

Great Bookham School Newsletter

Welcome to Issue 23 - 8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see many parents and carers join us at KGV last Friday for the local cross country event. It was bitterly cold but that didn't stop our fabulous athletes proudly representing our school and trying their very best. Every child did a fantastic job with many being placed. Lucy K in year 6 brought home a fabulous second place, Jenson in year 4 secured 3rd place and Layla in year 4 coming in 10th place. Overall our year 5 and year 6 girls team came second out of 9 schools - just amazing! All children in the juniors are welcome to take part in this event so please do encourage your child to join in the final cross country event of the year on Friday 22nd March.

It was World Maths Day on Wednesday and years 1 to 6 rotated around different classrooms throughout the morning to take part in a number of different maths activities such as Numicon bingo, place value ladders and 21 with playing cards. During assembly, the house captains built 3D shapes from spaghetti and marshmallows while the rest of the school answered fun maths questions. Thank you to Mrs Johnston for organising all the fun activities.

On Wednesday afternoon, year 6 took the bus into Leatherhead to watch the production of Legally Blonde by The Howard of Effingham, at Leatherhead Theatre. Freddie said, "The musical was very exciting, the acting was amusing and the songs were jolly and full of energy. My favourite character was the hairdresser as she made me laugh". A huge thank you to The Friends of Great Bookham School for funding their bus journey there.

This month, year 5 and year 6 have had some fantastic netball matches. The first was against Manor House on the 6th March and the second was against St. Peters on the 13th March. Harriet in year 6 said, "They were both very intense, very hard, but at the same time, lots of fun. The final scores were 18-12 to us against Manor House and 19-13 to us against St Peters". Well done everyone, and an extra well done to year 5s for playing their first match with us.

Yesterday, some of our year 5 and year 6 children attended a tag rugby tournament at St Peters. Everyone showed amazing determination and exhibited their well-honed rugby skills on the day. Teachers commented on the fantastic sportsmanship on display from the children at Great Bookham School ensuring they shook everyone's hand and cheered all opponents - win, lose or draw! Thank you to Mrs Jupp for organising and to Mr Perrins for attending the tournament.

Squirrels class assembly took us back in time to Ancient Egypt with a wealth of learning about mummification, pyramids and the river Nile. It was evident from their enthusiastic singing, dancing and class work that they have thoroughly enjoyed this topic. Thank you to Miss Dawson, Mrs Olive and Miss Turner for supporting the children.

Well done to everyone who has taken part in the Walk and Wheel Challenge this week. Hedgehogs class are currently in the lead with 64 active journeys. The challenge continues throughout next week so there's still time to take part and enjoy an active journey to school.

We look forward to welcoming you all to our parent consultations next week. If you have not had a chance to book an appointment yet please do using the following link:

<https://qbs.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Miss J. Allen





Upcoming key dates

Monday 18th March - Year 4 Bikeability

Monday 18th March - EYFS only parent information evening

Tuesday 19th March - Year 4 Bikeability

Tuesday 19th March - Class photos and Year 6 friendship photos

Tuesday 19th March - Parent information evening

Wednesday 20th March - Netball tournament

Wednesday 20th March - Parent information evening

Thursday 21st March - Openbox Theatre Workshops for Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6

Friday 22nd March - Dragonflies class assembly

Friday 22nd March - KS2 school councillors trip to Houses of Parliament

Important Dates

Mr Mandeville is running the London Marathon!

Our caretaker, Mr Mandeville, is running the TCS London Marathon on Sunday 21st April. He is raising money for Great Bookham School and hopes to be able to improve some of the outdoor play facilities for the children. Please do visit his Go Fund Me page and donate what you can. You can do it Mr Mandeville!



Kelvin Mandeville, the caretaker at Great Bookham School will be running the **TCS London Marathon** on Sunday 21st April. He is raising money to improve some of the playtime facilities at Great Bookham.

Go Kelvin

You can do it!

Help Kelvin hit his target of £3000
To donate please scan the QR code or visit Kelvin's just giving page.



<https://gofund.me/7a79f210>

 **South Farnham Educational Trust**
The Continual Pursuit of Excellence

Billy the Brave

Many of you will be aware of the tragic story regarding a local child, Billy, who is battling a terminal brain tumour. A fundraising event has been organised to celebrate his birthday this year and we would encourage as many people as possible to take part in this very worthy cause.

