriately and maintaining our high standards of presentation.

And finally...

Wishing you all a lovely half-term and hoping that the promised good weather stays!

Lorna Elkes
Headteacher

Attached:

[Recorder lessons](#)

[Instrument lessons](#)

[Zones of Regulation.pdf](#)

[pulse performing arts flyer KS2 Streetdance.png](#)

[KS2 Street Dance Club-parentletter.pdf](#)

[The LG Poetry Slam.pdf](#)

[GB Annual Report May 2021.pdf](#)

[Create Covid Response Poster 2nd half term.pdf](#)

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