



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents/carers,

Last Saturday 40 of our children took part in the London Mini Marathon - they all raced so well and had a fantastic day - well done to everyone who took part! A huge congratulations to Mrs Hardy who ran the London Marathon on Sunday and finished in 4 hours 30 mins - she is a complete star! Sadly my marathon day didn't go to plan and I was unable to finish - having run the marathon before I never expected not to be able to finish but sadly I fell unconscious at mile 7 and was taken in an ambulance to hospital. After a long day and evening of tests I was allowed to go home and luckily am ok now, just very sad that I was not able to finish this time. Mrs Hardy and I would like to say a massive thank you for all the messages of support, the kind donations to our pages and kindness that everyone has shown to both of us - we can't thank you enough!

Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend!

Mrs Burgess
Headteacher



LETTERS HOME

Hilltop 2027 Trip - Current Y4

Marvellous Middle - Y1

Maths Tuition - Y5 select

Hilltop 2026 - Forms to complete - Y5

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Mon 4th May - BANK HOL

Mon 11th May - Y4 local walk

Wc11th May - SATs Week

Fri 15th May - School Discos

Fri 15th May - BC/ASC
Bookings open - 6pm
(Scopay will be offline until 6pm)

Wed 20th May - Y1
Marvellous Middle

Thurs 21st May - Theme Day
Lunch

Fri 22nd May - Head boy Girl
announcements

GET YOUR CHILD'S TICKETS ON SCOPAY
DEADLINE FOR TICKETS IS TUESDAY 12th MAY

It's **DISCO** time

FRIDAY 15TH MAY

TUCK SHOP
AVAILABLE FOR YEARS 3 TO 6

DISCO TIMES

Nursery and Reception	- 1.30 to 2.15
Years 1 and 2	- 2.30 to 3.15
Years 3 and 4	- 3.30 to 4.30
Years 5 and 6	- 4.30 to 5.45

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STARS, VALUES & MUSIC AWARDS - APRIL

Our star of the week awards is an opportunity for our teachers to give great praise to the children who show hard work, determination and enthusiasm amongst other things, to the children who really stand out that week. Values awards are also given out each week to children who show us how they live by the Great Denham Primary values. Music awards are given to the children that show excellent participation and musicality in lessons.

	Week 2 - 13.04.26		Week 3 - 20.04.26		Week 4 - 27.04.26	
	STARS	VALUES	STARS	VALUES	STARS	VALUES
Little Stars	Lottie	Joey	Alfie	Yohan	Emilia	Hallie
Tucana	Raif	Eddie	Alya	Marley	Shay	Oscar
Columba	Penny	Florence	Isla	Ishann	Olivia	Jaxson
Phoenix	Maisie	Tristan	Athina & Maria	Max	Freddie	Penny
Aquila	Ishaaq	Rosie	Taimur	Bobby	Rosie	George
Pavo	Jenson	Freya	Penny	Rory	Yuhan	Malakai
Cygnus	Zara	Hristo	Colby	Toby	Amelia D	Diego
Volans	Ari	Lydia	Owen	Hallie H	Haneefa	Kardelen
Delphinus	Adam C	Ada N	Sonny	Charlie W	Elyana	Florence
Dorado	Harman	Eric	Zac.P	Orla	Ruby	Sienna
Lacerta	Eleanor	Oliver	Alanna	Izzy	Freddie	Logan
Draco			Rufus	Florence	Harley M	Kyran
Serpens	Daniel W	Neveah	Zayirah	William	Neveah	Lara
Auriga	Isla	Yunis	Luca	Roxy	Darcy	Leo
Perseus	Nykia	Oliver B	Dawood	Hezekiah	Marcus	Jahlil
Orion	Oliver R.	Aisha	Daisy	Julius	Ore	Darby
Circinius	Miles	Harry S	Pavit	Erin	Jessica	Catherine
Vela	Esenia	Jaxon	Evie		Jaziel	Amarii
Carina	Cian	Taha	Greta	Lilah	Quinn	Colbie
Cassio	Chloe	Ilyas	Maddie	Sofia	Freya	Kaliese
Cepheus	Maxey	Scarlett	Mariam	Sienna	Freya R	Usman
Andromeda	Kai	Edith	Noah		Aliza	Emily

SPORTS UPDATE

We have started the summer term leagues and competitions off with success and superb sportsmanship from all! The sun has been shining bright and so have our pupils!

Year 5&6 Boys Cricket League (By Leo Williams)

Great Denham Primary entered two teams into the Year 5&6 cricket league at Bedford Hockey Centre. We played multiple matches against other schools including tough competition from Great Ouse, Bromham, Oakley, BGI and Westfield. The boys showed great teamwork and sportsmanship, with their skills improving every week.

Week One

Great Denham A won all three games.

Great Denham B lost all three games

Week Two

It was a very tight and tense match vs a skilful Bromham team, resulting in a one run win for Great Denham A.

Great Denham B got their first win of the competition!

Week Three

Great Denham A played and beat Great Denham B!

Jacob hit some big sixes, cian and Leo had a great batting and bowling partnership and Logan made an impressive catch!

Congratulations to both teams for playing to such a high standard in this league!

A team - Cian, **Jacob**, James, Jacob, Leo, Maheer, Pavit and Teddy

B team - Gerasim, Harry, Lincoln, Logan, Miles, **Maxey, Myles**, Teddy

Year 5&6 Girls Rounders league

The summer Both teams have trained hard each week in a bid to improve their decision making when fielding and already their hard work is paying off! The girls have had mixed results so far and we have another two weeks of the league until it's play off time!

