



# Newsletter

3rd May 2024

## Upcoming Diary Dates

Please note these are current plans that may be subject to change. Please see email updates for changes.

Date	Event	Times/Other info
Mon 29.4.24	Year 2 Golf festival	10-11.30am
Thur 2.5.24	Year 1 Golf festival	10-11.30am
Fri 3.5.24	Year 2 NSPCC Visit	
Mon 6.5.24	Early May Bank Holiday	School Closed
Fri 10.5.24	Y1 Class 5 Assembly	9.15am
Fri 10.5.24	Y2 Gardening Classes	Sensory Garden
Thu 16.5.24	Y1 Phonics Information Evening	5pm - See previous newsletter
Fri 17.5.24	Mental Health Awareness Week	Wear something yellow
Fri 17.5.24	Y1 Class 4 Assembly	9.15am
Wed 22.5.24	Y1 Class 6 Assembly	9.15am
Fri 24.5.24	Reception Pirate Day	Information to follow
Fri 24.5.24	Break Up for Whit half term	

## OTHER NEWS

### Miss O'Brien

We have some exciting news to share! Some of you may already know that Miss O'Brien is expecting her first baby this month! I am sure you will all join us in congratulating Miss O'Brien and her family.

### Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health Awareness Week is Monday 13th - Sunday 19th May. We will raise awareness of this, together with Great Moor Junior School, on Friday 17th May. We invite all children to take part by wearing something yellow... socks, t-shirts, hats or headbands... anything goes! No donation is required to take part.

# OTHER NEWS

## Term time holiday - the new rules

When children miss school for term time holidays, they miss out on important learning and they often take time to settle back into their learning routines.

The government is strengthening the rules around Education Penalty Notices. These are fixed penalty fines which are issued by the Local Authority and they are most commonly issued to parents when a child misses school for a term time holiday taken without the permission of the school.

The new rules will apply to unauthorised absence taking place after August 2024.

For the first fine issued after the start of the 24-25 school year, the fine will increase to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.

If a second fine is then issued to the same parent for the same child within three years of the first fine it will be for £160.

Subsequent offences - no further fines can then be issued if two have already been issued to the same parent for the same child within the previous three years (starting with the date of the first fine); instead the parent will be prosecuted by the Local Authority in the Magistrates' Court.

It's therefore more important than ever that parents arrange to take family holidays in the 13 weeks of school holidays and not in term time.

## A Huge Thank You

You may have noticed our year 2 mobiles have had a fresh coat of paint!

Wilmott Dixon are contractors who recently managed the construction of the new Stockport Interchange (new bus station). As part of their project, they are assigned to work within the community offering labour and supplies, to carry out small maintenance projects. We at GMIS were fortunate to have been chosen.

We would very much like to thank Becky from Wilmott Dixon for organising the project, their supply chain partners Broken Colour and Faber Joinery for providing the labour and Dulux for providing the paint for this project.



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# NURSERY

In nursery we have been making the most of the beautiful weather by continuing to develop our garden. We have been sowing a variety of seeds in our grassy area to hopefully grow our own meadow to attract wildlife!

The children are already noticing lots of minibeasts like ladybirds and butterflies appearing in the garden that we haven't seen in the cold, wet months. We are all very curious about the creatures. We want to look closely and some of us want to handle them! We are learning about the importance of being gentle to the wildlife just as we are to people because they all have important roles to play in our garden.

The children have noticed lots of changes to the fruit trees in the garden. They now have leaves and flowers on and we are all getting impatient waiting for the apple and cherry picking season to begin! All of the children have now started learning phonics. We are learning to distinguish between the different letters and remember the sounds they make! Hopefully, the children will start to notice letters they recognise on packets and signs. We are also learning to "Fred Talk". This is the process of breaking a word down into its component sounds. This is the cornerstone of learning to read and write using phonics.

