

The Great Fire of London

On Thursday the 7th of September the Year 2 children had a fantastic day learning about The Great Fire of London!

The children took part in lots of interactive activities to develop their knowledge of what happened in 1666. Throughout the day we made different items that you could find in London at that time such as, candles, perfume, leather swatches. We also wrote with quills and made scented bags of herbs in order to keep the plague away!

After lunch we became archaeologists and carefully dug for buried artefacts from the burnt city. The children are now ready to use their creations to inspire their writing next week. Once the children have been inspired they will be able to take their Great Fire of London bags home.



Online Safety

At Great Linford we put the children's safety at the centre of everything we do. This week, the children have been learning about how to stay safe online. Every child from Year 1 to Year 6 has taken part in a range of activities designed to teach them how to stay safe, what to do if they have a problem, how to report it and who they should report it to. We were delighted with how sensible the children were and look forward to putting their knowledge into practice when using the Chrome books to enhance our learning in the coming weeks.



Greek Day

Year 4 had a fantastic day on Friday the 8th of September undertaking some Greek inspired activities to kick start our Ancient Greek topic.

We spent the morning learning about the differences between the cultures of the city states and how they learnt to tolerate one another despite often having different values and opinions. After this we played some ancient Greek games.

In the afternoon, we studied ancient Greek warfare. We practiced chants and fighting stances, followed by a debate as Athenians and Spartans about whether Athens or Sparta was the better place to live and why.



Outdoor Circles

We have started an exciting process at Great Linford called Community Circles. At the end of lunchtimes the children join a circle of which there are children of various year groups. The adults leading the circle all have the same circle question, these change daily from Monday to Thursday. On a Friday the children play a game within their circle e.g. Hot potato, Duck, Duck, Goose. We feel that the community circles are already having a positive impact within the school.



Staff Profile

Hi my name is Kathryn; I am new to GLPS working as an admin assistant in the office. Prior to this I worked as a marketing assistant so this will be my first experience of working within a school setting. I am looking forward to each of the new challenges that lay ahead as well as getting to know everyone here.

When I am not here in the office, I am at home running around after my two little 'monsters' whose favourite hobbies include, making a mess, being far too noisy, and watching the same programs over and over –securing me with a lifetime of cartoon theme tunes to replay in my head forevermore. On family days/ weekends we love nothing more than getting messy at our allotment and grow lots of delicious fruits and vegetables – our favourites this year have been our strawberries and courgettes.

In my spare time, I enjoy reading, writing and watching films, and this year have joined the Celebrate: MK team writing my own monthly column for them entitled 'Mummy Matters'.



Parent Curriculum Meetings

14th - Year 5 Parent curriculum meeting - in Year 6 Mr Rowlands classroom at 3.15pm.

18th - Year 6 Parent curriculum meeting– in Year 6 Mr Rowlands classroom at 3.15pm

19th - Year 3 (Community Room) & 4 (Year 6 Mr Rowlands classroom) Parent curriculum meeting - at 3.15pm

20th - Year 1 (Year 6 Mr Dixon's Classroom) & 2 (Year 6 Mr Rowlands Classroom) Parent curriculum meeting at 3.15pm

21st - EYFS Parent curriculum meeting - 3.15pm - Year 6 Mr Rowlands Class.

Dates for the diary

29th September - NSPCC Assemblies

2nd October - Diwali Workshop Week - Year 5

2nd October - Bikeability Week - Year 6

5th October - Year 6 Parents SATS Sessions-3.15pm to 4.15pm.

6th October - NSPCC Workshops - Year 5 11.30am to 12.30am and Year 6 1.30pm to 2.30pm

9th October - EYFS Owls ignite in hall - 9.30am to 11.30am

10th October - Parents Evening – 3.30pm to 6.30pm

12th October - Parents Evening - 4.30pm to 7pm

15th October - Diwali dance - Year 5 at Milton Keynes Gallery.

16th October - Whole School Black History Day

17th October - Spooky Disco's - 3.45pm –4.45pm (EYFS, Year 1 & Year2) & 5pm –6.15pm (Years 3,4,5 & 6.)

19th October - Parents Online Safety Workshop - 3.30pm

20th October - Year 1 & 2 Archery & Fencing Day.

Attendance

Well done to all of those arriving to school on time.

A reminder to everyone that school gates open from 8.30am and all children need to have arrived by 8.50am at the latest - thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Whole school attendance last week was 96% , our target is 97%.

Parent Volunteers

We are currently looking for parent volunteers to help in the lunch hall daily from 12pm until 1.30pm.

We are also looking for parent readers to visit the school on a regular basis and read to our children.

If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer for either of these posts please visit Carol at the school office or contact Carol on 01908 605 027.