

## Synagogue Trip

On Monday 29th of January Year 5 went on a trip to the Synagogue to learn more about Judaism.

They learnt various things including how Jewish people worship. The children were able to view many different artefacts including a very special Torah that is 90 years old. They learnt a song in Hebrew and had a lot of questions answered about Judaism.

The children were very thankful to Stanley and Sheila for showing them around the synagogue and for being so welcoming!



## Safeguarding

This Tuesday (6th February 2018) is Safer Internet Day. This year's theme is Create, Connect, Share, Respect: A better internet starts with you.



Children from across the school will come together after half term for an assembly on how to stay safe on the internet, followed by heading back to their classes to learn all about how to keep safe and what to do if they have any problems.

## 500 Words Competition

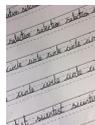
Our Year 6's are hard at work completing their 500 words stories for this year's Radio 2 competition.

Some are writing a short adventure story whilst others are more interested in the sci-fi genre. Whichever approach they have selected, we wish all of the entries the best of luck.

### Handwriting/ Writing

Head on over to our webpage via the link below and keep up to date with our writer of the week and our half-termly handwriting award.

<http://www.greatlinfordprimaryschool.co.uk/english>



## Performance Data

The Department for Education have released their annual performance tables comparing primary schools nationally.

We are delighted to announce that the results show that we are the **7th highest performing school in Milton Keynes** based on overall performance at KS2. Out of 108 schools from Milton Keynes included in the list, we have the 7th best progress; showing that pupils continue to reach their full potential as they move through the school. We are delighted with these results and are glad that all of our hard work is paying off.

## Aspire Winners

Below are all of the children who have worked incredibly hard over the last couple of weeks and have been chosen as our Aspire winners.

From Top left to Bottom right; Peyton, Charlie, Iptisam, Tassean, Macey, Scarlett, Lily, Marie, Nicholas, Rose, Kizzy, Aurora, Maia, Alex, Maya, Jordan, Jamie, Ella, Ruby, Rosie, Alice, Abbie, Tia & Chloe.



## Parent Evening

A quick reminder to all, that parents evening is coming up after half term.

Booking will go live on our School Gateway on Tuesday 6th of February.

Don't forget parents evening!

## Food Tasting

Thank you to all of our families who came in on Thursday 25th of January for the food tasting session.



We had some great feedback and the children were excited to show their parents how the new lunch system works as well as getting the opportunity to taste the delicious foods on offer from the new menu.

## Ofsted

We are still waiting for our Ofsted Report - this takes at least 14 working days for the draft to be sent to Miss Lovelock



## Maths Morning

We were really pleased with the amount of parents who showed up for the maths morning and were able to join in with their children's learning. Parents were able to find out about some of the maths apparatus we use at school and learnt how to make similar ones at home using everyday objects. We will be planning a similar morning in the summer term for KS2 parents.



## Junior Park Rangers

This term the competition from our Junior Park rangers is an A - Z of birds. If you would like to take part then collect a sheet from the office, Miss Smith or one of our Rangers.

All you have to do is find birds beginning with an a, then b, c and so on... Once finished return to Miss Smith or a Junior Park Ranger, no later than Friday 9th February. There will be a prize for the person with the most birds!



## Dates for the Diary

**7th of February** - EYFS stay and play - 2pm-3pm

**9th of February** - Home learning assembly in the hall 9am

**9th of February** - last day, break up for half term.

**9th of February** - Newsletters and home learning sent out for Spring term 2.

**19th of February** - Children return to school

**20th of February** - Year 3 Caldecotte parent information evening—5.30pm

**27th of February** - Year 2 - KS1 SATS parents information evening 8.30am - 9am or 3.30pm— 4pm

**1st of March** - World Book Day— Dress up as your favourite book character.

**6th of March**— Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm

**8th of March** - Parents Evening - 4.30pm—7pm

**14th of March** - Choir is singing at Wembley Stadium

**19th of March** - Willen Hospice Cake Sale

**20th of March** - Year 3 parent assembly - the Egyptians - 2pm or 6pm

**21st of March** - EYFS - stay and play 2pm— 3pm

**22nd of March** - Home learning assembly in the school hall

**22nd March** - Easter Disco - Years EYFS, 1 & 2 3.45 till 4.45 and Years 3,4,5 & 6 5pm till 6.15pm

**23rd March** - Last day— break up for half term.

**23rd of March** - Newsletters and home learning sent out for Summer 1



## Football

Great Linford were hosts to Aspire football this week entertaining three teams from schools around Milton Keynes. We were very excited to represent our school and this was the first time the team had played together.



Although the scores didn't reflect our hard work we certainly increased the pressure and by the last game, we fought hard until the end resulting in a 1-0 loss. Overall a great afternoon's football and a long list of children eagerly awaiting the next fixture.

### MK School Girls Football League.

We are delighted to have entered the MK School Girls Football League. If you are interested in having some fun, representing the school and taking part in a football competition, please visit our school website and sign up. Mr Dixon will hold 2 training sessions with all the girls interested and then pick a team. The team will then practise in preparation for the competition.

Sign up by visiting [www.greatlinfordprimaryschool.co.uk/girls-football-sign-up](http://www.greatlinfordprimaryschool.co.uk/girls-football-sign-up) (It can be found in the children section of our website).

