

Great Bookham School Newsletter

Welcome to Issue 17 - 19th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcoming children into school this week has been a real highlight for me. The arrival of the bitter cold and frost has brought the most wonderful array of colourful winter hats and accessories! Our school site, which was covered in sparkling frost, looked beautiful and the children thoroughly enjoyed going on winter walks around the site. The timing of this cold snap could not have worked better for Year 4 as they completed a science investigation entitled, 'The Snowman' in which they had to make predictions and test what conditions would make their snowmen (frozen figures) melt quickest.

This week we shared with one of our governors, Thea Phillips, our Art curriculum and showcased the subject in action. It was wonderful to see the progression of skills and teaching across the entire school and to see children engaged and enthused by such an important part of our curriculum. Take a look at the photos below to get a flavour of what our children experience in Art at Great Bookham School.

The best part of my job is being with the children so I do try as much as possible to be out and about in classrooms with them. As I have walked the school this week, I have been very impressed with the quality of writing across the entire school. Our children in Reception have made phenomenal progress with their writing and this has been displayed proudly in the corridor for everyone to see, Year 3 were busy publishing their writing based on the legend Theseus and the Minotaur, and I read the most wonderful persuasive letter written by Isla in Year 6 pretending to be The Iron Man from Ted Hughes' novel.

The renovation of the fencing around our Forest School and pond area is nearly finished and it looks fabulous! Mr Randall, Mrs Morriss and I are looking forward to planning how we are going to utilise this wonderful space to allow all children to experience outdoor learning here at Great Bookham School.

I had the pleasure of spending the day in our Pre-school this week and I was so impressed with how well our new joiners have settled. The children are making strong relationships with the adults and other children in the setting and are enjoying exploring their new environment.

Year 2 and Year 5 had a visit from Surrey Fire & Rescue Service this week where they were taught what to do when faced with an emergency situation. The children have learnt the line "get out, stay out" and how to call 999 if required. It was a really valuable session: the children have realised the

importance of being able to signpost emergency services using important landmarks in their local area and knowing their home address.

Miss J. Allen

Headteacher







Upcoming Key Dates

Friday 26th January - Y3, Y4 and Y5 trip to Natural History Museum

Friday 2nd February - Foxes class assembly

Monday 5th - Friday 9th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 5th February - Dress as an animal for the day

Wednesday 7th February - Y6 trip to Sky Studios

Friday 9th February - Chinese New Year celebrations - non uniform day, dress in red/gold/yellow



Headteacher Award

Isla in Year 6 proudly shared her persuasive letter pretending to be The Iron Man from Ted Hughes' novel.

Marley, Ellie and Harrison in Year 2 were excited to share their writing all about their visit from the Surrey Fire Service. They demonstrated excellent understanding this important emergency service and worked hard on their writing.

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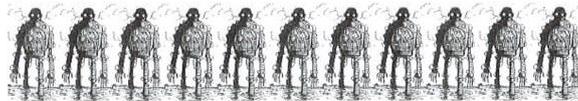
Mr. Brass
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London M17L 8RT

Dear Mr Brass,

I am writing to you in response to your letter and I can assure you that I would never hurt a fly. Here are my reasons why:

Just because I am colossal and may appear dangerous, well in fact, I am the complete opposite. For instance, the other day I helped a poor boy out of a tree. I am ~~certain~~^{certain} that I am not a threat to man kind. There is not a single mean cog in my body. All children have nightmares at some point. Don't they? If they get nightmares because of my red fiery eyes, this only means that I appreciate everything, that's all. They will grow out of it. However, I think it is unfair that you are accusing me of causing the nightmares; it is not my intention and I have never caused any harm to anyone.

In response to your second concern: I am the only Iron Man. I am unique, I have no friends or ~~neighbours~~ but I would really love some friends. I am here to help, not hinder. If you make me go then I will be all alone.

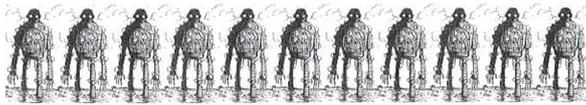




I will not change my diet to bricks or people because i dont eat iron I will rust and die i can only wield immense power if i eat metal. I promise you i have a heart of gold. Without a doubt, you should keep me here because i am preventing land fill and helping our environment by eating all the rusty metal first, So it ^{doesn't} damage the soil and water cycle. What happens when i eat all the metal? Well people could bring all the metal from land fill to the Scrap yard and I can eat it all!

In Summary, I hope you are convinced by my points. I know i look like a menace but i am as sweet as honey. Thank you.

yours Sincerely Iron Man



LO: to recount our visit from the fire service 16.01.24

Today in class we learnt lots of information about firefighters. We learnt firefighters don't just put out fires but they also save lives.

I'm Fire Safe! Surrey Fire & Rescue Service

HEAD OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Well done! 😊

LO: to recount our visit from the fire service

16.01.24



Today a firewater came in she was called
 Sophie. she told us to be safe with fire and she
 told us to stay out stay out call 999 there was
 a story about fire it was called just the floor.



