

# Great Bookham School Newsletter

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*Welcome to Issue 3 - 20th September 2024*

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Thank you to all parents and carers who have been able to attend this week's parent information meetings. We truly value our partnership and are looking at ways in which we can increase our offer of parental workshops. Initially we will be focussing on maths and phonics but if there is another area of the curriculum or topic that you would appreciate support in then please email the school office with your suggestions. All parent presentations from this week will be uploaded to our school website for your reference.*

*In assembly we have been exploring Fundamental British Values which are Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect, Tolerance and Individual Liberty. These values underpin what it is to be a citizen in modern and diverse Great Britain and the children were able to articulate how they support us all to value our community and celebrate diversity. We will be continuing this discussion with the children, along with looking at what British Values look like in action during a normal day here at school, so you may hear your child talk about them or hear a simple song that they have been learning to help us all remember them!*

*There have been a record number of headteacher awards given this week so please take a look at the wonderful work below.*

*It is exciting to see some of our sporting events starting again and we are looking forward to cheering children on and celebrating their efforts and successes this afternoon at the cross country event at KGV. We hope to see lots of you there.*

Miss J. Allen

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## *Upcoming key dates*

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

# Important Dates



## *Headteacher award*

Liba, Molly and Olivia in Year 2 have worked so hard this week during English which has resulted in fantastic descriptive writing about The Gruffalo. The whole school is working hard to improve their handwriting and I can see this coming through in the girls' writing.

Jane in Year 2 impressed me with her concentration and mathematical thinking.

Tommy and Harry M in Year 3 wrote their own version of Six Dinner Sid and I enjoyed their creative and humorous ideas.

Leo in Year 3 wrote an exciting story about a pet adventure.

Isla in Year 3 created a rhyming poem and included humour.

Mael in Year 4 was inspired by his learning linked to The Secret Garden and wrote a fabulous story starter, thinking carefully about his choice of language.

Katie in Year 4 produced a clear and carefully labelled diagram of the digestion system. I think we could have a scientist in the making!

Jackson in Year 4 was praised for his outstanding behaviour and for his constant readiness to learn. Mr Randall felt that he had gone above and beyond and is a fantastic role model to his peers.

Finn in Year 5 shared a wonderful piece of writing linked to The Hobbit. He too, has worked very hard with his handwriting and used creative noun phrases to create an image for his readers.

Simey in Year 5 confidently explained his scientific thinking about light and shadows. He was also praised for his careful listening and attention during his history lesson about Henry VII.

Aya and Luke in Year 6 produced thoughtful and moving texts for their 'free writing' homework task. Well done!

Rupert in Year 6 wrote a stunning diary entry from the perspective of Bess in The Highway Man.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

The Gruglo

The Gruglo is the main character in the book 'the Gruglo' by Julia Donaldson. Would you like to read more? The Gruglo has terrible tusks and he has big sharp horns and hard jaw. And the Gruglo also has a green slobery snout and a poisonous wart at the end of his nose.

The Gruglo has a greedy personality. The Gruglo likes tomatoes in a cheese and lettuce sandwich. The Gruglo dislikes roasted fox.



Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

The Gruzzalo

The Gruzzalo is the main character in the book 'The Gruzzalo' by Julia Donaldson. Would you like to read more? He has robby knees and turned out toes. His eyes are orange. His tongue is black. He has people prickles all over his black.

The Gruzzalo has a ungrateful personality. The Gruzzalo likes tasty mice on toast.

The Gruzzalo dislikes roasted fox.



Thursday 19th

The gruzzalo

The Gruzzalo is the main character in the Book 'The gruzzalo' by Julia Donaldson. Would you like to read more?

The Gruzzalo has sharp pointy horns and turned out toes. He has terrible teeth in his terrible jaws and purple prikes all over his back.

The Gruzzalo has a greedy personality. The Gruzzalo has a mean personality.

The Gruzzalo likes mouse and lettuce sandwich.

The Gruzzalo dislikes Gruzzalo crumbs



Unit 1, Week 2, Lesson 2

Date: Jane

Cloudy calculations

Recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20



HP I



3 + 6 = 9	7 + 5 = 12	4 + 9 = 13
13 + 4 = 17	2 + 16 = 18	12 + 7 = 19

9 - 5 = 4	7 - 5 = 2	10 - 7 = 3
14 - 14 = 0	11 - 8 = 3	15 - 6 = 9

12 plus 6 18	7 more than 8 15
18 take away 5 13	Subtract 8 from 13 5

Teacher's notes: Children complete the calculations and number sentences, writing the answers as numerals. If needed interlocking cubes can be used to help children.



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Ted is an energetic dog who lives in number 5 on the Glade in Fetcham. Ted sleeps in a dog house and loves walks. One sunny morning Ted woke up feeling extra hungry. He went to the kitchen and ate his breakfast.

Ted lives at six different houses which means Ted has six dinners! Ted eats steak, kibble, chicken, pork, fish and stew. ~~For he never~~ the neighbours never talked to each other which means they never know what Ted is up to and most importantly each one of them thought Ted is theirs.

