

Great Bookham School Newsletter

Welcome to Issue 28 - 26th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday we celebrated Mr Mandeville's achievement of running the London Marathon in 4 hours 31 mins and 28 seconds. The children marvelled at his medal and we are so grateful for all of the money that he has raised for our school - thank you to everyone who generously donated. The children and staff were inspired by Mr Mandeville's efforts and this spurred them on when they took part in the TCS Schools Mini Marathon this week.

We have had a very bouncy day in school today with all children, and lots of staff, taking part in the sponsored bounce organised by The Friends of GBS. I could hear lots of happy cheers from my office and there was a wonderful team spirit in the air.

Year 2 took part in the ELP Infant Music Festival at The Howard School on Tuesday and represented our school beautifully. They opened the event with singing "Wouldn't it be funny", which they sang with such pride and confidence. It was lovely to see the children meeting other Year 2 pupils from other local schools and enjoying singing in collectively as one enormous choir. Well done Year 2.

Today, Mrs Morriss and Mr Randall spent the day at the 'Beyond the Classroom Outdoor Learning Conference'. They had lots of fun exploring how cross-curriculum learning outside contributes to a wide range of positive health and learning outcomes. This term, they have started their Forest School Club and are excited to be exploring ways that outdoor learning can be incorporated into our curriculum offer here at GBS.

Yesterday, 10 of our Y5/Y6 girls played in a football tournament at Leatherhead Football Club against 8 local schools. They played incredibly well and supported each other throughout the whole tournament. They showed excellent sportsmanship during the entire tournament, and in particular when they took the time to console a goalkeeper of the opposing team. We are very proud of them all and they finished 4th, only losing out to 3rd place by 1 point. Well done girls.

Thank you to The Friends of GBS for their contribution to maths - we now have rapid recall whiteboards to embed fluency in number and gridded whiteboards to help children with laying out their maths calculations.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Miss J. Allen







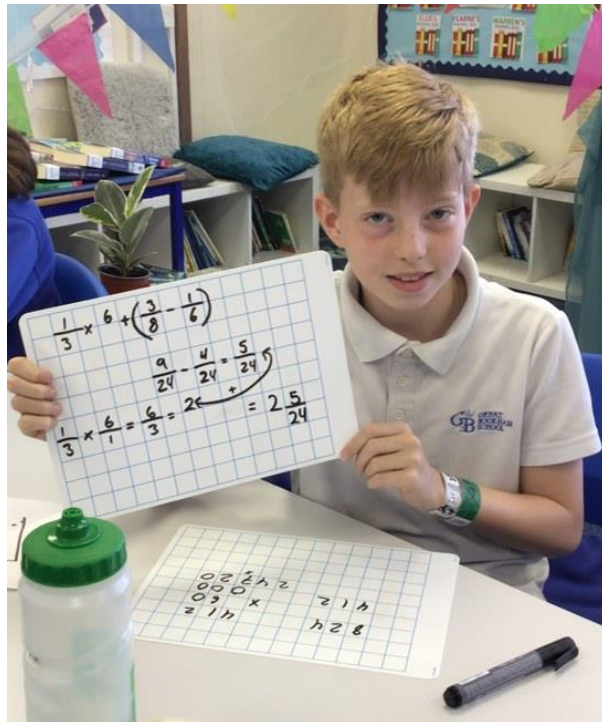












Upcoming key dates

Monday 29th April - Surrey Arts Primary Music Festival

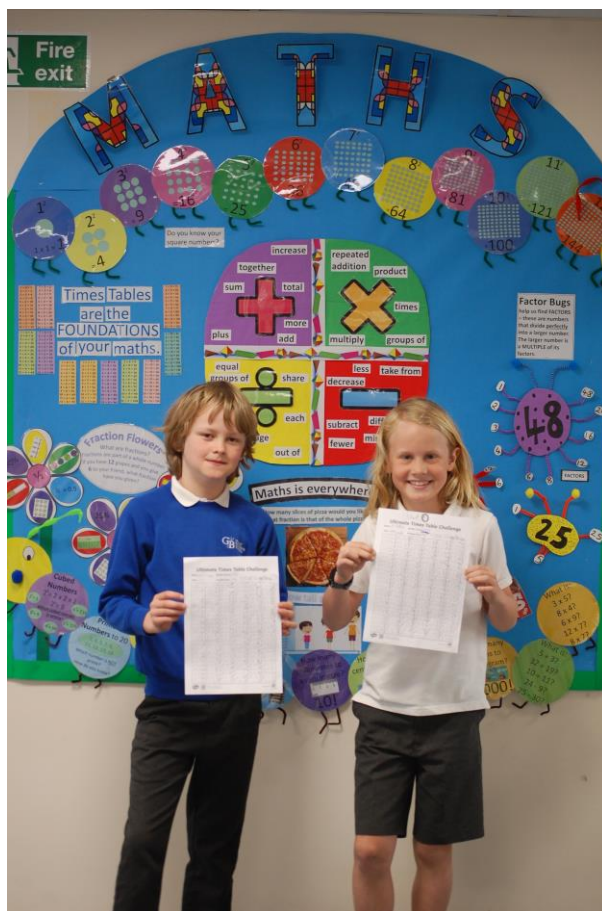
Thursday 2nd May - Y4 Roundnet Competition

Friday 3rd May - Rabbits Class Assembly



Headteacher award

Ashton and Sam in Year 4 came to see me to celebrate the impressive achievement of answering 144 times table questions in under 144 seconds! We are very proud of them for all of the hard work and effort they have put into learning their times tables.



We're recruiting!

We are currently recruiting for an office manager - if you, or anybody you know is interested, you can apply [here](#).

Online safety

Online Challenges

Our children may not have developed the skills and ability to critically analyse all situations yet so it is important to talk to your child about hoaxes and challenges that may appear on the internet. Some challenges are fun and provide no risk, however there will be challenges that are risky/dangerous. Just recently, a child sadly died after participating in a challenge - more information here: <https://inege.com/2024/03/19/dangerous-challenge-safeguarding-risks/>

Your child may see others complete certain challenges online without being harmed and therefore may want to repeat them and not consider the potential risks to themselves. Make sure they know that they should talk to you (or another trusted adult) about what they see online, particularly if they plan to try a challenge.

We would always advise that if your child has not heard about an online challenge, then do not draw attention to it as this may lead to them searching for it out of curiosity, so just talk about challenges in a general sense. Furthermore, reassure your child that challenges that suggest that terrible things will happen if they do not complete the tasks are not real.

The following link will provide you with further information as well as content to help you talk to your child:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/connecting-safely-online/advice-for-parents/tackling-the-hard-stuff-on-social-media-to-support-young-people/online-challenges-are-they-harmless/>

TikTok have also produced this resource to help you talk to your child about challenges and the potential risks: <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en-sg/online-challenges/>

Stars of the week

Our stars of the week are:

Ladybirds	Skye-Lauren
Bumblebees	Jess
Dragonflies	Ellie
Foxes	Kira
Squirrels	Henry
Hedgehogs	Leia
Rabbits	Tommy
Eagles	Amelia
Hawks	Faith
Falcons	Connie
Kestrels	Hughie

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Attendance

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

MAC the attendance bear will live in **Hawks** classrooms for the week.

