

GOLDINGTON GREEN ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we move into February. This term has been full of energy, enthusiasm, and fantastic learning opportunities for our pupils. Despite the colder weather, the children continue to show great resilience and dedication in their learning, and I am incredibly proud of their efforts.

I hope that you have all now received a copy of the report from our recent Ofsted visit and that you are equally as proud of the school and children as we are as a whole staff team.

Please can I remind you all to make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher for Parent Consultations this week. These are vital opportunities for you to discuss your child's progress, to celebrate their successes and to raise any questions you may have. We really value your support in this partnership to ensure your child achieves their full potential.

We have Safer Internet Day on 11th February, which provides a valuable opportunity to reinforce the importance of staying safe online. We encourage you to speak with your children at home about responsible internet use, and we will be sharing resources to support these conversations.

As we approach the half-term break, I want to thank you for your continued support. Your involvement in school life, whether through attending events, supporting learning at home, or simply encouraging positive attitudes, makes a huge difference to our children's success. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break when it arrives.

Diary Dates for February/March

February

- 3rd 3-5pm Year 1 & 2 Parent Consultations
- 4th 9am Monkey Puzzle Class Assembly
- 4th 10-11am GGA Toddler Group
- 4th 3-5pm Year R Parent Consultations
- 5th 8.30- 9am Maths games morning
- 5th 3-8pm Year 3 & 4 Parent Consultations
- 5th 6-8pm Evening Parent Consultations
- 6th 3-5pm Year 5 & 6 Parent Consultations
- 7th Shine Bright, Wear Bright Mufti Day
in support of CHUMS

- 11th 9am Coconut Class Assembly

17th-21st Half Term

- 25th 9am Cedar Class Assembly



March

- 4th 9am Chestnut Class Assembly
- 4th 10-11am GGA Toddler Group
- 6th World Book Day
- 10th-13th Yr.6 Mock SATS
- 10th-14th Science Week
- 17th PTFA Mother's Day Shop starts
- 18th 9am Maple Class Assembly
- 19th Book Fair in school
- 21st Red Nose Day
- 25th 9am Willow Class Assembly
- 25th 2-3pm Pre School Mother's Day Stay
& Play
- 27th Yr. R Mead Open Farm Trip
- 28th 2.30pm Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Skingsley

Mrs C Skingsley
Headteacher

Shine Bright, Wear Bright

On 7th February we are asking you to send your child to school wearing something bright with their school uniform. This is to increase awareness and show support for the mental health charity CHUMS. We are not collecting donations this time, just promoting awareness for mental health issues.

Preschool September 2025

If you, or your friends or family are hoping to start their child in Pre School in September 2025 please ensure applications are submitted **now**. Applications can be collected from both the Main and Pre School offices, or downloaded from the school website. Thank you

Staff News

We will be saying goodbye to two members of staff at half term. **Ms Julia Basso**, TA who is having a change of career, and **Mrs Zoe Stapley**, Inclusion Assistant, who is moving to Lakeview Primary School as their Family Worker. We will miss them both, but wish them all the best for their new ventures.



Artist of the Month

The artist of the month for February is Henri Rousseau. He was a French painter and he was known for his richly coloured and detailed pictures of jungles, wild beasts and exotic figures.



What is your favourite animal? Can you paint or draw a picture of it like Henri Rousseau?

RSPB Big Schools' Bird Watch

This will be our 4th year participating in this worthy citizen science investigation and - as always - we will send our data contributions off to the RSPB. The children also used their own findings to create Excel graphs to record this data and will compare and contrast this with national statistics from the 2024 count. Well done Y5, a super cross-curricular STEM investigation!



SOTO Ambassadors Leadership Programme

On 24th January the first onsite training day for the SOTO Ambassadors Leadership programme took place. Pupils from Year 4 – 6 met with Megan and Alex (from SOTO) to discuss ideas and initiatives for the school and local community. The pupils will be creating an Ambassadors Book Series throughout the leadership programme. The Grange Academy Ambassadors joined us in the afternoon to share their bird box project they completed last year.



Attendance and Reasons for Absence

Illness - Whilst we do encourage children to come to school even if they 'feel a little unwell', we do not expect any child who is genuinely ill to come to school. Do try to send your child to school if they are a little unwell, e.g. runny nose, headache, tummy ache. We will always contact you if your child becomes too unwell to be here.

Unacceptable reasons for Absence -

- Shopping/Birthday treat
- Trips out
- Tiredness
- Meeting relatives
- Sibling unwell
- Mum or Dad unwell
- Car breaking down
- Bad weather

Please bear the above in mind and thank you for your continued support regarding attendance.

Recipe of the Month Easy Jam Tarts

Why not try this Easy Jam Tart recipe for Valentines Day, they will quickly become a family favourite and they are even easier if you use ready made pastry. Just follow the link below for the recipe.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/valentines-day-jam-tarts>



Values Education

During the month of February the school is focussing on the value of:

Love

If your child has demonstrated the value of Love at home, please let us know by emailing their class teacher, stating the reason you are nominating them.

Names of pupils nominated for the monthly Value will appear on the School's Value Notice Board and School's Website.