



5th May 2017

Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed your extended Bank Holiday weekend. It's been busy fitting everything in to four days this week. The Year 6 pupils have continued to work hard to prepare for their SATs, showing a very mature attitude to their learning. We have been open to you at various times this week to visit classes in order to see what your child has been learning - we hope that you found these 'Have a Look' sessions interesting.

PAINTING OF MURAL ON OUTSIDE OF THE KINGFISHERS

Zoe Howell has kindly agreed to paint a mural on the outside of the Kingfishers but will need parent helpers to assist. She will be starting on Thursday the 25th of May. If you are able to help, please approach Zoe to let her know.

GREAT NEWS!

Gretton School has been successful with their application into the GE Additive Education Program (AEP). Being part of the GE Additive Education Program has enabled us to have a 3D printer and more importantly training how to use it. We will be planning to incorporate 3D printing/additive manufacturing (is the act of "growing" a part directly from a 3D CAD file by adding material layer upon layer and fusing each layer to the previous one to create a 3D object) concepts into school curriculum in the near future. More information on the 3D printer can be found here <http://about.polar3d.com/printer/>. GE is investing \$10 million over the next five years in two educational programs -

- \$2 million of this is being investing over two years for primary and secondary schools around the world enabling them to provide access to 3D printers.
- \$8 million over five years to subsidize up to 50 metal additive machines to colleges and universities around the world.

The staff recognise the value and potential of providing science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and/or science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) opportunities to our students and in our application we had to provide strong evidence to this. We are really appreciative of the opportunity being part of the GE Additive Education Program (AEP). This is a huge achievement given it was an international bid so huge thanks to Stu Richardson our Governor and Mrs Holt who provided vital curriculum information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

W/C Monday 8th May	KS2 SATS
Thursday 11th May	ROBINS TO BUTTERFLY FARM
W/C Monday 15th May	KS1 SATS
Wednesday 17th May	ROBINS TO HAVE HEARING TEST
Saturday 20th May	SCIENCE DAY
W/C Monday 22nd May	Y5 CYCLE TRAINING
Tuesday 23rd May	EAGLES STRING QUARTET WORKSHOP & WINCHCOMBE WALK
Thursday 25th May	UGLY BUG BALL ROBINS PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE BINGO STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL PARENT FORUM 6PM

CLASS ASSEMBLIES THIS TERM

Friday 19th May - OWLS

NEWS FROM CLASSES:

Robins - Robins have been reading 'The Bad-Tempered Ladybird' by Eric Carle. We put the grumpy ladybird in the 'hotseat' to find out why he wanted to fight everyone in the story and the children wrote sorry letters from him to the other characters. They found out lots of information about spiders in preparation for our class assembly in which they enjoyed performing the song 'There's a spider on the floor' and sharing some of the interesting facts they have learnt about minibeasts.

Kingfishers - We were treated to a visit from Doctor Steele this week! The children were enthralled with x-ray images and had fun guessing which part of the body the images portrayed. They came up with some great questions and impressed Hattie's mum with their medical knowledge! We have been creating very effective Victorian silhouette pictures using our iPads to create some super self-portraits. Do come and have a look!

Owls - Owls have continued some of their topic work on our topic of 'Battle of Britain'. The children have shown great enthusiasm with some excellent questions and facts even delaying going down at playtime to find out more! In our most recent lesson we learned about the incredible evacuation of Dunkirk.

Eagles - This week Eagles have been investigating the lives of Roman emperors in preparation for some biography writing. We have found out that Caligula tried to make his horse a high priest, Nero executed anyone who didn't agree with him - including his mother, and Claudius was the emperor to finally conquer much of Britain.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Kelly

This week's 'Golden Children'

Gold Book:

Robins - Oscar D for showing perseverance in his writing this week.

Kingfishers- George M & Matty for their super writing of the Funnybones story with excellent punctuation.

Owls- Lewis B-H for the superb enthusiasm he has shown towards our topic - always answering but also asking questions.

Eagles - Ollie for great catching in rounders and Ava B for batting well in rounders.

Attitude Tree: Oscar H for consistently listening carefully, following instructions and excellent behaviour, McKenzii for trying hard with her reading both at home & at school, Lawrence for always being helpful with tidying up classroom resources and Izzy S for the hard work she has been putting into problem solving in Maths.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

None this week

NEXT WEEK'S MENU				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sausages and Mash with Gravy	Organic Minced Beef Cottage Pie	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Hawaiian Pizza with Sliced Potatoes	MSC Fish fingers with Chips
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Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Sliced Potato	Vegetable and Chickpea Hotpot	Spinach and Tomato Quiche with Roast Potatoes	Sweet and Sour Vegetables with Rice	Frittata with Chips
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Jacket Potato with Cheese	Homemade Tomato Soup with half a filled Baguette	Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo	Homemade Vegetable Soup with half a filled Baguette	Tuna Salad with Chips
Green Beans, Mixed Peppers	Cauliflower, Sweetcorn	Savoy Cabbage, Carrots	Broccoli, Carrots	Garden Peas & Baked Beans
Chocolate Cake	Fruit Shortcake with Custard	Iced Sponge	Berry and Apple Strudel with Custard	Pear and Ginger Muffin