



## Weekly E-Bulletin for Week Commencing Monday 20 May

### Whole School

Well done to Year 6 who have now completed their SATs, we hope they enjoyed the activities today and some time outside at last! Thank you to all the adults that helped with SATs and to the governors for giving up their time to support us.

Don't forget that school finishes for the children next Thursday as we have a Staff Development Day for the staff on **Friday 24 May**. May we also remind you that we have a further Staff Development Day on **Monday 3 June**.

#### Attendance

This week's attendance award goes to **Pygmy Class** who managed **99%** with **Cashmere Class** a close second at **98.5%**. Well done.

Well done to **Aabhash** in Year 6 and **Lyra** in Year 5, who both received Headteacher awards in assembly this morning.

Thank you to everyone who brought tombola prizes into school today, it was much appreciated. The Friends of Goat Lees are now busy arranging the Summer Fair and their poster is attached. Do share this with friends and family and we know they are always grateful for any offers of help as we do not have enough staff and FoGL members to cover all stalls and events.

### Billy Class - Reception

In Phonics next week we will be carrying out our termly assessments and revising the tricky parts from this term. We have sent home a couple of sheets that will help your child with the formation of capital letters and a reminder of our tricky words for each Phonics phase. Please practise these with your child.

Our Class assembly is next **Wednesday 22 May** at 10:15am. Please come along to see your child. The assembly should last around 15-20 minutes. If your child has been sent home with words, please could they learn these over the weekend?

### Angora Class - Year 1

**Phonics Screening Check:** During week commencing **June 10**, Year 1 children will undertake the Phonics Screening Check, which is a government check, testing children's decoding and blending skills. Mrs Pronger and Miss Caddy will do the tests with the children and it will feel very informal for them - it will just feel like another phonics practise! You will be informed of your child's score with their end of year report. Please speak to Miss Caddy if you have any questions.

**Seaside photos:** Next term we will be learning about the seaside, using photos of us at the seaside as our starter. Please could each child send in a picture of themselves at the seaside (if they have one), either printed out or email to the office by the end of **Tuesday 4 June**.

After half term we will be looking forward to a trip to the seaside on **Thursday 27 June** - more details to follow soon!

The children have worked so hard this term and we hope you all have a well deserved break. Don't forget to keep reading though - every little helps and it is a chance to earn lots of stickers for your reading bookmarks!

### Alpine Class - Year 2

**Reading Books:** Please remember to return any library books of stage books that you have so that we can offer these to other pupils as soon as possible. Your child will receive new books next Thursday 23 May to read over the Half Term Holiday.

**Home Learning:** This week's home learning task is due on **Monday** so please ensure that your child arrives in school with this on **Monday**, so that they can earn Table Points and House Points. Don't forget that your child can also practice their spellings on Spelling Shed and their Maths skills on Numbots on a computer, tablet or phone at home.

**DT Project - cardboard and yoghurt pots:** On **Wednesday** and **Thursday**, the class will be making Ferris-Wheels using cardboard, lolly sticks, yoghurt pots and other materials. If you have any cardboard boxes or yoghurt pots that would otherwise be going into the recycling, please send them in to use in our project.

### Kinder Class - Year 3

Well done Kinder class for another week where we have all worked hard.

Congratulations to all the children who have completed their bronze, silver or gold certificates in reading this year. There is still time for your child to complete their bookmark. Please don't forget the importance of reading at home with your child.

**Home learning:** Each child has been set home learning based on this term's history topic of the Romans. House Points will be available for completing these tasks and we will present what the children have done on **Thursday 23 May**.

During Maths this term we will be looking at time so any opportunity you can find to help your child practice this important skill would be greatly appreciated! It really does make such a difference.

Next week, we are doing PE on **Monday and Tuesday**. Please wear your PE kit for both days.

#### Cashmere Class - Year 4

Swimming will start on **Tuesday 4 June** - **Please remember to bring all your swimming gear with you.**

The letter about our class trip to the Natural History Museum in London went out on **Wednesday 8 May**, please return the slip as soon as possible and make all payments through Arbor.

Please try to ensure that your child is reading a minimum of 4 days a week and that they bring in their signed reading records on **Friday**. If they have a shorter stage book, they will need to read their book twice before changing it to ensure they have a good understanding of the text and the language used within it. If your child is taking a stage book home, please ensure they are reading this book as this is the level we have assessed them as working at, so it will greatly benefit them to consolidate on their reading skills before tackling more challenging books. They also need to bring these books in so we can change them. We've had a few more children gaining their certificates for reading this week so well done to those children! We're very proud of you for your achievements.

Please help your children access Spelling Shed as they should be playing **5 games** on it a week or writing their spellings out and bringing them in on **Friday**.

Any support you can give your children with their times tables would be beneficial.

#### Pygora Class - Year 5

Excitingly, next term, we have quite a few trips booked for Pygora class - I have listed the dates below, so you have plenty of advance notice. We will not be charging anything for the trips to Godinton House, as these are all local. However, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2 per child for our trip to the paper mill to help cover the costs of the minibus - this is payable on Arbor and should go up today. All trips are within school hours so pick up and drop off should be at the usual times - traffic dependent.

**5 June** - Godinton House: To start off our composting topic. This is for the morning only, so the children will be back in school for lunch as usual.

**12 and 13 June** - We will be visiting the Smurfit Kappa paper mill in Snodland, also linked to our composting topic. Half the class will be visiting on the **Wednesday** afternoon and half on the **Thursday** - The children will eat lunch in school as normal before departing after lunch. We are aiming to be back in time for pick up at 3:15 as usual on these dates, however exact timings will depend on traffic.

**20 June** - Godinton House: A day trip to take part in an art project which Godinton House are organising. The children will need a packed lunch, as we will be there all day - school packed lunches will be available, and we will send a letter asking if these are required nearer the time.

**26 June** - Godinton house: To finish our art project. Half the class will go in the morning and half will visit after lunch.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p.76 & 77 - Translation.  
English - p.23 - Using conjunctions for cohesion.

5 games each of Spelling Shed and TTRS.

**Reading:** The children should also be reading a minimum of 3 times a week, however I would now be expecting most of them to be reading more than this, for at least 15-20 minutes at a time.

### Pygmy Class - Year 6

We are so proud of how hard Year 6 have worked this week. They have shown themselves to be resilient and determined, and we can now look forward to all the exciting things that we have planned for term 6. Well done Pygmy - you did it!!

Just a reminder that we have two trips this week, please make sure you have sent your slip back to school and made a payment of £2 on Arbor:

**Tuesday 21 May** - Mallydams

**Wednesday 22 May** - River study

Both trips are all day, so children will need a packed lunch and water bottle for both days. They will also need to wear school uniform, with the exception of old shoes/trainers for both days. Children need to bring wellies on **Wednesday** so they can carry out experiments in the river!

Have a relaxing weekend Pygmy (with no homework) - you deserve it!