



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Lorna Elkes

Thursday 26th January 2023

Coming up... (new items)

Spring Term

Monday 30th January - NSPCC virtual assemblies

Tuesday 31st January Year 6 National assessment meeting for year 6 Parents 3pm

6-10th February - Wellbeing week

Monday 6th February - NSPCC workshop for Class 4

Tuesday 7th February - RE workshop - whole school event

Wednesday 8th February - Skip 2be fit - whole school event

Thursday 9th February - Hannah Gold - author of The Last Bear

Thursday 9th February - First Aid workshops - whole school event

Friday 10th February - Grandparents' Afternoon Tea and Music 2:30pm

Friday 24th February - Wellbeing Workshop - whole school

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day

Wednesday 14th March - **Class 1** hands-on session for parents 9am

Tuesday 21st March - **Class 4** assembly for parents 2:45pm

Monday 20th March - Class 2 Parent meetings 1:20pm - 4:00pm

Tuesday 21st March - Class 4 Parent meetings 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 22nd March - Class 3 Parent meetings 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 22nd March - **Class 2** visit to Mountfitchet Castle

Thursday 23rd March - **Class 3** assembly for parents 9am

Thursday 23rd March - Parent meetings all classes 3:40pm - 7:00pm

Monday 27th March - Athlete visit - more details to follow

Wednesday 29th March - **Class 2** assembly for parents 2:45pm

Summer Term

Friday 5th May - Coronation Celebrations - more next term.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of January, it's amazing to see all the events so far...



Class 1: have been exploring the celebration of Lunar New Year and visited a Chinese restaurant for lunch where we got to use chopsticks!

Class 2 We have been finding out about UK castles that were built by the Normans. We have also explored why castles are built on hills and what other features we would like to build our own castles near.

In science, we have been investigating germination. The children chose which variable to change to answer the question “What do cress seeds need to germinate and grow into healthy plants?”



Class 3 We have been enjoying *George's Marvellous Medicine* as our storybook, and in Science have been investigating solids, liquids and gases. We combined the two by trying to work out what substances George had found in the bathroom!



Class 4 To prepare for writing a suspense narrative, Class 4 have written prequels to ‘The Listeners’ poem by Walter de La Mere, that create a mysterious atmosphere through description that uses all our senses and consider how dialogue can be used to advance the action

Young voices

On Monday children in Classes 3 and 4 went to the O2 as part of the Young Voices Choir. It was an amazing experience for all and the children displayed exemplary behaviour and attitude throughout the very long day. We were fortunate to have front row seats to watch Heather Small perform and the superb violin playing of Anna Phoebe with the Beatbox collective up close!



Author visits:

Visiting Author - Cliff McNish

Each class has worked with our visiting author today, exploring a range of themes from suspense writing to using our imaginations to create a setting. The children are definitely enthused about writing their own stories.

STILL TO COME

Hannah Gould - 9th February

The children will also have the opportunity to get a signed copy of this book but, for this visit books must be pre-ordered from Tring Bookshop, by clicking on the link here

<https://tringbookfestival.co.uk/ourbookshop/product/the-lost-whale-2/>

Please include your child's name, school and class. In the 'Order notes'

Order notes (optional)

Arbor Update

We are pleased to announce that you can now use **ApplePay** and **GooglePay** on your Arbor App, meaning you no longer need to enter your credit card details each time you make a payment. If you already have Apple/Google Pay on your phone, the Arbor App will work seamlessly with your payment app with no further changes. If you don't have these payment methods please download the relevant apps from your phone app store.

Support for families locally:



DSPL8 Parent/Carer Communication; Dacorum SEND courses, support & information for families

The latest 'DSPL8 Parent/Carer communication: Spring Term' & 'Dacorum Parent/Carers courses and support' newsletters are available to download from our website via the following link: <https://dacorumdsp.org.uk/online-resources-for-parents-and-carers-2/>

This fortnights communication includes:

- ESBA Coffee morning: 07.02.2023
- ADD-vance drop-in consultations: 07.02.2023

- Anxiety Unravelling 3-session online course by Bounce Forward: 07.03.23-21.03.23
- Parent/Carer Support: Spring 2023 Term
- Dacorum Parent/Carer courses and support from various local providers

Please also follow our social media pages for the most recent updates:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dspldacorum>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/dspl_dacorum/

Local activities for families



Little Gaddesden VPA

Many of you will be aware of the Village Produce Association ([VPA](#)), who are the gardening related element in Little Gaddesden. The Garden Store is located next to the Village Hall. Do visit once it reopens in February.

The next VPA show in the village hall is on Saturday 4th february at 2:30pm. Full details can be found online [VPA Winter Show - Little Gaddesden VPA](#). There is a complete range of categories for the children to enter their creations or their pets. [W VPA-WINTER-SHOW_Entry-Form_12-02-2023.docx](#)

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- 📎 Active Camps Feb half term.png
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- 📎 Futsal Poster (1).png

Have a lovely weekend...

Lorna Elkes

Headteacher

FOLGS UPDATE

Folk Night

We're still full steam ahead for the folk night on Friday 10th March. Just a reminder to get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.



Just £16 to see the critically acclaimed - The Wilderness Yet

"This is something timely... 'The Wilderness Yet' have released a lovely album..."

– Mark Radcliffe, BBC Radio 2

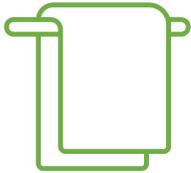
"Exquisite" – Tom Robinson, BBC Radio 6 Music

Can't find a babysitter? Bring the kids! Children Yr 4 upwards are very welcome!

- £16 + Booking Fee
- Doors open at 7pm
- Fully stocked Tring Brewery Bar
- More info to come on our Facebook page!

Tickets available from: www.wegottickets.com/event/569221/
www.thewildernessyet.com/
www.facebook.com/thelgfolkclub

Tea Towels To Treasure!



Would you like a tea towel with self-portraits of each child in the school on it? Or some coasters with your child's individual self-portrait on them?

The teachers have very kindly organised for the kids to do their portraits in class, and we are arranging for tea towels and coasters to be printed in time to gift for Mother's Day/Easter/Father's Day. We will give more details (pricing and timings) in subsequent newsletters.

Order forms should also be available in the next few weeks and will be sent home in the children's bags. Every item sold will raise money for the school, so dig deep, hurray!!

Rotary Club!

The FOLGS would like to extend a huge thank you to Berkhamsted Rotary Club, and all helpers that went out collecting money with Simon Heath & "Santa's Sleigh" before Christmas. The following Elves will be on Father Christmas' nice list next Christmas:

- Sam Jonas
- Joe Wrighty
- Ben Dawson
- Jon Angel
- Will Howard
- James Pelly



A whopping £13,500 was raised across the whole of December for local charities, with £466 donated to "FOLGS" for our evening's efforts. We mustn't forget to thank Santa himself who went out in all weather every night on the run up to Christmas and was forced to stay at home just one night when he was unwell. Santa also kindly helped in our hour of need at the Christmas Fair and is very keen to come back this year but on his sleigh!

The rotary club do amazing work to support young people, improve the lives of the elderly, vulnerable, and disadvantaged, locally and further afield.

Each year they organise a half marathon and fun run.
This year's marks the 40th anniversary on Sunday 5th March.

If you are interested in running or able to help out please look at "Berkorun.com".
They're desperately in need of marshals for 2 hours on the Sunday morning. - contact Paul_franc@hotmail.com for more details.