**OCTOBER 2018**

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| *A Surprise Feathered Visitor!*  On her way to school one day, Miss Parish came across a lost chicken in the road. To save it from danger, she brought it into school until its owner could be found. The children were delighted with our new friend and named her “Linford”. She was obviously very happy here as she laid us an egg.  http://www.greatlinfordprimaryschool.co.uk/uploads/1/1/1/2/11125524/img-0199-1.jpghttp://www.greatlinfordprimaryschool.co.uk/uploads/1/1/1/2/11125524/img-0203.jpg | | |
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| *Great Fire of London*  Year 2 have had an exciting start to the year with a brilliant ignite day for their topic, the Great Fire of London. We were lucky enough to be joined for the day by Mistress Victoria and Master Ian who brought with them plenty of activities and knowledge! We started the day by getting into role and imagined that we were in London in 1666 and the fire had just broken out. Throughout the day we had regular updates about how the fire was spreading and also learnt lots of new skills by making apothecary bags, writing with quills and learning all about medicine at the time.  After lunch we became archaeologists and carefully dug in soil to see what was left after the fire and how we could tell who the items belonged to. We found pots, cups and shells! Finally, the children were able to watch Victoria make a button out of pewter. Next week we will be continuing our learning by writing recounts of the day and using our items that we made to help us. When we have finished this the children will be able to take them home to show their families. |  | |  | | --- | | ***Year 4 Elizabethan Day***  To Ignite our topic, Year 4 had an Elizabethan Day. We dressed up in Elizabethan finery and set to work preparing for our Elizabethan banquet in the afternoon. We learnt about how different vegetables grow and carefully chopped them up to make soup. We also made our own bread rolls. We had a great feast in our classrooms and all agreed that the soup and bread was delicious! Some children had as many as three bowls – despite having previously said they didn’t eat soup!  We also learnt some Elizabethan dances and played Elizabethan card and dice games. Our favourite game was Foxes and Geese (which is similar to draughts). We plan to use what we learnt today to write information texts about Elizabethan celebrations.  http://www.greatlinfordprimaryschool.co.uk/uploads/1/1/1/2/11125524/dscf5522_orig.jpg http://www.greatlinfordprimaryschool.co.uk/uploads/1/1/1/2/11125524/dscf5536_orig.jpg | |
| ***Poet Paul Lyalls visits Year 6***  Last week Year 6 pupils were privileged to work with Poet and Spoken Word Performer, Paul Lyalls. He shared his favourite poems with both classes before helping them construct special coded poems in homage to our historic neighbours, Bletchley Park. We will be entering our poems into a national competition, so fingers crossed our encrypted messages make it to the judges!Picture |  | ***Voice in a Million Singing Workshop***  We had a singing workshop in the hall to teach us how to sing on stage and add actions. We added in our own singing moves and learnt some great performance techniques with a professional singer and an ambassador of the VIAM event in Wembley. The choir also recorded their audition songs in the hope of having a spot at Wembley Stadium in March. http://www.greatlinfordprimaryschool.co.uk/uploads/1/1/1/2/11125524/dscf5026.jpg  Keep your fingers crossed for us! We have a long wait until December to find out. |
| ***Junior Park Rangers***  Last year, our school had a great team of Junior Park Rangers. They achieved their Bronze John Muir Certificate and also won our school the Outstanding Junior Ranger Award for the whole of Milton Keynes. The £200 price money for this will be spent on some exciting trips to a local park which will be led by the Parks Trust and some new and exciting outdoor learning resources.  We are now looking to recruit a new team of Junior Rangers. The role is for up to 6 students from Year 4 and Year 5 who would like to share their love of wildlife.  Please see Miss Smith for an application form if you think this could be you. |  | ***C:\Users\Amackellar\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\4WTJUTEE\santa2c[1].png***  **SAVE THE DATE**  **FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER**  **CHRISTMAS FAIR!** |
| ***Fundraising***  Many thanks to all our lovely families for attending our fundraising events for giving donations throughout the school year.  This money really helps us to make a difference to the children here.  We would also like to offer our thanks for the Garfield Weston Foundation who saw the potential in our school plans for an impressive new light and sound hub for our school hall.  They kindly gave us £3000 towards this exciting project, which is now complete and being enjoyed by children across the school.  https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/1/1a/Garfield-weston-foundation-logo.png |  | ***Upcoming Events:***  9th Oct - Parents Evening (3.15 – 5.15pm)  Appointments are booked via https:// greatlinford.parentseveningsystem.co.uk  *Coffee & cake and second hand school uniform for sale at Parents Evening*  11th Oct - Parents Evening (4 – 6.30pm)  Appointments are booked via https:// greatlinford.parentseveningsystem.co.uk  *Coffee & cake and second hand school uniform for sale at Parents Evening*  15th Oct - Last week of After School Clubs for the Autumn 1 term  15th Oct - Home Learning Projects due in  15th Oct - Year 1 Bikeability  22nd Oct - KS2 Open Morning for Literacy  (9.00 - 10.30am)  23rd Oct - British Athlete Inspiring Assembly  *Children will bring home sponsorship forms*  24th Oct - Home Learning Assembly (9.00am)  24th Oct - EYFS Stay & Play (2.00 – 3.00pm)  25th Oct - EYFS Sept 2019 Cohort Open Day  (9.00 – 10.00am)  25th Oct - Spooky Disco!  *(EYFS, Yrs 1 & 2 : 3.45 – 4.45pm)*  *(Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 : 5.00 – 6.15pm)*  25th Oct - Last day of Autumn 1 Term  26th Oct - Inset Day |
| At next week’s Parents Evenings the PTA will be selling cakes and tea/coffee.  There will also be a sale of preloved school uniform so come and have a rummage.  Any donations of cakes and/or uniform gratefully received. Also if anyone has a spare half hour or more to help with the sales, please let us know. |  |
| ***House Foodbank Challenge***  We hope to collect more items than last year! The house with the most foodbank donations will win the most house points.  1st = 150hp  2nd = 100hp  3rd = 50 hp  Please bring all donations to class where they will be collected by house captains to add to the collection in the hallway. Please NO fridge foods and we are trying for a variety of tinned foods.  Have a look at the list on the right from the foodbank website of what they are in need of: |  | * Tinned fish (e.g. tuna) * Tinned Fruit * Tinned Meat * Tinned Pasta/ Spaghetti * Dried Rice * Tinned Rice Pudding * Tinned Soup (especially Tomato) * Long life juice * 500ml Long life milk (preferably whole milk) * Tinned baked beans (small tins) * Tinned fruit * Tinned spaghetti (small tins) * Fruit Pots OVERSTOCKED IN BEANS AND PASTA   For more information :  [mkfoodbank.org.uk/support-the-food-bank/help-the-food-bank/give-food/](http://mkfoodbank.org.uk/support-the-food-bank/help-the-food-bank/give-food/) |
| ***Congratulations***  Emily Snowden (Year 6) was recently awarded her Learn to Swim certificate.  *Well done Emily!*  ***Attendance***  Whole school attendance so far is 96%  For w/e 5 October attendance was also 96%  The class with the highest attendance last week was Mr Jenkins (Yew) with 99.5% |  | ***AND FINALLY...***  Last but by no means least, we would like to extend a huge thank you to two of our wonderful volunteers, Holly and Louise, who have worked so hard to help make our school a beautiful and fun place to be! We really do appreciate all their tireless efforts.  DSCF4968DSCF5034  C:\Users\Amackellar\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\4WTJUTEE\thank_you[1].jpg |