

NEWSLETTER

ASPIRE - ACHIEVE - THRIVE - ENJOY

6th March

Dear Families

Thank you for supporting World Book Day this year, we were so impressed with all of the wonderful costumes. The children enjoyed participating in activities led by teachers across their Key Stage. The day was made even better by the sunshine!

It was a very busy end to the week for both myself and Mr Jenkins so unfortunately there were no house point certificates generated this week or Aspire celebrations. We will catch these up next week.

Collision

It has been reported to me that a parked car was driven into in the layby last Friday (27th February) at pick up time. The car that was hit was a grey Vauxhall 4 x 4. The parent was hoping that someone may have witnessed this and could put them in touch with the driver. If you can help, please contact the office.

Mrs Dixon.



Your weekly reminder that we are a nut free school

Thank you for your continued support with this matter ensuring our children who have this life-threatening allergy stay safe.



Our attendance so far this year is **94.6%**. Attendance this week was **96%**

Well done to **1RC** who had the highest attendance this week with **98.9%** attendance!

Diary dates

Dates were given out for the year in the first newsletter. Going forwards, I will include dates here for the current term as a reminder. **Any new dates which were not shared previously will appear in red.**

13 th March	After school	PTA Colour Run event
16 th March		Home learning due in
16 th March	4:00— 5:00pm	The Big Sing — Key Stage 2 choir performance

Tuesday 17 th March	3:45pm.	The Big Sing – Key Stage 2 Choir Performance
Change of Date		
18 th – 24 th March	3:15 – 3.30pm	Book fair <i>Books will be available to buy in the hall</i>
23 rd March		World Maths Day <i>Children are invited to dress up as a number or in maths themed clothing</i> We are moving our celebration of Maths day to term 5. Date TBC
23rd March	2:15pm	Rock Steady Concert in the hall
24 th March	2:45pm – 3:10pm	Home learning winners' gallery in the hall
25 th March	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Year 4 Local Walk
25 th March	3:30 – 4.30pm	EYFS (Caterpillars) and Years 1 and 2 Easter Disco
25 th March	5:00 – 6:00pm	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Easter Disco
27 th March		Last day of term



This week's Aspire winners



Caterpillars	Ezra		
1TP	Iris	1RC	Amelia
2PK	Reggie P	2LD	Eden
3MY	Axel	3JC	Isla
4AJ	Andrei	4MH	Joey
5SS	Kevinas	5GF	Omar
6LG	Sienna	6AS	Nayara
Mr Jenkins		Wraparound	
Miss Guy KS1	Eden (Y2)	Miss Guy KS2	Charlie (Y5)

Key Stage 1 Kindness Awards



Albie 1TP	Ginith 1RC
Nina 2LD	Cattaleya 2PK



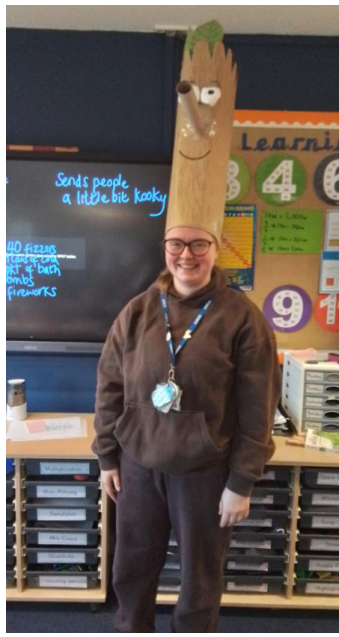
Ask your child about something kind they said this week!

World Book Day











Books at Bedtime

Our Books at Bedtime workshop after school was a wonderful success, with so many coming along to join in. It was lovely to see families sharing stories together following an amazing World Book Day celebration. The children were super excited to come into school dressed as their favourite characters, and their enthusiasm for books was clear throughout day. Snuggling up with a good story, a glass of milk, and some cookies made the event feel extra special. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make it such a warm and memorable celebration of reading together.









Sport at GLPS - Gymnastics

This week, a team of Year 3 and 4 children as well as a team of Year 5 and 6 children each entered into a half-day gymnastics competition this week. Against over 20 other schools in Milton Keynes, both teams performed fantastically. They had worked incredibly hard to learn their routines in advance of the day and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the chance to perform floor, vault and body control routines at the Kingston Gymnastics Centre. One of the judges on the day was British gymnast Megan Kealy who some of the children recognised from their gymnastics unit in school earlier this year! A big thank you to everyone who came along to support and who helped the children learn their routines over the last few weeks.





Primary Instrumental Festivals - Strings, Guitars and Woodwind

Well done to some of our children who took part in the Strings, Guitar and Woodwind instrumental festivals this week. All groups received a fantastic Merit Certificate for their performances, they were brilliant performers.

