

Great Bookham School Newsletter

Welcome to Issue 2 - 13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy first full week we have had back at school. Walking around the school, I can already see such productive learning happening and I have been so impressed with the children's focus and engagement in class after such a long break. Please enjoy some photos of the children's learning below.

It has been a pleasure watching our new Reception and Year 3 children transition and settle into life here at Great Bookham School. Thanks must be given to our Year 5 pupils who have been a great support to our Reception class in their role as a 'special friend', supporting them with new routines and aspects of school life.

Our Year 6 children have now been adorned with badges, having accepted their new roles and responsibilities and we look forward to seeing them flourish in these during their last year here with us.

Our school oozed with democracy this week, as children stood up and presented reasons for why they would make a great School Councillor. The teachers were proud of how brave and confident the children were and want to congratulate everyone in their efforts. We are very pleased to announce the 2024-25 School Council below.

We currently have 2 spaces left in our Reception class, so if you know of anyone who is looking for an early years space in a high quality and nurturing provision with an expert team, please ask them to contact the school office for a personal tour.

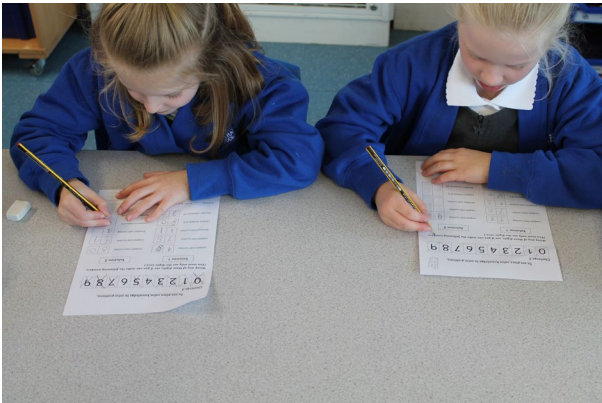
Many of our 2025/26 Reception and Year 3 tour dates are starting to fill up and we have not yet advertised these on our social media platforms. If you know of friends and families who would like a tour then please direct them to our website to book a space.

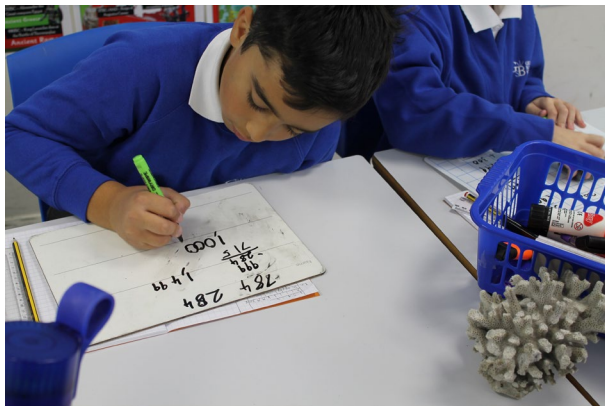
Extra curricular clubs start up next week and I am looking forward to seeing the children taking part in a range of academic, sporting, creative and musical activities.

Finally, I just want to note how lovely it is to hear so many of our children saying 'Good morning', 'Good afternoon', and 'How are you?' when walking around school and displaying our school value of 'Love' for one another.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss J. Allen





Religious Education

At Great Bookham School we have a broad Religious Education Curriculum and this year, children in school will be learning more about:

-Christianity

-Islam

-Judaism

-Hinduism

-Sikhism

-Buddhism

If you or anyone you know practices any of these religions, we would love to have you visit school to talk to our children about elements of your religion such as worship, prayer, ceremonies, customs and cultures, traditional dress, precious objects and much more!

If you are interested, please get in touch with Miss Berenson through the school office.

Upcoming key dates

Friday 20th September - KS2 Cross Country

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th September - Scholastic Book Fair

Meet the **Year 1** teacher - **Monday 16th September 2:50pm**

Meet the **Year 6** teacher - **Monday 16th September 2:50pm**

Meet the **Reception** teacher induction meeting - **Monday 16th September 6pm**

Meet the **Year 2** teacher - **Tuesday 17th September 2:50pm**

Meet the **Year 3** teacher - **Wednesday 18th September 2:50pm**

Meet the **Year 4** teacher - **Thursday 19th September 2:50pm**

Meet the **Year 5** teacher - **Friday 20th September 2:50pm**

Important Dates



School Council 2024-2025

Bumblebees	Amayah & Oscar
Dragonflies	Theo & Darcey
Foxes	Olive & Edward
Squirrels	Jude & Daisy C
Rabbits	Izzie & Henry
Hedgehogs	Sophie & Georgia
Eagles	Harry & Chloe
Hawks	Layla & Amy
Falcons	William G, Evie T & William P



Headteacher award


Sam and Theo in Y2 proudly showed me their writing linked to the story Beegu. They have been working really hard on their handwriting and use of capital letters and full stops.

Name: Theo

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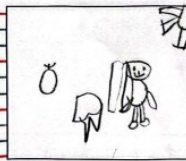


Non-chronological report.

Beegu is a chunky yellow alien.
with three blue eyes. I think her planet
looks like this. 

Food

On Beegu's planet
they eat juicy apples.
Hard rocks.



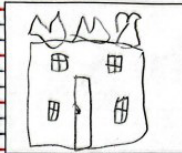
Weather



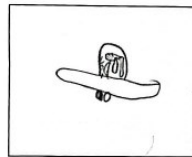
The weather on Beegu's
planet is hot and cold.

