



Great Bedwyn CE Primary School Term 5 newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope you like the new look to the school newsletter and that you find the new format interesting and informative. My hope is that it captures some of the buzz and excitement of school life here at Great Bedwyn School!



Ships Ahoy!

Since the last newsletter, the Reception children have been busy building boats and then testing them to see if they can carry cargo! They have also been finding out about and building lighthouses. There have been some super **creations** and some fantastic writing from the children too. The class were particularly thrilled with a visit from Commodore Gibb who arrived in class in full uniform to inspect their lighthouses.



'Commodore Gibb is in charge of all the lighthouses in England Wales but not Scotland' the Reception children told Mrs Williams!



Worship Theme for the next term:
'Responsibility'

Fun in the Forest!



Class 1 had a great time this term building crocodile traps at forest school with the stunning bluebells as a backdrop. Thank you to Mrs Cox for making our time there so amazing.



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European Union Referendum

Class 4 is learning all about Europe and recently held their very own debate and EU Referendum! Class 4 was transformed in to the House of Commons for the important debate and vote. The 'remain campaign' triumphed - we will see if class 4 have reflected national opinion come the 23rd June!

Class 4 have also been enjoying their time in the forest with lots of bug hunting and building of bug hotels. Mrs Cox also put the class through their paces with some orienteering too. Thank You Mrs Cox!

Dates for your diary:

Monday June 6

Return to school for term 6

Kwik cricket

Tuesday June 7

Forest School: Year 5

Wednesday June 8

Forest school: Reception

Friday June 10

Accelerated maths day at St John's: some of year 6

Monday June 13

Forest school

Tuesday June 14

Forest school: Reception & Year 5

Wednesday 15 June

New reception children visit

Thursday 16 June

Quad kids: Year 6

Monday 20 June

Forest school

Tuesday 21 June

Forest school: Year 6

Wednesday 22 June

Forest school: Reception

Year 6 induction evening at St John's

Thursday 23-Friday 24 June

Oxenwood residential: Year 4

Monday 27 June

Forest school

Tuesday 28 June

Forest school: Year 6

Our day at Oxenwood

On Friday 20th May 2016, class 5 went to Oxenwood for a Saxon day. Everyone had to dress up like a Saxon for instance: leggings, a long top and sandals. We all looked amazing. Even Mrs Carlisle dressed up!

All the schools had brought things to trade with other schools. Some people had food and others had herbs. We brought stones to trade with that we had painted Viking runes on.

by Grace, class 5

The whole day was based on the story of Beowulf, a Viking Saga. After the first bit of the story had been acted out, we started trading with our stones. After that, we did archery and had some sword practice.

by Bethan, class 5

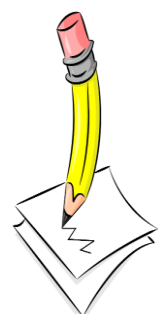


Later we had to go into the woods to find the golden helmet! To get there, we had to follow the blood trails to Grendel's cave. The last activity was axe throwing. We had to throw an axe at a shield and try to knock it over. None of us were very good at it!

by Evie, Class 5

Well done to all our Year 6 pupils who coped very well with their week of SATs tests earlier this month. They are all still working hard to further improve their writing skills – keep up the great work Y6!

Some children have been to see Mrs Williams with writing they have written especially well. George, Poppy, Cooper and Lois have all written excellent 'I have a dream' speeches in the style of Martin Luther King, Daisy and Henrietta have produced super character descriptions of Alice from Alice in Wonderland and Edward did some fantastic journalistic writing about the assassination of Martin Luther King.



Wednesday 29 June

Forest school: Reception

Thursday 30 June

Tennis – Marlborough College

Uniform evening for Year 6: St John's

Monday 4 July

Forest School

Tuesday 5 July

Forest school: Year 4

Tuesday 5 & Wednesday 6

St John's induction days

Wednesday 6 July

New Reception class visit

Monday 11 July

Sports day

Wednesday 13 July

Forest school: Reception

Year 6 production

Thursday 14 July

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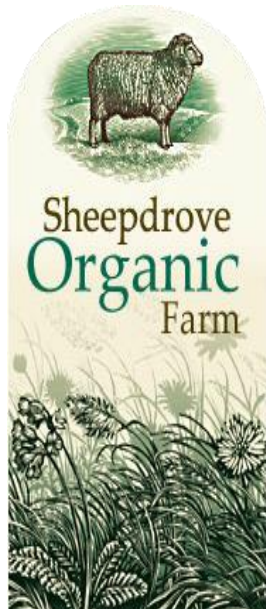
Friday 15 July

Cross Country

Wednesday 20 July

Leavers' service

Last day of term



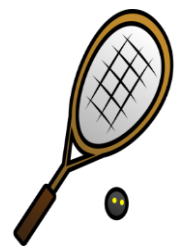
Year 3 visit to Sheepdrove farm

On Wednesday we went to Sheep Drove Farm. First we made a delicious pizza for lunch. Afterwards we were allowed to sit on some very old tractors and then we went on a tour of the farm. We walked past a river and saw two ducklings. We went to see a miller who showed us seeds. There were 3 seeds, they were rye, wheat and barley. Then we turned on the mill with really heavy big stones that rub together and they made brown flour. Finally we ate our pizza and played on the grass.

Shadow puppets in Year 2



As part of our topic Dark, Light and Colour we have been investigating shadow and the effects of light. This week we have been busy making shadow puppets. The children have had to work together in pairs to create their own scripts, puppets and theatres. They have done lots of problem solving and negotiating along the way but most importantly had lots of fun! The children will bring home a dvd of their shadow puppet plays in their end of year topic books.



Class 5 have all taken part in a squash tournament following weeks of squash practice in school with our top squash coach, Dax.

GBSA news



Friday 10 June

Queen's birthday picnic

Friday 1 July

Barn dance

It's been a very busy half term so far with both classes and the GBSA working hard to put on some great events.

Reception has been holding some great ice lolly pop up shops with more to come till the end of term which the children have particularly enjoyed! Year 2 also held a brilliant photo competition with Noah from yr2 winning with his fab photo of a beach and pebbles: a great event that everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed.

A big thanks too to year 3 for providing and organising all the refreshments for the brilliant RAW events this year.

Upcoming Events:

Friday June 10th - 1500h-1630h

Queen's Birthday Party Picnic

Please come along and join us post pick up for a right, Royal celebration!!!

Together with the school we will be having a whole school family picnic with ice lolly, bake sale, tea and coffee and general family fun. Watch this space for more news on this event!

We've also been working hard on organising a fantastic night for the Barn Dance on Friday 1st July. So far we have a brilliant live band, licensed bar, hog roast, buckaroo and shooting range with lots more fun planned on the evening. We're very much looking forward to seeing as many of you there as possible for what promises to be a lovely summer event. We'll be holding some flash sales of tickets on Fridays leading up to the barn dance so please don't worry if you haven't got your ticket yet!

Thanks as always for everyone's help and support which has enabled the GBSA to contribute towards the library as well as so many other events throughout the year. It is very much appreciated!

See you at the hoe down!

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