

Easter Homework

All of the children from Nursery to Year 1 and Years 3 to 5 have been given a challenge of a special fun Homework Project over the Easter Holidays. Years 2 and 6 have been given some specific worked linked to their end of year SATs tests. Please check your child's bags for letters or Home / School Diaries for details.



Dates for the Diary

April

Monday 20th: School opens for the Summer Term.

Tuesday, 21st: Year 1 theme day 'Around the World'.

Monday 27th: Swimming starts

May

Monday 4th: School closed for the Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th: Reception children to Sudbury Museum of Childhood

Wednesday 6th: Year 5 Bikeability

Wednesday 6th: Y5 / 6 Tag Rugby Tournament

Thursday 7th: School closed for pupils for Voting Day

w/b 11th: Key Stage 2 SATs WEEK

Tuesday 12th: Y3 / 4 Tag Rugby Tournament

Tuesday 19th: Year 4 to RAF Cosford

Friday 22nd: School closes for Half term. **NON UNIFORM DAY**

June

Monday 3rd: Key Strings to perform for the whole school

Wednesday, 10th: Year 3 to Llandudno

Friday, 19th: The Summer Fayre

Monday, 22nd: a.m. FS Sports Day

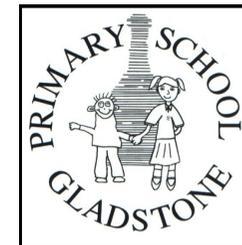
Monday, 22nd: Year 3 to Bearstone Farm

Tuesday, 23rd: a.m. KS1 Sports Day

Tuesday, 23rd: Year 3 to Bearstone Farm

Wednesday, 24th: a.m. KS2 Sports Day

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Dear Parents / Carers,
After the windy weather of the last few days I am hoping that the March Winds will now make way for April Showers in time for the Easter Break.

This week has certainly been a busy one as we have held our Parent Consultations and the children have made a special

effort to make their Easter Bonnets or Egg 'Creations'. This follows on from our special Science Week where the children all took part in a range of exciting Science activities and our special Aeroplane D&T Competition. Thank you to all of you who helped the children at home – the aeroplanes looked amazing and most performed brilliantly when they were thrown from our Key Stage 2 balconies last week. Those that did not fly so well have now been reassembled!

Finally, I would like to wish you a very warm and sunny Easter Holiday.

Elaine Preston



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Thank you to those of you who took note of the special 'request' in our last newsletter and the posters on the railings and have refrained from smoking by the gates. Your cooperation is much appreciated by staff, children and parents.



Developing our Grounds

As I mentioned in our last newsletter we are in the process of improving the grounds at the front of the school – our Giant Yard. Over the next half term you will see a new exercise trail being developed for children

from FS - KS2 and a new climbing frame specifically designed for us for our Nursery and Reception children. Hopefully, we should also be able to put a roof in our hut and add seating. This will help to add much needed shelter to the area. Thanks go to our local Councillor, Mrs Olwen Hamer for the £1,000 grant awarded to us from ward Funding towards these developments and workers from Kier who have volunteered to help us move soil and equipment. It is hoped that this part of the new development will be finished by the end of May.

>> >> >> >> WELCOME TO GLADSTONE >> >> >> >>

We are pleased to tell you that we have appointed two new teachers to join our teaching staff in September. Miss Hermione Alston and Ms Deborah Law will be joining our Key Stage 2 and Foundation Stage teams respectively. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating them on their success and wish them well as they join our Gladstone 'family'.

FUN DURING SCIENCE WEEK

The children had a fantastic time during Science Week. Here are some of the activities they completed:

The Nursery completed blindfolded food tasting relating to their senses

Our Reception children painted using natural materials such as beetroot and onion (red and brown); enjoyed mixing colours and chromatography.

Key Stage 1 enjoyed their carousel of activities which included floating and sinking activities, chemical reactions, completing an acid testing using Litmus Paper and handling some reptiles!

Year 3 completed an experiment to compare the reaction times of adults and children with / without a distraction lined to multi-tasking.

Year 4 researched the Voyager probe and Gary Flandro who thought of the idea. They also made and fired their own air powered rockets as part of their Space topic.

Year 5 researched famous meteorologists and make wind speed measurer.

Year 6 mummified some apples as part of their Egyptians topic, 'The Mummy'.

The whole week concluded with the children researching the Partical Solar Eclipse and watching events unfold on Google.

OUR KITCHEN'S FOOD HYGIENE AWARD

Congratulations to Mrs Bentley and her team for being awarded a grade 5 Hygiene Award (the top rating) for the cleanliness of our School Kitchen. The award came after a spot check by the Local Authority last month and everyone is very proud of them and the high standards achieved.

