

# Great Bookham School Newsletter

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*Welcome to Issue 26 - 28th March 2024*

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Last Friday our Junior School Councillors were lucky enough to take a very special trip to The Houses of Parliament. They travelled by train, then walked from Waterloo taking in some of the most famous London landmarks. When inside Parliament, a tour guide took them to Westminster Hall, where the Queen lay in state, and then to The House of Commons and The House of Lords. They took part in a workshop where they made their own Bill of Parliament, which they enjoyed debating. Finally, our local MP Sir Paul Beresford popped in and answered lots of questions ranging from cutting down trees to support for neurodiversity. We hope it was a trip that the children remember forever. A huge thanks to Mrs Brown for organising and to Mrs Johnston and Mrs Phillips for supporting the trip.*

*Ladybird Class were delighted to have the Surrey Fire and Rescue team from Leatherhead come to visit school. This was their fourth attempt at visiting us since, on the previous three occasions, they had been called away to deal with real emergencies! The children were thrilled to have an opportunity to explore the fire engine and were very excited to use the hose too. Please take a moment to look at the photos of the children and our wonderful Mrs Morriss having a fantastic time!*

*We enjoyed a happy Easter service at St Nicolas Church on Tuesday morning. The entire school walked to church with the older children looking after their younger buddies, which was heart warming to see. We sang Easter songs and each year group shared their learning about Easter and Spring in a variety of different ways. I was incredibly proud of the school and Reverend Jill and Celeste Rios commented on how beautifully behaved the children were in church.*

*Our Year 4 cohort have experienced their very first residential trip this week at Walton Firs in Cobham. We are looking forward to welcoming them back to school after the Easter holidays to hear all about it but the staff have reported that everyone has had a great time despite the weather. The children worked together brilliantly and some really challenged themselves on the high adventure activities. A memorable highlight was sitting happily around the*

*campfire in the evening, toasting marshmallows whilst Mr Randall played campfire songs with his guitar. What a special experience! Thank you to our fantastic teaching team for supporting the children.*

*Thank you for all of your continued and ongoing support this term. It has been a positive and successful one with so much to celebrate. I hope that you all have a safe and restful Easter holiday and I look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 15th April for another exciting term.*

Miss J. Allen

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### *Upcoming key dates*

Monday 15th April - return to school

Monday 15th - Friday 19th April - Y6 Bikeability

Thursday 18th April - Y5/Y6 boys football tournament

Friday 19th April - Bumblebees class assembly

Wednesday 24th April - Y2 Infant Music Festival

Thursday 25th April - Y5/Y6 girls football tournament

Friday 26th April - Friends of GBS sponsored bounce



### *Read everywhere*

Miss Macdougall is in the process of revamping the main library area and would like to decorate the walls with pictures of children reading anywhere and everywhere over the Easter break! We would love for you to email in photos of your children reading in their favourite places e.g. reading to their pets, reading in the garden and reading on day trips out.

## *Friends of GBS Sponsored Bounce*

The Friends of GBS are hosting a sponsored bounce next term! They hope to raise money for their next school projects which include: forest school, PSHE books and school council. Please see attached sponsorship forms to be returned by Monday 22nd April.



### **26th April Sponsored Bounce**



Friends of Great Bookham School are hosting a Spring sponsored bounce!

We hope you can find some Spring in your step and help us raise money for the school while having fun.

Our target for the year is £12,000 and we hope this will help towards our total.

The next projects we are looking to fund.

- The Forest School
- PSHE books
- School Council

Bounce as much as you can in 2 minutes and raise money. E.g. 5p per bounce.

Your sponsorship form is on the reverse, please complete all the information and return to your teachers by Monday 22nd April.



Class.....

If I have ticked the box headed Gift Aid I confirm that I am a UK income or Capital Gains taxpayer. I have read this statement and want the charity named above to reclaim tax on the donation detailed below, given on the date shown. I understand that if I pay less income tax / or capital gains tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand the charity will claim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

By allowing my child to take partake in the sponsored bounce I have understand the health and safety risks associated with this type of activity. I therefore assume all risk of injury associated with this event and declare my child does not suffer from any disabilities or physical conditions that place them or others at risk during the event.

Congratulations to our sports award winners for the Spring term. The trophy they have received signifies the hard work, dedication, and perseverance that the children have put into their sport. Well done all.

Infant sports award	Eloise
Year 3 sports award	Jackson
Year 4 sports award	Layla
Year 5 sports award	Ellis
Year 6 sports award	Mizuki



## *Stars of the week*

Our stars of the week are:

**Ladybirds**

Roseanne

**Bumblebees**

Liba

**Dragonflies**

Aubrey

**Foxes**

Kira

**Squirrels**

Georgia

**Hedgehogs**

Aria

**Rabbits**

Arina

**Eagles**

Evie T

**Hawks**

Imogen

**Falcons**

Esme

**Kestrels**

Jacob

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## Attendance

Last week our whole school attendance reached **96.5%** which is the highest that it has been all academic year. Every day and every moment counts in school so thank you for continuing to support your child to be in school and on time.

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

MAC the attendance bear will live in **Foxes** classroom for the Easter holidays.



## Online safety

### Parental Controls - Keeping your child safe online

#### What are parental controls?

Parental controls are settings available across devices, apps and networks. They let you manage screen time, in-game spending, content, communication and more.

We know how hard it is to navigate online safety across all the tech your child interacts with. For younger children, these parental controls guides can help you customise their digital experiences and learn online safety. For older children, these guides can help lead conversations around safety settings on social media, in video games and beyond. Showing them how to use safety tools can help them take ownership of their safety. Please look at the [NSPCC's guides for how to set up parental controls across a range of devices](#).

#### Will parental controls keep my child safe online?

Parental controls are an important part of online safety. They work like a safety net for when your child spends time online — like the helmet they wear while cycling.

However, they work best if you also take other actions. Having regular, casual conversations about their online experiences is one way to do this.

[Learn how to talk about children's digital lives.](#)

Additionally, learning about common online safety issues and staying up-to-date can help you catch any potential harms.

[Explore Internet Matter's online issues hubs to learn more.](#)

It's also important to consider whether your child is ready for whichever device, app or game they express interest in.

### **Need advice about online safety?**

If you're stuck, not sure what to do, or if you're worried about your child, you can also contact the NSPCC's [trained helpline counsellors](#) on 0808 800 5000.

Childline also has lots of information about [online and mobile safety](#) that will help you and your child.

### ***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>



## *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/3OFQibH>



**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** 