



Newsletter No. 5

Pride in ourselves, pride in our school, pride in our community.

Friday 6th February



Dear Parents/ Carers,
We are at the end of yet another busy week with so much to talk about. Number day has been a big success and we have enjoyed the home-made costumes and efforts you have all made - thank you for supporting your children with this. Across the school children have participated in various Maths activities including focusing on shape, design and multiplication. We have been busy clearing out Birch class this week in the aim to open this as an additional space over lunchtime and in the afternoon to support our learning across the school. The children have been keen to help and the teachers happy to find additional resources for their classrooms.

At the end of this week, we celebrated our winner of Employee of the month for January. Congratulations to Mrs Ostricher who was nominated twice for her efforts in supporting both the children and staff across the school.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our non-uniform day last Friday, as a school we raised...£189.80!

YEAR 4

In Rowan Class, the children have been really engaged with our work on shape and measures. They have demonstrated excellent reasoning skills when calculating perimeter, finding missing values and solving perimeter problems.



GMA GOOD NEWS STORY

We are pleased to share that Mrs Anderson is now our new Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

Mrs Anderson has already been a valued member of our safeguarding team, and we are delighted that she has now taken on this important role as our designated lead. Her experience and commitment to keeping our children safe make her a fantastic choice for this position.

Please direct safeguarding concerns to Mrs Anderson.



STAFF INTERVIEW – Time for another Staff Interview and this week it's Mrs Sugden!

Name: Mrs Sugden

Job title: SENCO

How long have you worked at GMA? 13 years

What do you love about working at GMA? The people that I work with and the incredible children.

What's the best thing about your job? Working with the parents and children to make sure that children are happy and make progress.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work? I like to spend time with my 3 children, I enjoy running and planning my next holiday! I am also passionate about raising money for GOSH. I am hoping to raise money for them when I run the London Marathon later in the year. Its my first marathon and I have been training 3 times a week, I get up at 5am and run before coming to work.

Favourite Book? The Magic Faraway Tree

Favourite Sport? Football – I support Norwich Football Team.



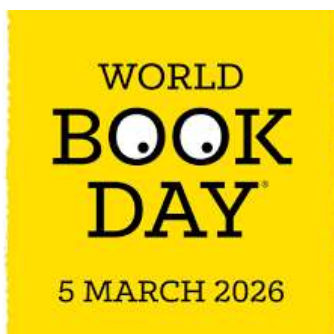
NUMBER DAY

Number Day at school has been a great success!

The children have all enjoyed taking part in number-inspired games and challenges, as well as learning about famous mathematicians.

It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm for maths across the school, with pupils exploring numbers in a fun and creative way.

The Year 4s have been learning about 'the first computer programmer'. This involved them writing algorithms (a set of step by step instructions) for their 'robot' partners to solve mathematical problems. Year 2 have been working on a water investigation inspired by Archimedes. While Year 1 have been learning about Maryam Mirzakhani who specialised in geometry and the study of shapes.



WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

This year's theme is Go All In!

We are busy planning lots of fun activities to celebrate World Book Day. Please could your child come dressed as a character from a book or, if they prefer, wearing pyjamas (to represent snuggling up with a book). Please could they also bring in a named favourite book to share with their class.

Ideas for how activities to do at home can be found here:
<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

From the Kitchen

Please can we ask that chocolate bars are not included in packed lunches. Thank you for your support in helping us promote healthy eating in school.

Golden Book

Children are nominated by Teaching Assistants and Teachers for a Principal's award which is entered in the Golden Book. The award can be for living one of our Values or special achievement. Sporting awards/achievements gained through a regular commitment to a club or group are also celebrated.

Conker	Elijah for his fantastic effort in his PE lessons, Elijah did great listening and participation
Ash	Luna for completing some wonderful writing this week, during both a focussed ` activity and discovery time.
Oak	Tarun for producing some fantastic writing. He thought of a new ending for Little Red Riding Hood and worked hard to write it out independently.
Beech	Theo for his excellent effort in maths when investigating odd and even numbers and doubling numbers
Elm	Charlotte for showing determination to improve her writing. Charlotte has become more independent when writing sentences, well done!
Willow	Ruairi worked incredibly hard on his independent writing on the Great Fire of London
Maple	Leo for his effort and determination to improve his reading fluency
Chestnut	Nikol for her creativity and imaginative drawing in art. Nikol took great pride in her piece, working calmly and focused to apply different techniques.
Sycamore	Bea for writing excellent sentences in her instructional text 'A Strong Mind'. Bea is working hard to check her spellings and punctuation.
Rowan	Jake for his effort and perseverance in Maths and English, whilst making excellent contributions to our whole-class learning.

CELEBRATIONS

- Matilda (Beech) awarded a swimming certificate for swimming 5m unaided.
- Karina (Chestnut) awarded 2 trophies and a medal for Dance! Awarded Best Newcomer!
- Joel (Rowan) awarded a player of the match pin by his rugby team.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUE 10TH FEB	SEN Coffee Morning
16TH – 20TH	Half Term
MON 23RD FEB	Young Voices Concert

FROM THE KITCHEN

Please click on the link to view the dinner menu.

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