



GREAT BRADFORDS JUNIOR SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Easter 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of this very short term, it is a time to think back and celebrate all the achievements of the children so far.

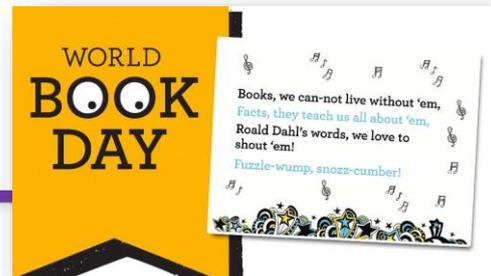
We enjoyed a fantastic performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory presented by the Year 4 children. Many of the parents and grandparents mentioned how much they had enjoyed it as they left and it was good to see so many coming to support their children.

I am not going to write too much here as the rest of the newsletter has been turned over to the children and several of them have written snippets about what they and their classmates have been learning and enjoying this term. I hope you enjoy reading their views of what we have been putting on for them.

It just leaves me to say that I wish you all a good holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 16th April.

Best wishes,

Fiona Dorey
Headteacher



World Book Day Celebrations

As you are aware, due to adverse weather conditions, WBD had to be postponed until Friday 9th March. However, this didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the children when it came to the fantastic effort so many of them (and parents!) gave to their innovative costumes - some were truly incredible! Many Housepoints were awarded for the 'best dressed' voted for by the children and adults - so thank you and well done to all!

Transforming their classrooms into cosy reading dens, the children enjoyed a day of reading and all things book related - including a 'Where's Wally?' hunt. Congratulations to those lucky winners who received a special 'Where's Wally?' book prize.

More congratulations go to the winners of the GBS Bookmark competition announced on WBD. Amazingly, we had such an overwhelming number of entries - of such a high standard - it was an incredibly tricky task for the staff to vote on their favourites as they could all have been winners! **Please see the school website for the top 8 winners.** The children can look forward to receiving them as prizes for reaching 'Word Millionaire' milestones in the near future.

Finally, I'd like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of you for supporting the Readathon again this year. It really is a worthy cause and also helps our school with much-needed funds to keep our library stocked full of exciting and interesting reads to inspire and entertain readers of all ages. As we are still receiving donations, **keep an out on the school website for the total monies raised soon.** With any luck, and generosity from you, hopefully, we will have beaten last year's total - thanks again!

5th of March 2018- GBS girls vs. Notley Green girls

In the nail-biting event against Notley Green, Betsy Lewis and Grace Miller were our spectacular strikers. Our magnificent midfielders were: Isabelle Ward, Kaitlyn Glascock and Maia Weller. Kelis Witter, Daisy Young and Elisha Hensby were our daring defenders alongside our goal-den (hahaha) goalkeeper - Alannah Power.

The game lasted 40 minutes (20 per half). The final score was 2-0 to us. We were quite evenly-matched against Notley Green but we just edged them with our goals. There were a few cracking set ups and attempts by Betsy but unfortunately none were successful. Goalie, Alannah, luckily saved a few incredible shots by the opposing team. At half-time, Miss Shanley gave us some positive feedback but also some much-needed improvements. Shortly after, we got back on track and scored all the important goals. These were banging goals by Maia and an own-goal set up by Grace. This wouldn't have been possible without our supportive coaches, Mr Moss and Miss Shanley.

This match was full of excitement and challenges. But, overall, we enjoyed ourselves. Luckily, we came out on top. We hope to participate in many more matches in the future.

By Betsy Lewis, Daisy Young and Elisha Hensby.



Hello, this is Molly McLean, Kathryn Weston, Jessica Downer and Joshua Moore. We are from 6D, 6S and 6A and we competed in a SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) competition held at Chipping Hill Primary School in Witham, Essex.

We took part in many various challenges such as: The Gobbledegook round, Speed Speller, Infer and Sequence, and many other rounds.

Surprisingly, we came second; just four points from first! It was great fun and a wonderful opportunity to show off our skills!



On the 31st of January, we went to the O2 Young Voices to perform in front of other children and parents. It was an amazing experience. We had the greatest view and I'm definitely going again.

Morgan-Claire Hearn, 5L

On the 31st of January we went to the O2 to perform with lots of other choirs. We were right at the top and had the best view in the whole arena. Best day of my life!

Isla Mitchell, 5L

On the 31st of January, we went to the O2 and had the greatest experience. We had a lot of fun and had the best view. We sang to about 70,000 people and I hope we go next year to sing to more people.

Luca Holland, 5C

Travelling to the O2 and walking my first steps in the arena was an absolutely mind-blowing experience! We had a fantastic time singing lots of fun songs and glaring down on all the pretty torch lights was like a dream.

Megan Woodman, 6S



Magical Harry Potter Trip

On March 15th 2018, Year 6 went on an unforgettable school trip to the Harry Potter Studios. This was an unbelievable experience for the entire year group. Making our own mythical stories was fantastic, we got to see props which they used in the movies and only we got to see them. After having an amazing story writing session, we finally got to the tower. As soon as we entered the Great Hall, magic spread around us. The tour was majestic as we whizzed around every corner. It was always full of surprises. Thinking that famous actors have stepped the exact steps where I stepped made me feel extraordinary. Going into the forbidden forest was scary as giant spiders jumped out of nowhere and lightning struck; it felt like you were being hunted by spiders. After bewildering away from forbidden forest, we arrived at the Hogwarts Express ready to travel from 9¾ to Hogwarts (I wished). Going on the Hogwarts Express was thrilling. At the end of the tour we finally emerged into Diagon Alley. It was so impeccable; I have no words! We got to see every single shop which was featured in the movies. Standing in Diagon Alley was the most fantastic thing there and it was a dream come true. I definitely would recommend for you to come, even if you do not like Harry Potter you will love it – no regrets.

