

# Green Lanes Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Issue 8



## Diary Dates

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Year 3 Moore Assembly

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

E-Safety Awareness

Parent Consultations – Parents of Mondrian and Sanchez Classes only

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Year 5 Trip - British Museum

Parent Consultations – Parents of Mondrian and Sanchez Classes only

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Year 2 Mondrian Assembly

GLSA Valentines Disco



**End of Half Term – School Finishes at 3:15pm**

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

School opens at 8:50am

Eco Club - National Nest Box Week

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Year 3 Monet Assembly

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Book Week



### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Year 5 Greek Day (Big Bang)

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## Welcome

We now have a defibrillator in school, this is thanks to DIPPSS (Defibrillators in Public Places) charity and contributions from the GLSA calendar fund raising scheme. In the event of an emergency this can be accessed by all school staff or members of the public using the premises.

We have an amazing amount of clubs before and after school and even lunchtimes. Please check the timings and pick-up points for these as they can vary. I would also like to thank the teachers who offer up their time for free to run these clubs.

We will be focusing on the national 'Safer Internet Day' on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Classes will be learning about how to keep themselves safe

when online. If you would like more information why not visit <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>



The children have started the term looking very smart, please can I remind parents that children should wear black shoes not trainers to school. PE kits should also be green or black shorts and plain white t-shirt. Please note if your child has PE outside then they will require a tracksuit this can be plain grey, green or black. No other sports wear i.e. designer/branded clothing is permitted. Girls hair accessories should only include **small** plain school uniform coloured bands/bows.

## Foundation News

In Foundation we have learnt all about 'Animals in Winter'. We investigated the different tracks they make in the snow and made our own impressions in clay and in the sandpit. Next week we will find out about which animals hibernate in winter and think about why.

In phonics, the children are now learning Phase 3 'Digraphs and Tri-graphs'. Please can you continue to practice the formation on the sheets we send home each week and help your child to recognise them as one sound when you hear them read.

In Mathematics we have been looking at how we record number sentences and have started counting in 2's to 20. Please encourage your child to practise counting steps, toys and things around the house in 2's whenever possible.

We really enjoy seeing the completed pieces of work in the yellow topic books each week and the children are always keen to show us what they have been doing. Thank you for your support with this. Please also continue to share any 'wow' moments from home through the Tapestry app. Thank you.

## Key Stage 1 News

Year 1 have been excited about their new English topic on 'Dinosaurs'. We will be finding out all about different types and investigating fossils. We will be working towards writing a non-chronological report on what we find out. In History we are continuing our topic on 'Homes and Houses' by looking at homes from the past.

In Science we have been investigating 'Winter' for our topic on 'Seasonal Changes' and will be moving on to our 'Growing' topic ready for the Spring. The children are becoming more confident spotting and applying the new Phase 5 'Phonemes', please look out for these when reading at home.

In Year 2 we have been very excited to start our new English unit on the fabulous Julia Donaldson and her range of fiction books! We have enjoyed finding out about her as an author, reading a variety of her books and now focusing more specifically on one of our favourites, 'The Smartest Giant in Town.' Please continue to encourage your children to bring in other Julia Donaldson books they have at home for us to share in class, it is always great when we find a new one to read!

We have now swapped over our block weeks; in Rousseau class we have started our 'Computing' unit where we are finding out how to research using the internet safely. In Mondrian class, we have started our Geography unit finding out lots about the 'Oceans and Continents of the World'.

## Office News

If you have any concerns about your child, the **SEN Team** has a drop-in session every Wednesday afternoon. Please call the office to arrange an appointment.

### ABSENCE REPORTING



**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** If your child is unwell or will be absent from school due to a booked appointment, please ensure to report the absence **before 9am on the day**, using the school telephone number 01707 262556, choosing option 1. It is essential that parents/carers report their child's absence so that we know that they are safe.

### Late Arrivals



If your child will be late in for school and will be having a school lunch, **please telephone the school office before 9am on the day to pre-order their lunch choice so that the School Cook is able to cater for them.**

### PE KITS & SPORTS CLUBS



**Reminder** Due to the colder weather, please ensure that your child/children have tracksuit bottom in their PE Kits. They **should be either plain black, grey or green. No printed or other colour is permitted.**

### School Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for casual **Midday Supervisory Assistants**. Please make enquires to the School Office for further details.

### Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair raised **£306** in Free Books for the school. Thank you for your support.

## Key Stage 2 News

Year 3 are pleased to have had final confirmation of our educational visits with Cemex; you should have all now received a letter with the dates and details of this trip. If you can accompany us on either/both outings, please let us know.

In Science we are looking at 'Animals' including humans; at the moment we are studying skeletons and have looked at different x-rays, which the children really enjoyed. If you have any x-rays at home and would be willing to share with us, please send them in.

A huge well done to Year 4 Van Gogh class for a wonderful assembly this morning. It was a well presented and entertaining, it clearly showed all the fantastic learning currently going on in Year 4.

In Year 4 we have also just completed a DT project called 'Lighting it up'. Children used their knowledge from their Science lessons to create a lighthouse that lights up using a simple circuit. This proved to be quite challenging when working out how the circuit was going to fit inside, but the finished products are great and both classes are very proud of their work! Well done!

In Year 5 we have had a fantastic time being Geography Detectives. We really enjoyed exploring the ins and outs of 'The Magic Kingdom' finding routes around the park, using maps to explore its location within the USA and the world. We are also looking forward to finding out about coping with terrible weather conditions and endangered turtles next week!



Our 'Explanation Texts / Survival Guides' were fantastic! Thank you to all parents who supported their child in completing their research homework.

Also, Year 5 have really enjoyed learning about 'Greek Gods' in our topic lessons and are super excited for the upcoming trip and Big Bang Day!

Finally, Year 6, in English have been studying 'Explanation Texts'. They have looked at the features of explanation texts and used these to help with their writing. The children have researched a chosen endangered animal and have used this information to write their own explanation text.

## GLSA NEWS

**Christmas Calendars** Thank you to all the friends and families that have purchased school calendars. A massive **£700** profit was made, of which £300 will be donated to DIPPS.

**GLSA Valentines Disco** Will be taking place **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018**. The team will shortly be preparing for this annual event. If you would like to help with the preparations, please speak to Mr. Stuart Thornhill or a member of the GLSA Team.



**Fundraising** If you have any fundraising suggestions for the new year, please inform a member of the GLSA, or alternatively, why not join the GLSA!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### HERTFORDSHIRE SPORTS VILLAGE Kids Ducklings Swim Lessons

If you would like your pre-schooler to learn to swim, Kids Village are offering Ducklings Programme for children aged 3 ½ upwards. Lessons are taught by experienced teachers in low ratio classes, with no need for the parent to get in the water. Lessons run every **Tuesday and Thursday, 2pm – 2:30pm and 2:30pm – 3pm**. Booking onto these lessons gives your child priority on the waiting list for the popular after-school Stage 1 lessons as they move into school. For further information, please email [i.wilkes@herts.ac.uk](mailto:i.wilkes@herts.ac.uk).



**FUTURE SPORTS** will be running a **FOOTBALL & MULTI SPORTS FUN WEEK** on site. Dates are **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 9am – 3pm. Cost: £45 (if paid in advance) or £52 on the day for 4 days, or £15 per day (Sibling Discount). Age: 4 – 12 years old.** To book a place or for further enquiries, please contact Simon on 07789 778264 or John on 07747 136714, alternatively e-mail: [futuresportscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:futuresportscoaching@gmail.com).