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Newsletter 34

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Dates for your Diary...

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, Derrnate Theatre – (NO SWIMMING)

Wednesday 3rd July – Transition Morning – children spend time in the class and with the classmates they will be in next year

Friday 5th July – Mufti-Day – Tombola donations

Friday 5th July – Year 5/6 to visit Chester House – Archaeologist Field School

Friday 12th July – Sports Day – Start at 10:30am – 1pm (followed by picnic / choice to go home early)

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

Monday 15th July – **Lilford trip to Hamerton Zoo**

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

Wednesday 17th July– KS2 School Show – arrive at St Mary's School 5:30pm. Show starts 6pm-7:30pm approx.

Thursday 18th July– PDET Going for Gold Sports Day (9-2:30pm) selected Yr 2/3/4 children to be contacted)

Friday 19th July– School Summer Fair – 3:15pm onwards

Tuesday 23rd July – **Leaver's Assembly (In school, 9am – 10am)** and Last day of term, school closes for Summer



Values Champions

"Nurture is at our heart, we show **love** in all we do and believe that every child can achieve".

This week, Scarlett and Jacob were recognised for helping their sister as she fell over on the way to the park. Victoria made a special effort to come and tell me about this and said how much they deserved a 'Care' certificate. Freddie was also recognised by another pupil this week for helping out a struggling younger child who was battling a heavy PE mat! Thank you for your care Scarlett, Jacob and Freddie!



We had 4 new members of the 144 club this week too! Well done to all of those who have achieved a certificate this week.



Lunches

When booking lunches, please can you check the menus with your children when you order? The menus change, as do tastes and it's always sad to see full plates of food being left uneaten! A little chat might change this and fill a few more tummies! Thank you.

Isle of Wight



And just like that, it's over. What an absolute pleasure it was to spend four days on the Isle of Wight with such a fantastic group of young people.

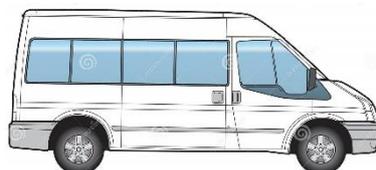
It was wonderful to watch so many personalities shine as we enjoyed four jam-packed days of exploring, hill-walking, thrill-seeking, dancing, eating, laughing, sand-making, bed-making and memory-making.

Thanks to Mr Marshall, Mr and Mrs Meekings and Mrs Vissian for enabling such wonderful memories to be made.

Isle of Wight... we will be back!

After-school Provision

Please note that the last After-School Club of the school term will be on **Wednesday 17th July**. This will be the final session of the year and at Woodford. I can confirm that After-School Provision will continue in September at Ringstead Primary School and we are in the process of finalising the details of this. We will update you when plans are finalised.



Staffing

We feel incredibly lucky that Mrs Reeve stepped out of her 'supply teacher' shoes for a term to work with us at Great Addington. She will be returning to this role at the end of the school year, although she promises she will always choose us first if there is a need supply-cover for teachers at Great Ad! Don't worry Mrs Reeve...we have you on speed-dial!

I am therefore excited to introduce to you Mrs Ceri Leigh who will be teaching in Lilford on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Leigh has a wealth of experience in teaching and, after spending time with her own children, is very excited to leap back into the classroom. Mrs Leigh has already met many of the children in school and will soon become a familiar face to us all. She writes...



"Hello! My name is Mrs Leigh and I am really looking forward to teaching in Lilford class from September.

I can't wait to get to know all the amazing children and I look forward to guiding them as they take their next steps in their learning journeys. I have been lucky to be able to take the last few years focussing on my family and I am now really excited to get back into the classroom, and to have the opportunity to pass on my love of learning to even more children as part of the Great Addington family."

Transition Morning

We are very much looking forward to seeing the children take on the role of their next year group during our Transition Morning on Wednesday 3rd July. We will welcome our new reception children into Deene, whilst Year 6 will spend their morning with Miss Mosely. On this morning we are also excited to welcome our new staff who will complete our Great Addington teaching team for the new school year.