Homes

The houses look
really different on
Beegu's planet. They have
rocks.



Transport



To travel around Beegu's
planet the aliens use
a spaceship.

Landscape

The mountains on Beegu's
planet are bumpy.



Name: Sam

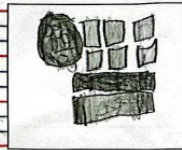


Non-chronological report.

Beegu has two and a half eyes and
with two eyes. The ship crashd
in the city. I think her planet
looks like this.

Food

On Beegu's planet
they eat yummy
peets and chocolate.
PZU
Weather



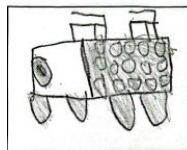
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Homes

The houses look
very different on planet
so they have their
homes.



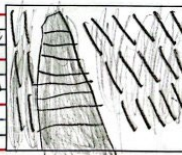
Transport



To travel around
on Beegu's planet
the alphas use trucks.

Landscape

The land on the planet
is dusty and hilly.



Stars of the week

Our stars of the week are:

Bumblebees	Archie W & Everly
Dragonflies	Archie & Ada
Foxes	Sophia & Tommy
Squirrels	Aubrey & Jude
Hedgehogs	Kira & William P
Rabbits	Katie & Mael
Eagles	Kenzie & Neve
Hawks	Cody & Raevyne
Falcons	Matthew & William G

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Attendance

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

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



Parking

To safeguard our children, it is imperative that all parents adhere to our parking rules. We have had a number of parents who have ignored these and members of our Senior

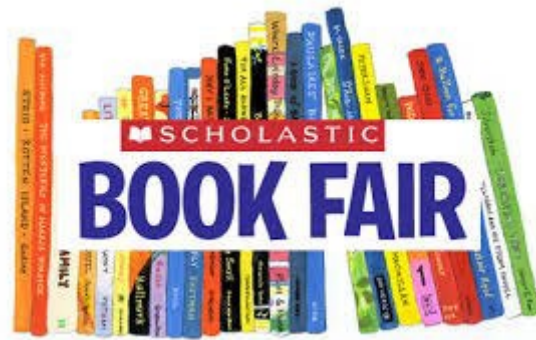
Leadership Team will be contacting them individually to discuss the seriousness of their actions.

To ensure that all children are kept safe during drop-off and pick-up, we urge you not to park on the horseshoe at our Lower Road gate or drive into the school car park on Griffin Way. This causes congestion and challenging manoeuvring of vehicles which puts our children at risk.

We really do appreciate all those that support us in making sure that our children are kept safe.

Scholastic Book Fair

Great news - Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Great Bookham School again! After last year's hugely successful book fair, we are pleased to announce that Scholastic Travelling Books are coming to us during the week commencing 23rd September. Watch this space for more information.



Online safety

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they would not if they were face to face with each other.

Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect and kindness, like they would if they were face-to-face. How they act online should be how they behave on the school playground when they are following school rules. Here are some examples of what being unkind looks like online:

Sending nasty or hurtful messages

- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission

- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies

The above might happen whilst your child is gaming online or whilst using social media or messaging apps for example.

What should I do if my child is being bullied online?

Ensure that your child understands that if they receive unkind messages or see something that worries them, they should not reply or engage in conversation with the perpetrator. Instead, they should tell a trusted adult. You can use the tools within an app to report any offensive or hurtful content as well as block people so they cannot contact them again in the future.

Starting a conversation with your child

BBC Own It have curated a selection of videos and quizzes with ideas and advice to help make the web a kinder place. You could use these to help you start a conversation with your child.

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/curations/being-kind-online>

Further information

<https://bulliesout.com/need-support/be-kind-online/>

<https://bekindonline.com/category/cyber-safety-tips/>

Community and events

Don't forget you can keep up to date with local events and activities that are happening throughout the autumn term on our 'Community and Events Page' under the 'Parents' tab on our website.



Autism webinar

Please see information below on neurodiversity webinars shared with us by the Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

**AUTISM LIVE WEBINAR
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SPACE**



Book a place on this two hour live webinar exploring autism (including a question and answer session)

This webinar is for **parents and carers** of any child or young person with autism or traits of autism, whether diagnosed or not.

Dates:
Day 1: Weds 9th October 2024
11:45am-1:45 pm with Emma & Lisa R

Day 2: Weds 11th December 2024
11.45am-1.45pm with Emma & Sarah D

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ND LIVE WEBINAR DELIVERED BY LEARNING SPACE

Book a place on this two hour live webinar exploring neurodivergent conditions, with a particular emphasis on autism and ADHD (including a question and answer session)

This webinar is for any **professional** working in an educational setting

Dates:

Day 1: Weds 2nd Oct 2024
3.45pm-5.45pm with Emma & Lisa R

Day 2: Weds 27th Nov 2024
11.45am -1.45pm with Emma & Sarah D

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Day 1: Weds 25th Sept 11:45am-1:45pm with Emma & Lisa R

Day 2: Weds 23rd Oct 11:45am-1:45pm with Emma & Sarah D

Day 3: Weds 13th Nov 11:45am-1:45pm with Emma & Sarah D

Day 4: Mon 19th Dec 2024 5:45pm-7:45pm with Emma & Sarah D

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