

Great Bookham School Newsletter

Welcome to Issue 27 - 19th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of another exciting term here at Great Bookham School. During our whole school assembly on Monday, I asked the children what they are looking forward to this term and it was lovely to hear their responses. Many are excited at the prospect of being able to play on the school field and I do not blame them as it looks particularly beautiful at the moment covered in daisies and blossom.

Today we were treated to a fantastic class assembly from our Year 1 Bumblebees class. They shared their learning from a range of different subject areas and confidently delivered their lines to a large audience. They had obviously been inspired by their learning about the Chinese New Year as they sang Gong Xi Ni in Mandarin. Thank you to all parents and carers that came to the assembly and the Year 1 teaching team for preparing the children so well.

Our Year 5 and 6 boys football team competed in a tournament yesterday. They all played with such enthusiasm and effort. We drew against St Lawrence and St Peter's and won against The Raleigh! Thank you to Mrs Jupp for organising and Mrs Swayze for attending the event.

Our attendance figure for this week is 97% which is something to celebrate! We want our children and families to feel a true sense of belonging here at Great Bookham School and this figure confirms that every day and every minute in school really does count to achieve excellent outcomes both socially and academically.

We are delighted to have been in contact with so many excited families who have secured a Year R or Year 3 space in September 2024 and have already started touring for September 2025 places!

Good luck to Mr Mandeville running the TCS London Marathon on Sunday. He is running to raise money for our school so if you would like to show your support you can donate by

visiting his GoFundMe page [here](#). His bib number is 71913 so if you would like to track his progress you can do this via the TCS London Marathon app.

On Tuesday 23rd April it is St George's Day and we invite all children that belong to a uniformed organisation such as cubs, brownies etc to wear their uniform to school for the day. Please note that no football kits are to be worn on this day.

I hope that you have a great weekend.

Miss J. Allen





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.



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

South Farnham Educational Trust
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Billy the Brave

Many of you will be aware of the tragic story regarding a local child, Billy, who sadly passed away last month after battling a terminal brain tumour. A fundraising event has been organised to celebrate Billy's life 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>





Upcoming key dates

Tuesday 23rd April - St George's Day

Wednesday 24th April - Y2 Infant Music Festival

Thursday 25th April - Y5/Y6 girls football tournament

Friday 26th April - Friends of GBS sponsored bounce



Friends of GBS Sponsored Bounce

The Friends of GBS are hosting a sponsored bounce next week! 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.

Online safety

Poppy Playtime

It is important that you are aware that whilst the name and characters suggest a playful game, it is a survival horror game with graphics that may not be suitable for your child. It includes characters such as 'Kissy Wissy' and 'Huggy Wuggy.' Please view this game before allowing your child to play it as it may not be appropriate for them – particularly young children.

Children may be playing the game or just watching videos of it on sites such as YouTube or playing replicated versions on Roblox for example.

What are the risks?

There are multiple risks that can arise from children and young people being exposed to frightening content before they are prepared.

- Added anxiety and stress – Children and young people are still growing and learning. They may not be at a level of emotional maturity that would be able to process frightening content, even if it is intentional. Horror games could hamper that growth by creating unnecessary anxiety and stress.
- Intrusive thoughts – Everyone has the ‘thing that goes bump in the night.’ If children play this game or watch it, the Boogeyman could easily be replaced with characters like Huggy Wuggy. This could cause children to lose focus or sleep and could interrupt family rest cycles.
- New fears – The manipulation of child-friendly items into threatening characters exploits the sense of security a child would feel around these things. They may suddenly be terrified of something that had never been a worry before.

Further Information

Safer Schools NI have produced this informative:

<https://saferschoolsni.co.uk/huggy-wuggy-online-safety-review/>

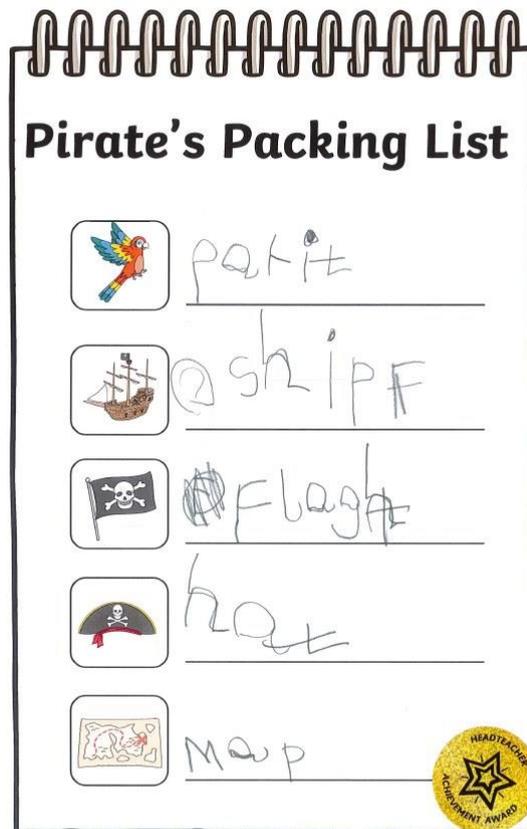
Headteacher award

Lucy in Reception has worked incredibly hard with her writing and used her phonics accurately to write words linked to her learning about pirates.

Archie, Robert and Harrison in Year 3 have been studying the BFG and used this to create detailed descriptions of their own giants.

Hedgehog class have been inspired by their class text 'Minty' and Emma, Jenson and Jessica have produced exceptional diary entries writing from the perspective of different characters.