I hope the children are all looking forward to meeting and spending the morning with their new (and some, familiar!) teachers who will be in place from September:

Deene (EYFS) – Miss Holmes (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Wonfor (Thus-Fri)

Lilford (Years 1 and 2) - Mrs Kingsnorth (Mon-Tues) and Mrs Leigh (Wed-Fri)

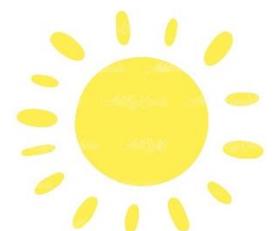
Lampton (Years 3 and 4) - Miss Boyd

Rockingham (Years 5 and 5) - Mr Marshall

Warmer Weather

We are all very grateful that the weather has recognised that we are approaching July, however please can you ensure that children are coming to school appropriately dressed and ready for the sun. Please:

- Apply suncream BEFORE school
- Bring a named hat
- Ensure jumpers, if still wearing them, are named as they are likely to be taken off!
- Have a water-bottle in school



Sporting Champs!



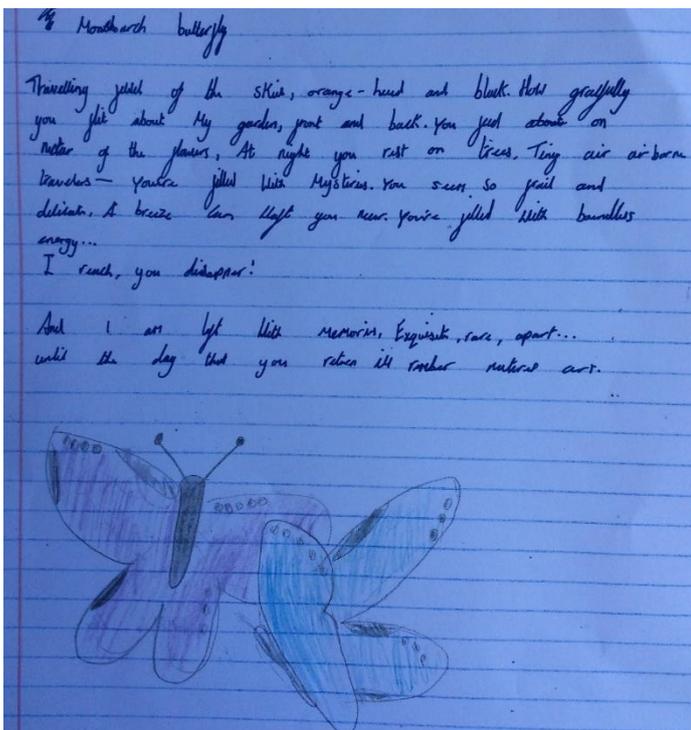
It's been a very busy week for G.A Sports! First on Wednesday a group of our Year 3 and 4 children headed off to Spencer Road and competed in a tennis festival with a number of other schools. The children had to take part in a number of different challenges including racket control and targeting using the ball. Incredibly, the children did so well that they arrived back at Addington clutching very well-earned silver medals! What an achievement.

Only the very next day the cricketers from Year 5 and 6 descended upon Wollaston Cricket Club to compete in a round robin tournament. In the blazing sun, the children competed admirably, finishing 3rd in their group after some spectacular shots over the boundary.

After lunch, we went in to decide our final placings and were extremely well matched with the other two schools in our group, with both games coming down to less than 5 runs. It was a fantastic effort from the children who finished in a mid table 9th place from 15 schools. Well done to all of our sporting children this week who have represented our school and performed so brilliantly.

Poetry in motion...

After being recognised in our Celebration Assembly this week for her fantastic poetry writing, it felt only right to share her work with you. Her description of the Monarch Butterfly is really something special... congratulations Maisie on such beautiful writing:



Monarch Butterfly

Travelling petal of the skies, orange-head and black. How gracefully you flit about my garden, front and back. You feed about on nectar of the flowers, At night you rest on trees. Tiny air borne travellers - you're filled with mysteries. You seem so frail and delicate; a breeze can waft you near. You're filled with boundless energy... I reach, you disappear!

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And I am left with memories, exquisite, rare, apart...

until the day that you return I'll remember nature's art.

Warwick Castle

This term Deene class are learning all about castles, knights and dragons so Wednesday they headed Warwick Castle to see a castle is real-life and had such a fantastic day! The sun shone as they explored the wonderful castle and learnt about some of its history. They watched the launching of a trebuchet (a large catapult that helped protect the castle in the past) and were all thrilled with the falconry show. Many different birds of prey including bald eagles, peregrine falcons and sea eagles flew over the sky mesmerising them!

Finally they all had to 'Attack the Castle'! They learnt so much about how to protect a castle including the contents of the moat...did you know that instead of water oak, Warwick filled it's moat with bodily fluids to repel invaders! A brilliant day all round!



Lucy Kingsnorth,
Principal