**December 2018**

**ASPIRE – ACHIEVE – THRIVE – ENJOY**

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| ***Rocking out!***  http://www.greatlinfordprimaryschool.co.uk/uploads/1/1/1/2/11125524/dscf5106.jpghttp://www.greatlinfordprimaryschool.co.uk/uploads/1/1/1/2/11125524/dscf5101.jpgGLPS rocked out this afternoon to amazing performances from our budding rock stars. We were treated to performances from children of all ages who have been working with Rocksteady tutors in half hour band practices each week. They were playing all parts of a fully functioning band; vocals, keyboards, guitars and drums. It was a fantastic performance. Rocksteady has been extremely popular.  *If you would like your child to become part of the next band, please see the Rocksteady website for details.*  *Be quick though as places are limited and will definitely fill up quickly!* | | | | | |
| ***Foundation – Out of this World***  Owls and Hedgehogs have been learning all about space. We read the story Aliens Love Underpants and hung up some underpants to see if the aliens really would come and take them and, much to our excitement, they did!  The aliens asked us to learn all about space so we could tell them some facts. We have made fact files about the different planets, painted our own solar systems, built our own rockets to zoom off into space and spent time in our space station learning about the planets.  http://www.greatlinfordprimaryschool.co.uk/uploads/1/1/1/2/11125524/img-20181119-073653.jpgWe also sorted words into real words and alien words for our own aliens Obb and Bob and then created our own alien names. The children have had an amazing and busy time learning the different facts and some have even said they would like to become astronauts like Tim Peake! | |  | | ***New Junior Rangers – Hog Watch***  We are excited to announce the Junior Rangers who will be working alongside the Parks Trust this year. They are Maya and Tegan from year 5 and Lissie and Jason from year 4. The team have met with Amanda, Education Officer from The Parks Trust, to learn a little more about the important job they will be doing.  They are now ready to get to work sharing their love for wildlife and the environment with the rest of the school!  PictureTheir first important job was MK Hog Watch! The Parks Trust provided us with our very own hedgehog tunnel along with special paint that leaves animal tracks. We also had some mealworm as a tasty snack to encourage the animals along.  PictureThe children checked daily to see if the tunnel had had any visitors overnight and every morning found a trail of lovely hedgehog footprints! The children matched the footprints in the tunnel to an identification chart and recorded the results to send back to The Parks Trust who are trying to learn more about the local hedgehog population. | |
| ***GLPS Choir***  PictureOur School Choir recently sang at the Waterstones book store in the Centre MK as a part of their Christmas Extravaganza.  They performed a fabulous selection of both traditional and modern Christmas songs for all to  enjoy. | |  | |
| EYFS Nativity Performance on Wednesday 19th Dec  2.30pm and 6pm  Tea, coffee, mince pies and gingerbread cookies  C:\Users\Amackellar\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\LFF1VJ0H\nativity_haba[1].jpgwill be available before each performance | | | | | |
| ***The Little Bookshop***  The Little Bookshop at the Local Centre has recently re-opened for community use, run by the community for the community. Current sessions include:  Wednesdays 1.30–2.30pm – Stephenson’s Academy Little Bookshop Cafe (6th form enterprise session)  Thursdays 9.15–10.15 – Tickly Tiny Tots (stories & songs)  Fridays 3.15-4.15pm – Young Boffins (interactive science and maths for children and parents)  Saturdays 10am-1pm - IT Cafe  In the new year they will be starting:  Tuesdays am - Potters Heart Cafe & Craft  Tuesdays pm – Sheila’s card making  Plus, board games, creative arts, poetry – dates and times to be confirmed.  Sessions are charged at £10 for groups to use the unit and attendees are asked for a voluntary donation to cover costs (including a cuppa!)  There is also a childrens book area. If children fall in love with a book, it is theirs for a small donation.  They are always looking for volunteers to open the unit for coffee and chat. |  | | ***Upcoming Events:***  14th Dec Christmas Fair  18th Dec Carols at St Andrews Church  *(Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) – 2pm*  19th Dec EYFS Nativity performance  *2.30pm and 6pm*  19th Dec Year 6 Christmas Cracked  at St Andrews Church  19th Dec School Christmas Lunch  (*book on Live Kitchen*)  21st Dec Home Learning assembly  21st Dec Break up for Christmas!!  7th Jan Back to School  *No after school clubs this week*  9th Jan Year 5 Holdenby House trip  *(£14 payable on School Gateway)*  *(Victorian dressing up costumes)*  ***Attendance***  Whole school attendance so far is 96.1%  For week ending 7th December attendance was 94%  The class with the highest attendance last week was Ash Class (Mr Rowlands) with 100%! | |
| ***Reminder for Families - Lunches***  All children must either bring a packed lunch from home or have a pre-ordered school lunch.  Packed lunches should be brought with them into school in the morning. Please avoid delivering lunches to the office throughout the morning. No fizzy drinks or sweets please.  School lunches should be **pre-ordered online** via Live-kitchen.co.uk at a cost of £2.30. They can be ordered in advance for the entire term or on a daily basis. Families have until 9.30am on the same day to order a lunch. If no lunch is ordered, we may have to ring to ask you to bring in a packed lunch.  **Christmas lunch is on Thursday 20th December. Log onto your Live-Kitchen account to view the menu choices and order.**  ***We wish all our parents, carers and volunteers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*** |  | |  | |