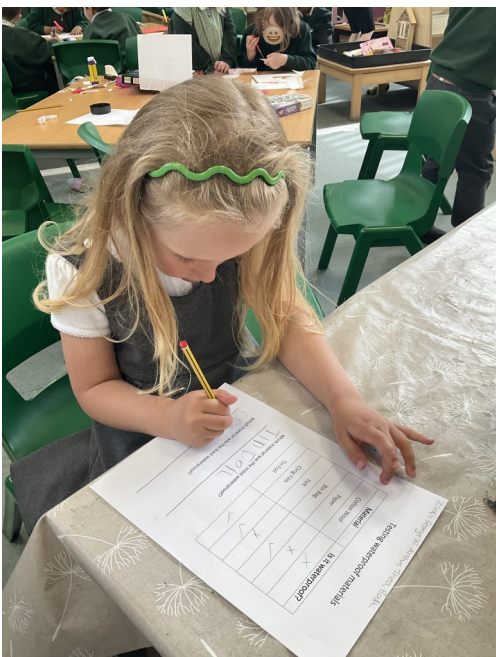
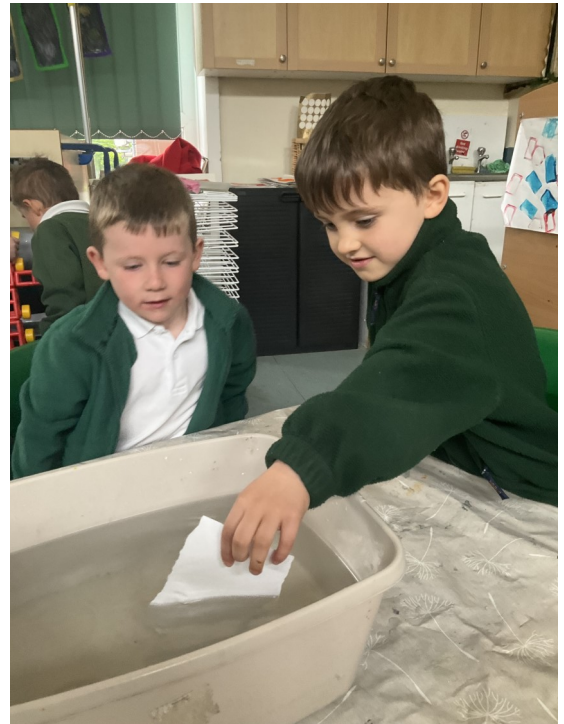


# RECEPTION

Reception are still very excited by our Sun, sea, sand and space topic. We have been reading some space poems and listening for rhyming words, practising our cutting skills to cut out planets and put them in the order that they are closest to the sun, and finding out about different famous astronauts.

In maths we have continued to work on building numbers beyond 10 up to 20 by playing different games and using ten frames.

We have also really enjoyed being scientists this week and completed our own investigations. As we move away from space and begin to think about the sea, we decided to explore some materials in preparation for making our own boats. We tested different materials in water to find out if they are waterproof, to help us decide which materials would be best to use in our boat designs.



# YEAR 1

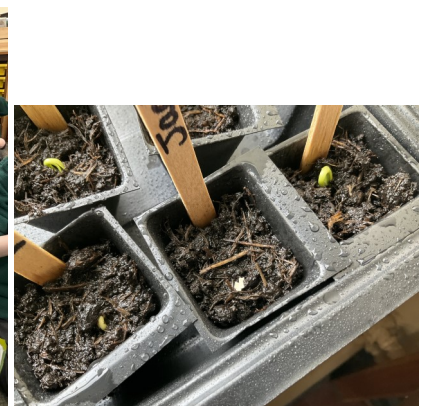
## Golf

We did something a bit different in PE this week, we had a go at playing golf! We learnt about the different areas of a golf course – tee, green, bunker and water by playing Simon Says! We had to move to the different areas of the 'golf course' if David (our golf instructor) used his name. We might have got caught out at first but we soon got the hang of it! We were also taught how to correctly stand and hold a golf club. We certainly impressed our golf instructor with how many of us could hit the ball the first time! He told us that usually children take a few attempts to hit the ball!



## Sunflower Seeds

As part of our English work on Percy the Park Keeper, we planted some sunflower seeds this week. We planted them step by step and then wrote instructions on how we did it. We used time openers to order our sentences and bossy verbs for the actions. Some of our sunflowers are already starting to grow!



# YEAR 2

In art this half term we have started to explore different mark making techniques in drawing. We enjoyed experimenting and getting our hands dirty with charcoal. We have tried creating different textures using stippling, cross hatching, squiggling, and scribbling using a range of different media. These include pencils, pastels, charcoal and chalk.

This week we have enjoyed practising our golf skills; learning how to stand, hold the golf club and swing the club. We really impressed our golf instructor with how many of us could hit the ball the first time round. We are a talented school!

We have been using our green fingers in both our science lessons and gardening workshops with Alke. We have enjoyed making plant pots out of recycled materials, sieving compost and planting seeds. In science we have been learning about conditions for growth and are currently doing comparative tests.



# Y2 CHESS CLUB

The year 2 chess club is currently going well and children are showing lots of enthusiasm for the game.



# STOCKPORT SHAPES FAMILY CHALLENGE

Please scan the QR code to access the full information for the challenge.

