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Newsletter 31

Friday 17th May 2024

Dates for your Diary...

Tuesday 21st May – Lamport Trip to Northampton Museum and Art Gallery

Tuesday 21st May – Year 6 Height and weight check

Wednesday 22nd May – Whole School Values Day, followed by Walk-in-Wednesday. Wear your uniform with a touch of your Values House colour



Thursday 23rd May – Netball Taster Sessions – Lilford, Lamport, Rockingham to wear PE kits

Thursday 23rd May – Year 3/4 Hockey tournament, 3:30 – 6:00pm, Manor School (selected children to be contacted next week)

Friday 24th May – Last day of term – cake and book sale for Lighthouse Trust (bring cake donations)

May Half-term Holiday

Week commencing Monday 3rd June 2024 – Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check week

Wednesday 5th June – E-Safety Parent's Workshop – all invited, School Hall, 3:30pm

Wednesday 7th June – Mufti-Day – bottle donations

Thursday 6th June – New-EYFS-Parent information evening

Friday 7th June – PSA Mufti Day – Bring-a-Bottle donation

Week commencing Monday 10th June 2024 – Year 1 Phonics Screen Check week

Monday 10th June – Prince William Secondary School to visit Year 5/6 during the day.

Following this, all parents are invited to an 'information meeting' with their staff at 3:30pm

Friday 14th June – Mon 17th June – Year 5/6 Residential to the Isle of Wight

Wednesday 19th June – Year 3/4 Tennis competition, 12:30 – 2:45 (selected children to be contacted)

Friday 21st June – New-EYFS-intake Teddy Bear's picnic

Monday 24th June – visit from Prince William School– afternoon with children in school, followed by an informal information meeting, 3:30pm, all Year 5/6 parents/children welcome

Wednesday 26th June – KS2 Quadkids athletics (selected children to be contacted)

Thursday 27th June – Year 4 PDET 'Just Sing' event – 1pm – 7:30pm, Derngate Theatre

Friday 5th July – Mufti-Day – Tombola donations

Friday 12th July – Sports Day

Week commencing 15th July – a week of celebrations for 150 Years of Great Addington School

Tuesday 16th July– Year 2 Fun Run (selected children to be contacted)

Wednesday 17th July– KS2 School Show

Thursday 18th July– PDET Going for Gold Sports Day (selected children to be contacted)

Friday 19th July– School Summer Fair

Tuesday 23rd July – Last day of term, school closes for Summer

Values Champions



This term, we are celebrating the school value of 'Excellence'. This week, Harrison has been recognised for his beautiful artwork that can be seen below. Well done Harrison!

Well done to all of those who have achieved a certificate this week. We have had many House Point Cards completed too, showing that the children are clearly working hard in school and demonstrating our School Values proudly.



PDET Charity Fundraising Day

On Friday 24th May, all 33 schools within our Trust will be holding different events to raise money for the PDET registered charity 'Lighthouse Trust'.

"Lighthouse trust aim to inspire children to connect with themselves, others and God, by creating a space for them to make these encounter via Collective Worship, RE Workshops and Drama days, and therefore develop deeper thinking around important spiritual questions. A new development has been the creation of Prayer Spaces within schools. With the ability to access various stations to promote peace and tranquillity, both children and staff express how moving and freeing this experience is"



To support this trust-wide fundraising day, we will be holding a cake and book sale!

To coincide with the rained-off postponed GA Book Sale, we will be selling cakes and books on the playground at 3:15pm on the last day of term (Friday 24th May).

We will provide the books, if YOU can provide the cakes! We therefore ask that on Friday morning, if possible, you may bring cakes to school that we can sell; big, small, sliced, baked, bought - we're not cake-fussy!

Any money raised from the books and cakes will go towards Lighthouse Trust, combined with funds raised from the 32 other PDET schools. Thank you in advance for your support!



Nursery

Plans are well and truly underway to extend our school provision to include nursery-aged children. We believe this has the potential be a real asset to our school. Not only would it mean that we can provide an enhanced service to our existing families, but it would also mean that we can engage with children a year earlier from our community. It is our view that we can provide a better start to school life by introducing children to the school at 3+ instead of waiting until they are 4+.

In order for our plans to go ahead, we need to secure a higher number of confirmed places for the start of September 2024. We are therefore asking that you help us to spread the word far and wide and advertise this opportunity.

Please see attached the poster that we will be using to advertise the provision – if you would like to help out by sticking a poster in your car window, on the wall of a local/community space you know of etc, please pop into the office for a copy or two!



The poster features the Great Addington School crest at the top right. Below it is a photo of a nursery classroom with a 'Nursery' banner. The main text reads: 'NURSERY ADMISSION 2024'. Below this, it states: 'We are delighted to announce that the school will be offering a nursery setting for children aged 3-4 years, from September 2024.' It also includes: 'If you wish to apply for a nursery place to start in September for a sibling of a child already at the school, please speak to the school office.' At the bottom, it says: 'Registration open until 31st May 2024' and 'Find out more! 01536 330642 bursar@greataddington.pdet.org.uk'. There are two small photos of children: one with a magnifying glass and one sitting on the grass.

PSA

Firstly, we on the PSA would like to say a massive well done to all the year 6 pupils for completing their SATS this week!

Parent donations are now open - you can help us raise funds for the school to cover the little things that school budget doesn't stretch to, for less than the price of a coffee. Simply log into parent-pay, select the 'PSA raffle' option, and chose how much you would like to donate. Every £3 = one entry into our prize raffle, where you can win a voucher worth a minimum of £10 for a local shop or business. The winner will be drawn by the children, in assembly, after the closing date.

Future dates - Coming up in the near future we have mufti days planned, a 'design the piggybank' competition and our ever-popular summer fair. We are also in the process of discussing ideas for sports day, and when the weather gets hotter, you'll see us on a Friday in the playground selling ice pops!

Please note, for events such as the summer fair, we need all the help we can get. If you can volunteer any of your time to help at any of our events, please let us know.



The more money we raise, the more we can spend in school for the benefit of our children. If you have any suggestions for what you might like to see us fund, feel free to chat to us! Or you can email us at: psagreatadd@gmail.com.



Values Day and Walk-in-Wednesday



We are very much looking forward to our next 'Values Day' on Wednesday.

We will be spending the day with our house-groups engaging in lots of activities around our value and sharing what we have learnt with others.

At the end of the day, we will send the children out to you on the playground as normal, but you are then invited to come back into school where the children from each house will share with you and teach you some of the activities that they have been doing during the day.

Please come wearing your school uniform and a 'token nod' towards your Values House colour – hair ribbons, a t-shirt, socks etc.



Achievements

A big 'well done' to our KS1 Gymnastics Team who competed for GLK on behalf of the school in their first competition at the weekend. They overcame initial nerves and had a fantastic time. Congratulations!

A huge well done to our Year 6 children too who completed their KS2 SATs test this week. The school should be praised for being incredibly respectful during each of the test, whilst our Year 6's showed resilience and determination to do the best that they could.

We are very proud of each and every one of you – enjoy those treat-bags!



**Lucy Kingsnorth,
Principal**