To book a ticket, please use the link below:

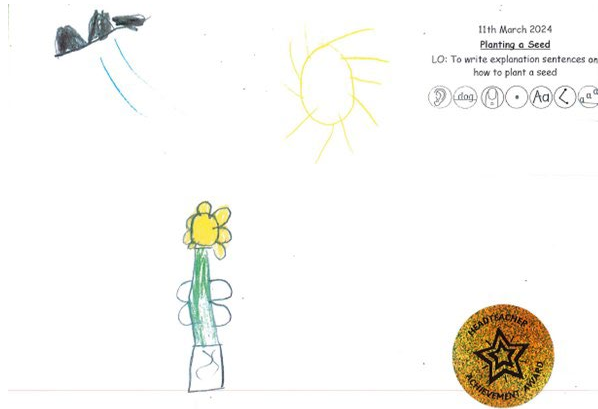
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/cobham/cobham-free-school/billys-birthday-bash/2024-04-20/14:00/t-avopldd>



Headteacher award

Amelia and George in Reception shared their wonderful writing all about how to look after and grow a plant.

Florence in Reception was very proud of her observational drawing of a daffodil.



Put the seed in
the pot.
let it grow.
It needs sun and
rain.



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Art Critique - Daffodils

1	2	3

Headteacher Achievement Award

Online safety

Chatting to strangers

While connecting online can be a lifeline, it can also leave children at risk of issues such as online grooming. Like all children, those with additional needs can be manipulated into building strong bonds with people they've only met online so they are quick to consider these people friends rather than strangers.

What you can do to help them

It's important to build their understanding around who their real friends are and what a good friend is.

- Make sure they know why it's important to protect their personal information and what information they should keep private.
- Talk to them about what healthy and unhealthy relationships look like so they can recognise the signs if they are at risks. You can [share this video from Amaze.org](#) to help start the conversation.
- Spend time looking at privacy settings on the platform they use to manage who can see their profile and what they share. [See this privacy guide to learn how](#)
- Review the apps, sites, and games they engage with to be aware of how they interact and discover together any new safety features that could help them stay safe.
- Talk to them about being cautious about what they share with people online.
- Remind them that even though people they've met online might feel like friends they may not be who they say they are.
- Make sure they never meet someone they only know online without a parent present.
- If something makes your child feel worried or uncomfortable online their best course of action is always to talk to an adult they trust. You can also direct them to organisations such as Childline.
- To explain the concepts of what is appropriate to share and what grooming is, you can use the [NSPCC Pants video and Share Aware videos](#)

You can also encourage them to watch the [ThinkUKnow Play Like Share films](#) to help children learn how to spot pressuring manipulative behaviour online alongside a game – [Band Runner](#) – to learn how to stay safe from risks they might face

Steps to take if your child is playing games with older groups of people online:

Talk to them about how to protect their personal information and make sure they know that not everyone online is who they say they are.

Check the settings on devices to make sure they can only see and do what you've agreed together.

Keep devices in shared family spaces to keep an eye on how they are interacting with others.

Play sound on speakers, not a headset to hear what is being said.

Turn notifications on your account on the console (Xbox/PlayStation) so you'll be notified if they get a direct message.

Set up your children's account so you can monitor their account separately to your own.

Use settings to create groups of real friends they can play with.

Play together to get a better understanding of who they are playing with.

Try to do this activity together – [What is a real friend?](#)

Stars of the week

Our stars of the week are:

Ladybirds	Gouthan
Bumblebees	Arthur
Dragonflies	Rosie
Foxes	Jackson
Squirrels	Izzie
Hedgehogs	Leia
Rabbits	Jasper
Eagles	Noah
Hawks	Olivia
Falcons	The whole class!
Kestrels	The whole class!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Attendance

Congratulations to **Falcons** for winning the attendance certificate **last week!**

MAC the attendance bear will live in **Falcons** classroom all week.



Specsavers Surrey Youth Games

The Specsavers Surrey Youth Games is a county wide initiative to get children active through access to free activity sessions.

Get your kids active with FREE local activities this Spring!

Do you know about the FREE, FUN and LOCAL weekly activities on offer for kids and teenagers in Surrey?

You can [search by town or postcode](#) to see what's on offer near you.

The 6-8 weeks of activity training kick off across 9 of Surrey's boroughs and districts (excluding Tandridge and Surrey Heath) after Easter.

All the coaches have been handpicked to be friendly and supportive - the emphasis is on having fun and taking part. There's SO MUCH on offer for 7-16 year olds, including:

- Dance
- Judo

- Girls' Touch Rugby
- Boxing
- The Run, Ride, Row Challenge
- Boccia (a type of seated bowls accessible to all)
- Street Basketball
- Tennis

Registration for the FREE, FUN & LOCAL activity training is open now!

Places are limited so BOOK NOW to avoid disappointment.

To sign your child up, visit the Active Surrey website at <https://bit.ly/3OFQlbH>



Free
activity sessions

For 7-11 year olds
Local to you, after Easter
Sign-up from 1st March onwards

Book your place
- scan the code

- Join with friends!
- Dance, Girls Touch Rugby, Judo, Tennis, Boccia
- Friendly, supportive coaches
- Everyone's a beginner
- Make new mates local to you



"It's fun, its free and there's loads and loads of activities you can do" - Lara

"We were blown away with the games and what was available" - Parent



Book now