Ted is named six different names that are Sam, Jack, Edward, Jenson, Sammy and Lucas.

One day Ted was on a walk and he jogged around Fetcham, Bocking, Dorking, and Leatherhead! VROOM Ted thought 'what was that?' even the owner is surprised! WOOF! The owner <sup>quickly</sup> turned to Ted and to his surprise Ted broke his leg! As fast as he could the owner drove him to the vet but he got took to the vet six times!

Ted also gets six bandages! His bandages are so tight Ted starts crying! ~~At~~ All the neighbours found out Ted was their pet. Now Ted feels way better and it was all great! Or was it?...



Thursday 12th September 2024  
Six dinner snake

Snake is a slither snake ✓

He lived in a dunn in Hanon in London. ✓

One Snake in morning snake

- woke up and slithered across the corridor to the front door and slithered to the door and climbed to pull the door handle to go outside to find six mice for dinner. ✓

2 hours later snake found six mice to eat. Then went exploring of the forest. ✓

Corridor



The next day snake was <sup>partly</sup> <sup>owned</sup> by his owners called the vet because he ate six mice he went there six times and took 6 spoons as <sup>medicine</sup> medicine. ✓

- The vet realized it was the same snake. <sup>realized</sup>

The people in Jude and then moved to Egypt and never returned. <sup>returned</sup>

Week  
The Secret Garden

As I went to school, Mary kept across a bridge, she was on her own now, without the big scared Katelyn, with muddy feet from rain on. Mary was ~~happy~~ think until she heard a noise in the bushes. It was a rabbit or maybe she thought as the bushes continued to ~~move~~. If God of the bushes, a small white fox jumped at her, in a split second she started it, but it kept growling. She decided to run. As she ran along the way kept growing for until she changed a tree. The ~~tree~~ was a star-shaped tree. The tree she saw a



The Secret Garden

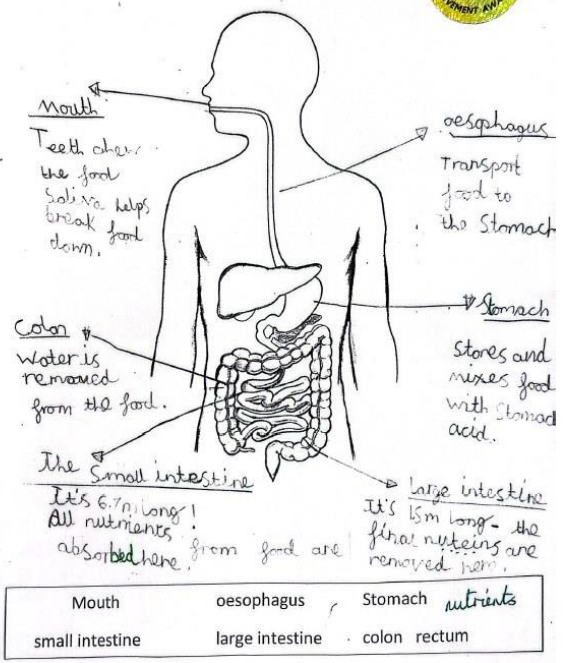
turned connected to the tree. It was hard to another garden, as she saw a hole in the ground. The hole was light inside the tunnel. When she reached the other side she turned a lamp. ... But! As the tunnel disappeared, her 14 hour isn't going to get home with the crowd. Just then she ~~noticed~~ where she was. She was all a dig with an army. Separating the two gardens but she could not think what because of ~~an~~ appeared for ears. She could see through the hole. When she opened her eyes again she was in her under the hole.



To investigate where our food goes after it has been eaten.

The Digestive System

10<sup>th</sup> September



A clearly annotated diagram - good presentation.

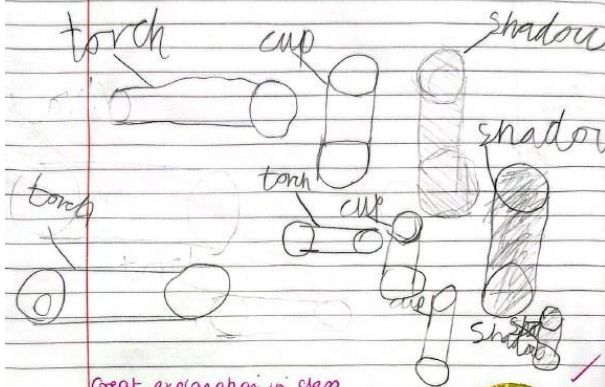
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September  
the hobbit



Have you seen a hobbit house?  
It is underground but a very comfortable place.  
It is a nice little burrow. This house great  
comfort who lives in it is a hobbit called  
Bilbo Baggins and very lucky. The hobbit hole is  
in the hill it is green green grassy hill, but inside  
the best room is the living room because it  
has got a warm cosy fire and the shining sun  
also shines on the cosy rug. But its very messy  
and so much chaos maps, bits of paper and clothes.  
In front is the kitchen, set of yummy bread  
and cheese also pots and pans, for a yummy  
meal even some on the table like cake, tea and cheese.  
What I am telling you here is true you come and  
see it you will be so at home because we <sup>live</sup> there  
before before and felt so at home so come in.

