

Great Bookham School Newsletter

Welcome to Issue 6 - 11th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! What a busy and eventful week we have had.

Last week was World Mental Health Week. At GBS we know how important it is to talk about Mental Health and we use a range of tools in school such as Zones of Regulation to help our children identify and talk about their feelings. Thank you for supporting our participation in World Mental Health Day on Friday - the children looked so bright and cheery wearing a splash of colourful accessories. It is so important that we teach our children fun ways to boost positivity and promote good mental health.

Year 3 took part in 'Feet First' walking training out in the local community. The trainers were really impressed with the road safety awareness the children showed.

During our Harvest celebration on Friday, our Reception and Key Stage 1 children performed a fantastic array of songs and told us all about the different ways Harvest is celebrated throughout the world and all about making bread. Well done to all the children for learning so many words and actions off by heart, especially our Ladybirds class, who have only been in school for 6 weeks!

This week, Years 5 and 6 are off on School Trips to Hampton Court Palace and the Natural History Museum respectively. We are sure the children will do us proud and represent all the values our school represent.

Thank you to all Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 children who represented our school at the Cross-Country event on the 4th October. We look forward to seeing many more of you there at the event this Friday (18th October).

I hope you all had a lovely weekend and got a chance to enjoy the Autumnal colours out and about this harvest time.

Miss J. Allen



JOIN US FOR

TEA & TALK

MANAGING ANXIETY AT HOME


WITH LEARNING SPACE

Learn how to take practical steps to help your child to manage anxiety and worry at home



With a focus on **practical steps** and understanding what happens when your child feels anxious.

Open to parents of years 3, 4, 5 & 6



Upcoming key dates

16th October - Y6 school trip to the Natural History Museum

17th October - Y5 school trip to Hampton Court

18th October - Parents phonics workshop 2-3pm

18th October - Cross Country 4-6pm

22nd October - Y5 Tudor Day

23rd October - Tea and Talk

24th October - Y6 Healthy Lifestyle Choices talk/ YR Dental health and handwashing talk

25th October - Last day before half term

- The Friends: Snail Racing



Stars of the week

Our stars of the week are:

Ladybirds	Elsie & Isaac
Bumblebees	Freddie G & Amayah
Dragonflies	Sam & Luca
Foxes	Jacob & Ellie
Squirrels	Mollie & River
Hedgehogs	Oliver & Georgia
Rabbits	Luna & Ned
Eagles	Jenson & Chloe
Hawks	Amy & Aidan
Falcons	Billie & Wilson

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Attendance

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

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



Online safety

iOS 18 Launch

Apple have recently released their latest operating system, iOS 18. iOS 18 offers lots of new features (some are restricted to newer phones) but one feature that you should be aware of is the ability to now lock and hide apps.

When an app is locked, Face ID, Touch ID or your passcode will be required to open it. This also means that notifications will no longer be shown for that app. Additionally, apps can now be hidden so they can only be accessed through a hidden apps folder that is also locked. This new feature illustrates the need to have regular chats with your child about what they are using their phone for.

For more information on Apple parental controls, please read <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/105121>

For more information on the iOS 18 update, please read <https://www.apple.com/uk/ios/ios-18/>