



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

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Newsletter 30th June 2022

Coming up...

4th - 8th July Art week

Wednesday 6th July - Whole school trip to London (Year 1-6)

Friday 8th July - School disco

Tuesday 12th July Class 4 - An evening of entertainment

Wednesday 13th July - Sports Day (races start at 10am)

Friday 15th July - Take One Picture exhibition 2.45pm

Wednesday 20th July - Last day of term - school ends at 1:30pm.

Dear parents / carers,

We have had an enjoyable and productive week in school, and are now preparing for next week's Art Week when we have many exciting activities and visitors planned including music, drama, painting, sculpting, drawing and more! If you have not already done so, please could you complete permissions and payment for our Art week activities and the National Gallery trip on [Arbor](#). We do rely on your kind support to put these specialist weeks together so that our children have a wide and varied curriculum to enjoy.

Trip to the National Gallery

Here is the letter [Arts Week Letter 2022.pdf](#) with details about our trip to London next Wednesday but here are a few key details:

- Children to be dropped off at Berkhamsted Station at **9.10am**
- Children should wear school uniform and bring a packed lunch and water bottle in a small backpack that they can carry themselves, as well as appropriate clothing for the weather forecast i.e. raincoat and/or sunhat as we do have a short walk to the gallery. (If your child is receiving a packed lunch provided by the school they still need to bring a backpack to carry it in themselves.)
- We are giving each child a sketchbook and pencil at the beginning of the week. They need to bring this with them on the day of the trip so this should also be packed in their backpacks.
- Children to be collected from Berkhamsted Station at **3.10pm**

Class 1 - had a wonderful trip in a canal boat on Monday, cruising from Nash Mills to Hunton Bridge. The children helped operate the locks, spotted local wildlife, fed the ducks and enjoyed their lunch onboard! If you haven't yet paid for this trip and the art week activities please do so on Arbor.



Class 2 - have planned out their own designs based on the National Gallery painting we are focussing on and have explored clay techniques to create their own sculptures for the Arts week exhibition. Come along and see their creations!

Class 3 - have started their research into habitats and animal adaptations for their new topic.

Class 4 - have enjoyed a trip to the Roman amphitheatre in St Albans to watch a performance of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.

Here are some of the children's comments....."I liked how there were instruments at the back of the stage to make the atmosphere really good."

"I loved how you used the old Roman ruins as the theatre because it really made us think about what it would be like hundreds of years ago."

"I thought that there was lots of humour in it, as a mix of modern humour and old humour; the use of the old vocabulary really showed that the play was quite old but not so much that we didn't understand it."

They've also been writing their own limericks in the style of Edward Lear.



Clubs

Please find details attached for our [Autumn clubs offers](#). Signup is via Arbor and will be live from Saturday 10am. As always please do contact the school office, if you would like to discuss access to any of our clubs.

Details for [Street dance](#), [Yoga](#), [French](#) and Game on clubs of [Football for years 1& 2](#) and [Football for years 3-6](#) are attached.

Piano lessons

We were lucky enough to watch the children who currently have piano lessons in school perform this morning. Thank you to the children themselves, the audience and the parents for coming in to support. There are spaces in September for new pupils, please email ruthseodi@aol.com for details.

Lost Property

There will be a table outside tomorrow at pick up. Please have a look through as we will be donating whatever is not claimed to the FOLGS.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend!

Lorraine Patterson and Amy Miles
Acting Headteachers

From the Friends of Little Gaddesden School

SCHOOL DISCO! - Friday 8th July

To celebrate the end of the year, we'll be holding our school disco on Friday 8th July.

It will be split into two;

3.30pm - 5pm: reception - year 2

5.30pm - 7pm: Years 3-6

There'll be lots of fun, disco, games and dance offs, so dress to party!

Cost £6 includes ticket, hotdog, sweets & glow sticks! 🎉🥳🎈

Please provide emergency contact details and notify us of any food allergies.

Younger children will need supervision so please let Amy Crampton or the FOLGS know if you can help on the day.

Please complete this [Google Form](#) and give cash to your class reps or committee members.

Next Friends Meeting - Thursday 14th July at the Cricket Pavilion

Our next Friends meeting will be held in the cricket pavilion on Thursday 14th July. Will Howard, Simon Payne and Claire Naylor will be chatting about their plans for the next year and want to hear your ideas! We also have a load of booze to drink so please do come along!

Jubilee portraits of the Queen

If you would like to keep your child's portrait of the Queen then please collect from Claire Beard. She will keep them until next Friday 8th July.

Lost property from the Queen's Jubilee Fair

We still have some lost property from the Queen's Jubilee Fair. Please email us or find Claire Beard to collect.