Great
 Work Elise

LO: to recount our visit from the fire service

16.01.24



Today the fire service came and told us what to do
 is a fire ever happen. Sophie told us this game
 Get out stay out call 999. She played a game
 with us we had to put cards in the right order.
 She said fire fighters don't only deal with fire
 they also deal with car crashes did you know that?
 She also told us a story called Hide and seek.



Great understanding
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Online Safety

Parent Online Safety Workshop

Parents and carers play a crucial role ensuring the online safety of their children. We are fortunate to be able to invite you to join a relaxed but informative session for parents and carers, hosted by parenting expert Sue Atkins and our IT support providers Eduthing on Thursday 6th February at 7pm via Zoom.

The webinar will cover the following topics:

PROACTIVE PARENTING STRATEGIES: Uncover effective strategies to proactively manage your child's online presence, promoting a secure and positive digital environment.

AGE-TAILORED GUIDANCE: Discover age-specific tips to navigate the digital landscape at every stage of your child's development.

PRACTICAL TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES: Equip yourself with practical tools and techniques to implement parental controls, monitor online activities, and cultivate responsible digital habits.

INTERACTIVE Q&A SESSION: Have burning questions? Get them answered live. Engage in a dynamic Q&A session tailored to address your specific concerns.

BUILDING DIGITAL RESILIENCE: Learn how to foster resilience in your children, empowering them to face the online world confidently and make informed choices.

Please see the attached flyer which provides more information on the workshop and the QR code to sign up. Please sign up using this [link](#).



NAVIGATING THE DIGITAL LANDSCAPE

AN INTERACTIVE WEBINAR FOR
PARENTS & CARERS AROUND KEEPING
KIDS SAFE ONLINE

It's not easy getting kids off screens, is it? Let alone protecting them from online predators, cyberbullying and the damaging effects of pornography.

But as parents & carers you play a CRUCIAL role ensuring the online safety of your children.

You hold the key to ensuring the online safety of your children in this digital age. Empower yourself with confidence by joining my Zoom webinar 'Navigating the Digital Landscape: Empowering Parents for Online Safety Across Different Ages' where you'll gain invaluable insights into fortifying your family's digital fortress

Webinar Highlights:

- **Proactive Parenting Strategies:** Uncover effective strategies to proactively manage your child's online presence, promoting a secure and positive digital environment.
- **Age-Tailored Guidance:** Discover age-specific tips to navigate the digital landscape at every stage of your child's development.
- **Practical Tools and Techniques:** Equip yourself with practical tools and techniques to implement parental controls, monitor online activities, and cultivate responsible digital habits.
- **Interactive Q&A Session:** Have burning questions? Get them answered live. Engage in a dynamic Q&A session tailored to address your specific concerns.
- **Building Digital Resilience:** Learn how to foster resilience in your children, empowering them to face the online world confidently and make informed choices.

Book your place today:

📅 Save the Date: Tuesday 6th February at 7pm on Zoom

🌐 Connect From Anywhere: No need to leave the cosy corners of your home via Zoom and connect with fellow parents on this important digital journey.

🔥 Don't miss out on this opportunity to elevate your role as a digital guardian. Register now for this Zoom webinar and embark on a transformative experience that promises to redefine your approach to online safety.

📝 Register and Embrace Digital Parenthood with Confidence!

👉 Together, Let's Navigate the Digital Landscape for a Safer Tomorrow for our Kids! 👉



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Family Voice Surrey

Family Voice Surrey is an organisation working with parents/carers of children and young people with SEND, acting as the official parent/carer forum for Surrey. They predominantly work through social media, advertising useful webinars and charities where parents can go for additional help with their day to day lives. They also carry out regular surveys with parents/carers, to provide feedback for Surrey County Council, regarding elements of provision such as SEN Case Worker communication and transport.

In addition, they run regular social events to lessen the isolation that some parents/carers feel throughout their child's time in school. These events take place throughout the Mole Valley area, at least once a month and all are welcome to attend. Please see the attached poster for details.



~January Cuppa and Chat~

Family Voice Surrey is an organisation for parents and carers of children with SEND. We welcome you to come and join us, to meet other people in similar circumstances and let your voice be heard.

Charlie & Ginger Cafe

Leatherhead, KT22 7AX

Monday 29th January

From 9am onwards



Speaking up for the families of children & young people with additional needs in Surrey

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Scan to join:



Stars of the week

Our stars of the week are:

Ladybirds

Amelia

Bumblebees

Luca

Dragonflies

Toby

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| Foxes | Leo |
| Squirrels | Sophie |
| Hedgehogs | Isobel |
| Rabbits | Zaki |
| Eagles | Noah J |
| Hawks | William P |
| Falcons | Freddy A |
| Kestrels | Isla |

STARS OF THE WEEK

Attendance

Congratulations to **Foxes** for winning the attendance certificate this week!

MAC the attendance bear will live in **Foxes** classroom for the next week.