Year 6 team: Alla, Divya, Edith, Elsie, Harriet, Laura, Maddie & **Maya**

Year 5 team: Alayna, Amelia, Arley, Aliyah- marie, Amelie, Evie, **Maya**, Scarlett & Teigan

Year 3&4 Quad kids athletics

As always our athletes do what they do best and performed to an outstanding standard. We stood out on the track, in every race, and were unstoppable! Our fielding events were stronger than ever and this had such a huge impact with results for both teams.

Congratulations to the A team who finished in 1st place and to the B team who finished in 3rd place during the morning session.

When the results were counted and verified it was amazing to see just how strong both teams were and how many points each individual scored! We can confirm Great Denham has real talent!

The A team have qualified for the county finals which will take place on 25th June.

Congratulations to all!

A team; Aston, Heze, Yunis, Zaki, Chanice, Darby, Eva & Leah

B team: Freddie, Rudy, Sidney, Zion, Eva, Jaida, Jessica & Sophia

Thank you as always for the fantastic support from parents and carers for all of our fixtures so far- how lucky we are to have your support!

Nursery YEAR GROUP UPDATE

Wow! Little Stars have been full of excitement as we kicked off our summer project. We had a fantastic and memorable start, with the children arriving dressed as their favourite farm animals - they looked incredible! We are all looking forward to exploring all things farm as our project continues. Who knows, we might be lucky enough to visit some of our favourite farm animals... We received a very special delivery from Farmer Dan, who brought us some chicken eggs. The children have been learning all about how to care for them, showing great curiosity and responsibility and we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our baby chicks!

In addition, the children have been very busy in the garden, planting and growing vegetables. They are taking great care to water them regularly and ensure they have everything they need to grow.

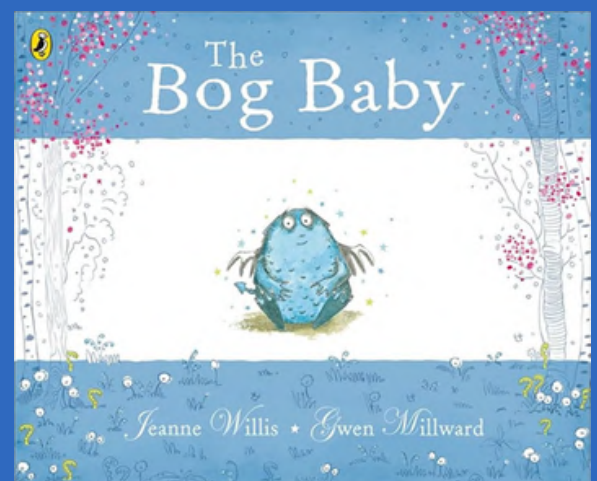
The children have flourished this year in nursery, and there are so many exciting activities planned for Little Stars. We look forward to sharing all the wonderful adventures ahead!

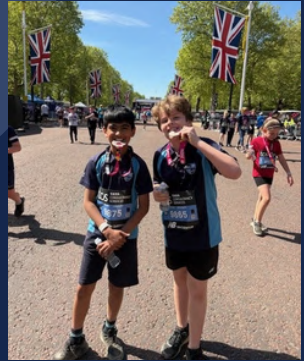


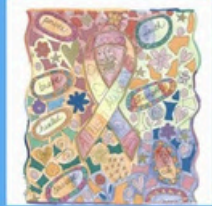
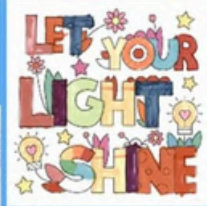
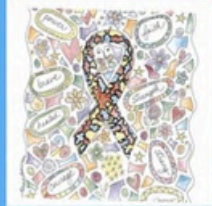
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YEAR GROUP UPDATE

Can you believe that we only have a short while left until the end of the school year!?! Time has flown but within that we have had heaps of fun and learning! We kicked this project off with a visit from a new friend; the Bog Baby. At the moment he is just a little baby but we are watching him closely to see how he grows. He seems a bit lonely so we are working hard to figure out what habitat he belongs in. The children had a blast in the swimming pool for our stunning start. They all showed so much courage and really enjoyed the pool games. We have lots more fun learning coming up in this project. We will be diving into more learning about water and have another trip to the river planned (details coming soon). We are also learning about water conservation and are working hard on creating a documentary about how to use water sensibly to show our buddies. It has been the most fun this year in reception and the children have all worked incredibly hard and we look forward to finishing off this project with enthusiasm and fun!







WOW WHAT AMAZING EFFORT FROM ALL WHO ENTERED OUR AUTISM AWARENESS COMPETITION!

BRILLIANT WORK EVERYONE. MRS BURGESS MUST HAVE HAD A HARD TIME PICKING A WINNER FROM EACH YEAR GROUP WITH ALL THE FAB ENTRIES.

WE PROUDLY SHOWCASE THE WINNERS AMAZING PICTURES;

- AIDEN - Y4
- ELEANOR - Y3
- EVIE - Y5
- ALAA - Y6
- XAVIER - Y2
- LILLY - Y4
- VANESSA - LITTLE STARS
- ISABELLA - RECEPTION
- AARNAVI - Y1
- GEORGE - Y4 (OFFICE STAFF PICK)

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO TOOK PART. #AUTISMAWARENESS

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