



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

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Together in Community

Built on our Christian values, rooted in the parable of the Good Samaritan

Thursday 2nd November 2023

Coming up... (new items)

Autumn Term

Friday 3rd November - FOLGS spookfest

Monday 6th November - Class 1 Hands On Session straight after drop off

Wednesday 8th November - New Vision Launch to parents 9am

Thursday 16th November - Class 2 Trip to London

Saturday 25th November - Choir performance at Tring Christmas Festival 6pm

Thursday 30th November - whole school musical workshop

Thursday 30th November - Year 2 sport activity am Berkhamsted.

Saturday 9th December - Christmas fair

Wednesday 13th December - School Christmas lunch

Wednesday 13th December - School Christmas production

Thursday 14th December - School Christmas production

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a rather wet and windy week. I do hope you all managed to have an enjoyable half term.

As in previous years the British Legion have provided the school with a range of items for the annual Poppy Appeal. Suggested donations are a minimum of 50p - £1.00



Eco week - update

As you recall our walk, cycle, scoot to school week was a huge success. Between 50-60% of our pupils helped reduce cars and pollution around our school. Having collected the results

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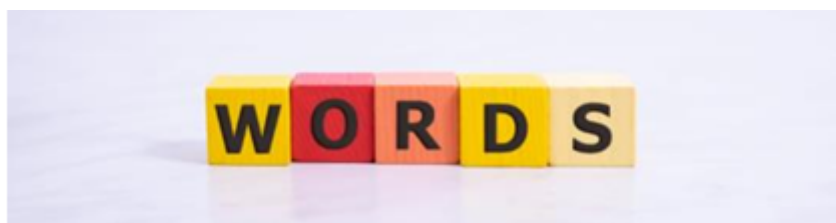
(and verified them and adjusted for the differing number of pupils in each class) I am delighted to share that Class 2 were our overall Eco travellers.

Reading

As a school we have a high focus on pupils' reading. This is not just the initial skills of decoding phonics to read words, but also the higher level skills of being able to read fluently with understanding and increasing vocabulary knowledge. To be able to enjoy reading a range of texts for pleasure; to satisfy curiosity and share interests with friends and family. Both the websites below have a range of suggestions to support reading at home which is just a vital for all our pupils as the support they have at school

[Words for Life | National Literacy Trust](#)
[Raising A Reader](#)

Sharing books and reading to children is also of high importance. The statistics below reflect the importance of reading to and with your child, it shows many words a child would have heard by the time they were 5 years old.



Never read to, 4,662 words; 1–2 times per week, 63,570 words; 3–5 times per week, 169,520 words; daily, 296,660 words; and five books a day, 1,483,300 words.

Class 1 - had their very own fire in the playground to mark the start of their new topic of 'Festivals and Celebrations' We found out about the history of Bonfire Night and created our own fireworks and bonfires!



Class 2 - Our science skill this week was 'asking scientific questions'. Our questions we investigated were, "Do all metals sink?", "Do all plastics float?", and "Do all balls float?" We were surprised by some of our results. The children were then set a challenge. After observing that an orange floats with its peel on

but sinks once its peel has been removed, the children were given bubble wrap, foil, lolly sticks and masking tape in order to make a device that would make the orange float again. Here are some of their attempts.



In English, we are looking at free verse poetry. We are currently planning our own free verse poems based on the poem 'Purple is...' and can't wait to write them. Once they are finished, we are going to perform them to our friends.

On **Thursday 16th November** class 2 are travelling to London as part of their history learning.

Full details - [Class 2 St Pauls trip letter to parents.pdf](#)

Class 3 - To link to our topic learning about World War 2, we are completing a unit of dance in P.E. where we will learn a range of wartime dances. This week, we started with Charleston!



Class 4 - have been working on developing their multiplication skills this week ready to move on to formal methods for multiplying and dividing large numbers. It is essential that we have rapid recall of times tables in Class 4 so the children are bringing home logins for Times Tables Rockstars which they should use regularly at home to either learn their times tables or maintain this vital knowledge. In Guided Reading, we have enjoyed exploring our new class text: *Holes* by Louis Sachar.

The children of class 4 have also created their own music composition. They used notes in the dorian mode (D-D white notes) and were asked to think about tempo & dynamics in relation to creating relaxing music

[Class 4 Relaxing Music FINAL.mp3](#)

Clubs

I am delighted to share that we have sufficient interest to be able to offer a lunchtime chess club from January. Thank you to all who responded. Full details will be sent out later this term.