Isabella in Year 6 wrote a powerful opener to her story. Her choice of language was excellent.



Thursday 18th April 2021

Character description - Giant

Somewhere, down in a deep dark forest lives a giant. Now, this giant isn't your typical giant because running his head is bald as a bowling ball. BUT something strange about him is that his skin is maroon like a chunk of beef. Because he eats trees his mouth is as big as Mount Everest and nostrils like black holes. ✓✓

NOW, you may expect if this giant has any clothes at all they would look super expensive BUT it's the exact opposite, in this case because his clothes are all ripped BUT the reason is unknown. ✓✓

So, this might sound weird when I say it's but even though he can most of the time be delightful is a cheerful, friendly, he can get a bit angry. ✓✓

Fun Fact!: This giant ^{doesn't} doesn't care if it's -20° it will NOT wear a coat. ✓✓

Love it!



Thursday 18th April 2024

Character Description - Giant

M Character ✓ Description - Giant
 N Hair ✓ Like
 Goggles ✓ the skin on her
 face is wrinkly Because she
 is an old woman. Her
 face is fat like a
 marshmallow. ✓✓

The Giant's Feet go
 Like a wrecking Ball ✓
 and can squish your
 Blood like a Juice
 can make a massive
 Boulder explode like a
 Dynamite. His Body is
 Strong like a Squeeze
 like a Pac-Man. ✓
 are clean and shiny like
 a Shiny Star and its
 colour is magenta. It's
 belt is pink. It's
 is mean, furious, angry and
 frustrated. ✓



Friday 19th April 2024 Emma

To write a diary entry from a chosen perspective, using emotion

P1

Dear diary,

Today has been the worst day of my life. Mrs Brodas was horrible, ~~so~~ cruel and mean. Firstly, I accidentally spilt a smelly pitcher of cider and didn't come in when I was called. After I spilt the cider, she gave me two punishments.

P2

I don't know how this happened! Sadly, she made me a field slave and it's probably ~~not~~ not going to be fun at all.



P3

shockingly, things got worse because Mrs Brodas had Esther my beloved doll. Mrs Brodas said, "you thought I didn't know about your doll." She ~~did~~ then did something insane which was she threw Esther in the fire and she made me watch Esther burn until she was a pile of ashes.

P4

"Oh mum," I said. "I'm being made a field slave." My mum said, "at least you'll be with us."



I said, "I guess so but I don't want to."

My mum said, "it will be fine."

Well thats it see you

tomorrow

bye



Friday 19th April 2024

Jerban

To write a diary entry from a chosen perspective, using emotion

Dear diary,

Today has been a dreadful day! First of all, I spilt a smelly, stinky pitcher of cider. My angry, spiteful master was so mad at me. She gave me two dreadful punishments.

Plus, Cunselly, I tripped over the cider and Mr Brdad got so mad at me she made me a field slave so I did my job. Mrs Brakes said "We dont need men in the house anymore." So they kicked me out of the house so I worked in the hot field.



found it. Then she ~~took~~ threw it in the
fire and I stomped my feet and I
kicked my doll then into ashes and I said
my head of Mrs Bradas said to buy your
doll is ashes now you have no doll.
p4 After a dreadful day I went to my
mum she made me tea laugh because she
told me:

Jenkm

Friday 19th April 2024

Jessica W

To write a diary entry from a chosen perspective, using emotion

Dear diary,
I've had a terrible day! First of
all, I spill the sticky, smelly cider.
My mean, scary master was furious
with me. When I spill it, she
gave me two terrible punishments.
I'm feeling depressed and angry. Can
you believe it? I want to run away.

During dinner, which I had stayed all
day over, Mrs Bradas was
still extremely angry. As I was
reaching for the potatoes, I
clumsily knocked over the



pudding or cider! I leaped forwards like a kangaroo to try and save it but my attempt failed. Angrily Mrs B Bradas shouted "That was obviously on purpose. Why did you do that?" I thought my day couldn't get any worse but then the punishments came.

First, she made me a sealed slave. I was so annoyed! Then, out of nowhere, she took my loving, precious doll Esther and threw her into the fire. I was distraught and to ushtonsidered



to speak. She held me back to watch Esther burn in the bright, orange flames. Suddenly, the realisation sunk in. My heart sank like a rock being thrown in the sea.

As soon as the day was over, I ran, with tears streaming down my face, straight to my parents and told them everything that had happened that day. My parents were worried that they



might send me to the south. I
don't want to be sent to the
south. I don't know what I would
do without my parents. I hope
tomorrow will be better. That's all
for now. Bye.

Excellent / Head teacher's
the grief came over her. *award*

"I can't believe to all on my own nobody
nobody at all," she thought, with tears
streaming down her face.



Stars of the week

Our stars of the week are:

Ladybirds	Everly
Bumblebees	Lizzie
Dragonflies	Elsie
Foxes	Lily
Squirrels	Nam
Hedgehogs	Finlay
Rabbits	Izzy
Eagles	Evie G
Hawks	Marnie
Falcons	Joban
Kestrels	Jacob

STARS OF THE WEEK

Attendance

Congratulations to **Rabbits, Hawks and Kestrels** for winning the attendance certificate **this week!** All three classes have achieved **100% attendance!**

MAC the attendance bear will have to share living in **Rabbits, Hawks and Kestrels** classrooms for the week!



Should I keep my child off school?

Please find attached a useful poster giving guidance on common illnesses and when children should or shouldn't attend school.

Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrc.de/minfoc>.