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Friday 19th January 2024

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 23rd January – KS1 Gymnastics Festival (Year 2)

Friday 26th January – 'Break the rules day' (see below for more information)

Friday 2nd February – Year 5 Maths Enrichment Day

Wednesday 7th February – Walk-in-Wednesday – School Vision and Values (from 3pm)

Wednesday 14th February – Rockingham Visit the Hindu Temple (within school time)

Wednesday 14th February – PSA Mufti Day for Valentine's Day – wear **red**, bring £1!

Friday 1st March – Whole school cricket day (all in PE kit)

A reminder: no After-school Provision at Woodford:

Wednesday 7th Feb

Thursday 23rd March

Friday 28th June

Thursday 18th July



Values Champions

This half-term, the school is recognising it's value of 'forgiveness'.

Our school value award for 'forgiveness' this week goes to Ronnie in Deene for so graciously accepting an apology from another child who got carried away in a game of superheroes. Ronnie responded so kindly with 'it's OK, accidents happen'. Congratulations to all those who received a certificate this week and to our new 144 Club members!



Spanish Breakfast Club

Following a whole-school 'taster' session on Monday to introduce Spanish Club to the school, there has been very high interest in joining the club which is fantastic!

Please await confirmation from Joel and Kathleen as to whether you have secured a place in the club and to know when the club will commence. Gracias!



Parent Voice Survey

In a recent PDET survey, parents were asked to answer questions around the Citizenship of children within each school of the Trust. Thank you to those who submitted responses, all of which reflect very positively on our Great Addington School. A summary of the results is below:

Autumn Term 23/24		My child is encouraged to treat other people with dignity and respect			My child is encouraged to be a good citizen.			The school plays an active part in the local community.		
School	No. of responses	Strongly Agree	Agree	Combined	Strongly Agree	Agree	Combined	Strongly Agree	Agree	Combined
Great Addington	16	56.25%	43.75%	100%	62.50%	37.50%	100.00%	31.25%	56.25%	87.50%

If anyone has any suggestions for how we can continue to build our active involvement within the local community your thoughts would be very welcome. Please do contact the office.

New Year, new goals

A few children have been busy finding chatting to children and teachers about their New Years Resolutions, beating the 'January blues' and thinking about their hopes and dreams for the future.

1. What have you already achieved this year?

Daisy: Get a bit better at maths

Isaac: I have achieved [greater-depth](#) in maths.

Mrs Brit: Completed Couch to 5km running!

Mr Marshall - I have taught children have blood travels around the [body](#)

Child: I have got better at maths and achieved star of the week for gymnastics. I made the 144 club and did a chin up at gymnastics.

2. Do you have any New Years Resolutions for school?

Scarlett: I want to write a [story](#)

Emily-Grace: I hope to get better at [maths](#)

Flo: To get better at arts and [crafts](#)

3. Do you have any New Years Resolutions for home?

Logan: I really want to get in a hockey [team](#)

Freddie: I'd like to achieve a [certificate](#)

Darragh: I'd like to try [rugby](#)

4. What are your hopes and dreams for this year?

Eleanor: to do well in SATS and get a big role in the [play](#)

Lattah: to be in the Ultra 144 [club](#)

Daisy: To get [really good](#) at writing

Here is a little look at what they found out...



It has been wonderful having Miss Vissian At our School for her first week! even she had said "it's been wonderful and she still has a lot to learn And it has been a great Pleasure!" we also have Miss Holmes that joined she said "it has been fantastic everyone is really friendly and i've got a wonderful class as well?" Liford and Lampport had a wonderful time visiting a Hindu temple and had a very fun time ringing the bells.

For the sporting event we asked henry how it was and he said "it was good someone told me i was the best at it!"

KS2 Values Festival

On Wednesday Great Addington once again went off to represent ourselves in another school sports event at the Pemberton centre. The children were put through their paces in a number of different challenges, including boccia, badminton, football and ball skills.

There were fantastic performances from the children, with Henry and Freddie scoring some fantastic goals in the football practice and Katie showing she's a badminton expert. Everyone of the children that came with us were an absolute credit to the school and had a fabulous time participating in the various challenges, putting all of their effort into all of it to celebrate the 60 active minutes initiative.



PSA

On 26th January we will be having a break the rules day! Hair colours, PJs, fancy dress, etc. the choice is yours and the children's! We would ask please that no jewellery is worn.

We will also be trialling a new way of allowing parents to continue supporting us - more information will come out next week, including how to donate. The premise is for every £3 you donate directly into our charity bank account, you get one entry into an end of term draw, which for this term gives you the chance to win a £10 coop voucher. More donations = more opportunities to win, plus you're enabling us to continue funding for the school.

Playground Games Leaders

Whilst our Sports Crew do a fantastic job leading different sporting activities at lunch times, there was suggestions from the children for other types of games. Introducing the new 'Games Corner'. Led by a new set of Games-Leaders, each day children will have the opportunity to play some good-old-fashioned board/thinking/building games.

It has been a big hit this week, but to continue it's success, we are on the hunt for more games! If you have any age-appropriate games that you are willing to donate, our Games Leaders would be very grateful (Jenga, Snakes and Ladders, Hungry Hippos etc!). Thank you.



Lucy Kingsnorth,

Principal