18.9.24.

Investigating shadows



Great explanation in class  
Smiley





Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021



I watched as the birds painted the sky with a beautiful sunset glow, I know the swing is gonna get played on tonight.

Happy laughter, crazy barking  
catching ~~balls~~ balls, through wing sticks ✓  
Me and my best friends  
All the day we'd play together  
Life was simple back then  
And now you're gone, me all alone  
What watching the birds you used to chase  
Feeling the warm sun on my face  
feeling  
Remembering the sun we had in this beautiful  
green place. ✓



Wow! what a heart-felt emotional poem.  
Well done.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024



I wait and wait for someone, someone  
to come and have a swing on me.  
I am certain it will fill them up with  
joy like a balloon being filled with  
air. But still, I wait.

I remember the first day I was  
hung on this tree, all the happy and  
lighthearted ~~waiting~~ swinging on me.  
These were the days, these were the  
days. But now I sway slowly in  
the wind, so lonely, so so lonely.  
Hang on who is that? A boy, with dark  
brown hair and diamond blue eyes.  
He swings on me, I look up  
and see the joy upon his face  
I told you, I told you.

But now again after he leaves  
I am lonely, but still waiting,  
waiting to be swung on again.

This story was called: I wait,  
Luke 11/9/24. This is a wonderful piece of  
writing. Luke. Very touching and

# THE HIGHWAYMAN

I realize now that I have placed my love in a false hero, I was blinded by charming attire and elegant stallion. Alas, I cannot restrain the magnet of my heart from getting wound up in his gait, like the dark red love knot I plait in my hair each night he comes.

His claret velvet coat demands respect in the same way royalty creates a presence of grandeur, and like some spell has been placed on me, I involuntarily give him all my heart's attention. I notice thigh-high boots polished to perfection, and his body adorned with bangles and bracelets, despite his cruel heart not all desecrating of those luxuries.

I'm sure any fair couldn't resist this individual as bold and dashing as a fairytale prince, galloping by with a passionate attitude. But sometimes (out of fear) I ask about the King's men (a fear that torments each night dreams of red coat men dragging away the only chance I have of a new life, a better life) he brushes it off with an arrogant swagger, I fear for him. Genuinely fear for him.

So I am left pondering, when the moon watches like the eye of a cyclops and the wind is a swooping devil howling to be set free, that our night together will seldom last.



## Stars of the week

Our stars of the week are:

<b>Bumblebees</b>	Archie N & Layla
<b>Dragonflies</b>	Darcey & Max
<b>Foxes</b>	Emilia & Harry
<b>Squirrels</b>	Emily & Theo
<b>Hedgehogs</b>	Arabella & Kai
<b>Rabbits</b>	Hugo & Martha
<b>Eagles</b>	Finbar & Simey
<b>Hawks</b>	Charlie & Layla
<b>Falcons</b>	Chloe & Noah

# STARS OF THE WEEK

## *Attendance*

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

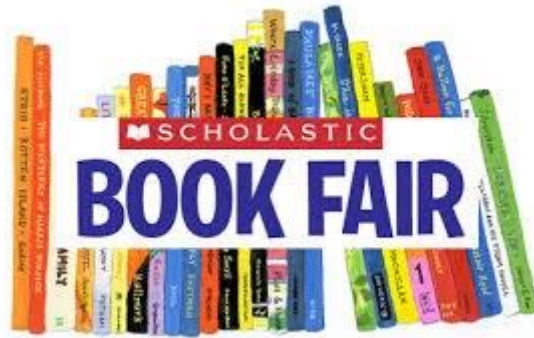
MAC the attendance bear will live in **Hedgehogs** classroom for the next week.



## *Scholastic Book Fair*

We are excited for Scholastic Book Fair next week! Children will get the chance to visit the fair during the school day on Monday to see the books on offer. Children and parents are invited to visit the fair every day next week in the junior hall between 3:20 and 3:45pm. Books can be purchased using a QR code, please note there is no cash option. Please see order form attached to this email.

Miss Macdougall will be running a competition to win a free book from the book fair - children are invited to write a short story or a comic strip. Entry sheets will be available from Miss Macdougall's office up until Thursday 26th September. The winner of the competition will be announced in celebration assembly on Friday 27th September.



### *Barnardo's Parenting Wellbeing Service*

We wanted to share with you a service that Barnardo's are currently offering to support parents/carers across Surrey.

They support parents/carers whose young people are experiencing difficulties with their emotional wellbeing and mental health and they empower and help to upskill parents to become a protective factor for their young people. Please click [here](#) to see their flyer for more information and their referral form. They accept community referrals, including schools or parents themselves.