Miss Allen and our STEM ambassadors will again be offering a STEM lunchtime club. You will be able to sign your child up next week when an email reminder will be sent out with the arbor sign up information.

The dates are:

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Thursday 23rd November - STEM lunchtime club for KS2 (years 3,4,5,& 6)
Thursday 30th November - STEM lunchtime club for KS1 (years 1& 2)

Support for families locally:

- 📄 Help your child to sleep.pdf
- 📄 Public Health Nursing (PHN) Newsletter primary Autumn 2023 V2.pdf
- 📄 Helping your child manage their anger 15.11.23.pdf
- 📄 Free Parent workshops.pdf

Local information

- 📄 Sleepout 2023 What's On.jpg
- 📄 Tring Christmas Festival.pdf

Dacorum local plan

We have been asked to share this with our community:

The public consultation on the Revised Strategy for Growth which will strongly influence the creation of the new Dacorum Local Plan 2024-2040. was launched on 30th October

The consultation will take place online through a new interactive engagement platform, Let's Talk Dacorum, in person at local events, and by post, ending at 11.59pm on Monday 11 December 2023.

Once the consultation has closed in December, there will be consideration of all of the feedback from residents and stakeholders, and preparation of a summary Consultation Report for spring 2024 before a pre-submission version of the Local Plan is published in October 2024, in time for formal submission to Government by mid-2025.

- 📄 Dacorum Local Plan 2023_A3 Poster.pdf
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- 📄 Dacorum Local Plan 2023_Stakeholder Toolkit_External.pptx

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable weekend

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FOLGS




Spookfest Bake Sale success!

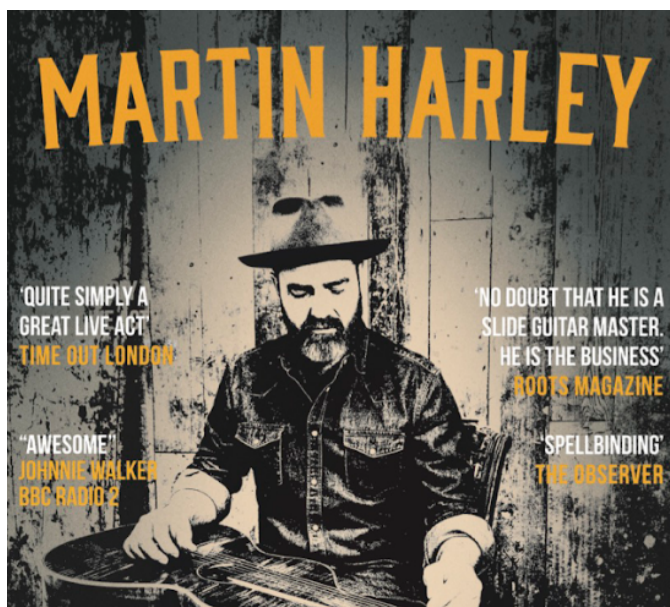
On Monday, Mel and her team in class 1 produced a spooktacular bake sale which raised **£130.60** for the school. A fantastic effort guys, thank you.

Next up.... Folk Night!

The next Little Gaddesden Folk, Roots & Blues Club is on **Saturday 18th November** at the Village Hall, and tickets are selling fast!

Martin Harley has been making music and touring the world for over two decades. His sound has never been more down to earth. Exploring roots, blues and slide guitar in a style The Guardian referred to as 'Spellbinding', Harley has released eight albums to date, four recorded on home soil and four across the Atlantic in Texas and Nashville.

His recent nominations include, AMA instrumentalist of the year, Best Acoustic Guitarist, Best Acoustic Blues artist. Notable appearances include Glastonbury Acoustic and Avalon stages, Beautiful Days, Royal Albert Hall, Union Chapel, Bluebird Nashville, Tønder Festival, The Troubadour LA and at home in Tring, round the fire pit with his two daughters.  Martin Harley Solo A3 Poster LG (1).png



"Awesome!" - Johnnie Walker, BBC Radio 2

"Harley offers the listener a masterclass in taste, style and roots blues" – Guitarist Magazine

FAVOUR UNDERSTANDING

“No doubt that he is a slide guitar master. He is the business” – Roots Magazine

“Quite simply a great live act” – Time Out London

£16 Per Person

Doors open at 7pm

www.wegottickets.com/event/575478

www.martinharley.com

www.facebook.com/thelgfolkclub

Thank you from the FOLG Team (Will, Ben, Emma, Simon, Claire, Rebecca, and Sarah)