Guitars = Reuben, William and Cayson

Strings = Jovie, Nessah and Erika

Flutes = Chloe-Anne and Milan





Conductive Music

Year 3 and Year 5 both had conductive music workshops incorporating STEAM. The children used the chromebooks and microbit technology to produce music of their own. They had lots of fun learning new skills and how music technology can be used to create music for games. <https://conductivemusic.uk/>

Micro: Melodies



Step into an exciting workshop where music, coding, and science come together! Using the Micro:Bit, pupils explore its musical features through block-based coding. They assign notes, build a collaborative graphic score, and perform it with movement, singing, and rhythm. Along the way, they code crotchets, quavers, and semiquavers into a catchy tune, then investigate light and sound by creating a theremin-like instrument—even using shadows to play music. It's a fun, cross-curricular experience that unlocks creativity through technology.

Tech Tunes



Get ready for a hands-on journey into gamification and music technology as pupils create their own digital instruments! We start with free play and call-and-response melodies, then introduce crocodile clips, graphic notation, and backing tracks. Pupils explore body conductivity—making music by touching fingers, ears, and noses—before building a custom instrument from rulers and tin foil, playing it in a fun, guitar-hero style. This workshop brings together creativity, science, and music to spark engagement in every learner.

Support the GLPS PTA

If you're interested in getting more involved, simply follow the QR code to join our volunteer group – we are always grateful for extra helping hands.



<https://linktr.ee/glpspta>

Online Safety

Children, phones and online safety

Find out how you can navigate phones and online safety for your child and encourage responsible use.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/children-phones-online-safety/>

Is my child ready to have their own phone?

We know that deciding whether your child is ready for a mobile phone is a challenging decision and one families want to get right. There is no one size fits all approach, but there are some key factors that can help you make a decision that feels right for your family.

This tool has been created by NSPCC experts to help you think through those factors. It includes 8 short questions and should take around 10 minutes to complete.

The tool is designed to help you reflect on what is right for your family - whether you're ready to decide now or just starting to think it through.



<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/family/childs-first-phone>

News from Rainbow Family Centre Facebook page

We still have spaces on our Creative Art and lunch HAF session, log on to EEQU with your FSM Code 😊



News from Great Linford Parish Council Facebook page

what's on:

March

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council Meeting: 25 March

Finance, Governance & Asset Committee: 9 March

Meetings begin at 7 pm and are held at the Parish Office.

Visit our website for more details.

ADVICE

Citizens Advice

Every Tuesday at Conniburrow Community Centre
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Every Thursday at Great Linford Parish Office
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Coffee with Cops
17 March at Cross and Stable Larder & Cafe
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Milton Keynes City Council Housing Drop-In
30 March at the Parish Office 9:30 - 11:30 am

YOUNG PEOPLE

Youth Cafe

Every Friday at Conniburrow Community Centre
Ages 11 - 17 6:30 - 8:30 pm

*Term Time Only

EVENTS

Community Litter Pick

7 March meeting at Parish Office, Great Linford
10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Annual Parish Meeting

11 March at The Parish Office
Doors Open 6:00 pm for refreshments
Meeting 6:30 - 8.30 pm

COMMUNITY FOOD

Conniburrow Top Up Shop

Every Tuesday at Conniburrow Community Centre
10:00 - 11:30 am

Great Linford Top Up Shop

Every Thursday at the Parish Office
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Downs Barn Community Larder

Every Tuesday at Cross & Stable
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Great Linford Community Fridge

Every Monday at Great Linford Community Hub
11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Conniburrow Community Fridge

at Conniburrow Community Hub
Every Wednesday 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Every Friday 1:00 - 2:30 pm

ACTIVITIES

Creative Space - Arts for Health

Every Saturday at Conniburrow Community Hub
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Cooking Classes

Tuesday at Conniburrow Community Hub
10:30 - 1:30 pm

social spaces

community cafes
open to all

Social Space			
Breakfast and Banter	Monday	9:30 am - 11:30 pm	Great Linford Parish Office MK14 5HA
Great Linford Community Hub	Monday	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Great Linford Community Hub MK14 5HA
Conniburrow Social Space	Tuesday	9:30 am - 1:00 pm	Conniburrow Community Centre MK14 7DX
Downs Barn Café	Tuesday	10:15 am - 12:15 pm	Cross and Stable Downs Barn Blvd MK14 7RZ
5 Ways Café	2 nd and 4 th Tuesday	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	St. Andrew's Church Great Linford, MK14 5AU
Great Linford Social Club	Tuesday	12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Great Linford Parish Office MK14 5HA
Conniburrow Community Cafe	Wednesday	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Conniburrow Community Hub MK14 7DX
Coffee on the Corner	Wednesday	10:30 am - 12:30 pm	21 Ramsons Ave, Conniburrow MK14 7BA
Downs Barn Social Space	Wednesday	11:00 am - 2:00 pm	76 Pannier Place Downs Barn MK14 7QP
Conniburrow Community Café	Thursday	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Conniburrow Community Hub MK14 7DX
Great Linford Community Hub	Thursday	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Great Linford Community Hub MK14 5HA
Downs Barn Social Space	Friday	11:00 am - 2:00 pm	76 Pannier Place Downs Barn MK14 7QP
Great Linford Community Hub	Friday	12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Great Linford Community Hub MK14 5HA
Youth Café	Friday	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Conniburrow Community Centre MK14 7DX