Esme North, 6D

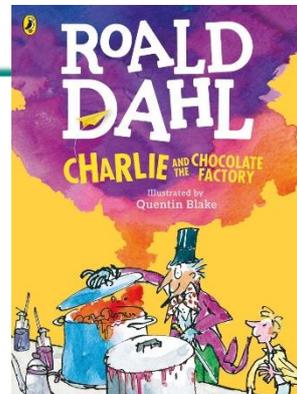
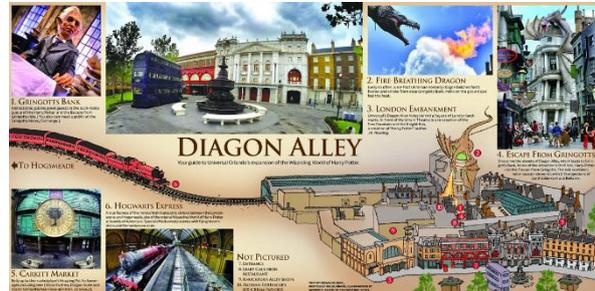
The Making of Harry Potter

On the 15th of March, Year 6 had the privilege to visit Harry Potter Studios.

We journeyed through the Forbidden Forest. We tamed Buckbeak. We entered the Great Hall and felt like real wizards. We played Quidditch and flew on our brooms. We visited the Ministry of Magic. We travelled to Diagon Alley and bought our wands! We got on board the Hogwarts Express. We explored the art of film making! We walked through the wizarding world.

And most importantly of all... WE HAD FUN!!!!

Henry Gould, 6D



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Rehearsals

Some of us found the lines hard to do at first. We needed help to improve. We were shown how to speak louder, talk slower and use actions to show how our characters were feeling. Most of the rehearsals after that went well. Two weeks flew by and it was time for the play!

The song

Due to the snow day we only had one week to learn it with the rest of Year 4. We really enjoyed this part of the performance.

The dance

We watched the Vidiots dance from the West End Musical before we started. Miss Pars taught us the first part of the dance. Then the snow came and we didn't think we would ever get it finished. However we finished the actions with Miss Rankine later that week. We then had to teach the rest of the class who had missed because of the snow.

Performance Time

The play was hard so we all had to try our best. Everyone was brilliant on stage, even the ones who has messed up in rehearsals. We all had great fun acting and dancing. Using the props was also fun!

We want to thank Miss Rankine, Miss Pars, Mrs Turton, Mrs Baker and Mrs Beckett for helping us. We all enjoyed it so much!

Yvette Gasa and Riley Smith

Bringing the pond back to life during Wildlife Club

At the beginning it was really messy and it took a lot of hard work.

First, we worked on weeding it and removing decaying leaves and plants that were suffocating the pondlife. Next, we moved onto the waterfall. We had to clear out all the stones to make it flow and then put the stones back. Some of the left over stones were used for decoration and to make the pond attractive for insects. To find out there is now wildlife in there is so pleasing. We are so happy and proud that we helped bring new life back to the pond.



Hannah Tompsett and Jessica Dyer 5S



Astronomy Roadshow Planetarium

On 5th February 2018, the Astronomy Roadshow Planetarium came to our school (GBJS) because the year 5's topic is space. The man who came to our school was called Peter Bassett and he taught us about constellations and basically what different stars they are.

The first thing he taught us was about the different planets and that Pluto is not actually a planet because there is over 3,000 of them in the Universe! He had a projector to show us all of the planets and their sizes. He told us that the sun is the biggest planet! We asked lots of questions and he answered them all. Around the whole dome was lots of the different constellations.

It was really fun learning about stars and planets. We got a lot of advice from Peter and can't wait to write all the facts in our work.

Layla Humm and Isabelle Ward 5W

A couple of weeks ago, 5L did some astronaut skills. One part of it was a fitness test to see how fit and healthy we were. Another part was testing how good we were with building. What we had to do is put on loads of pairs of gloves and build a table and chair or the tallest tower. The other one was reflexes. We had a ruler and the person that was holding the ruler drops it and we had to catch it. The last thing was following instructions. We had to make a paper frog. The skills really put me off but some people loved it.

Leland Green, 5L

A few weeks ago we designed and created our own rockets using recycling. We first designed our rockets in our art books, labelling all the materials. Then we created them, everything being held together by glue and tape. After two days of building we launched them and ten out of 29 survived. I hope we do something like this next year.

Isla Mitchell, 5L

Dates for Your Diary

Summer Term 2018: Monday 16th April - Friday 20th July

Half Term: Tuesday 29th May- Friday 1st June

(Non-pupil day 25th May)

30th April	Yr 5 visit to Legoland
1st May	Yr 3 visit to Royal Gunpowder Mills
14th-17th May	Yr 6 SATs tests
24th May there in September	Alec Hunter interviews for those children transferring
11th June	Yr 4 visit to Chatham Green
13th June	Yr 5 Road Safety walks
27th June	Yr 6 Mini Enterprise Fair
29th June	Meet the new teacher morning
28th & 29th June	Yr 6 Induction Days at Alec Hunter, Tabor, Notley
3rd and 4th July	Yr 5 Performances
6th July	Summer Fete
10th and 11th July	Yr 6 Performances
12th July	School on Show 3:45-4:45
13th July	School Discos
17th July	Yr 6 end of term trip
18th July	Sports Day

Autumn Term 2018: Tuesday 4th September - Wednesday 19th December

Half Term: Monday 22nd - Friday 26th October

(Non-pupil days 4th September, 5th September 29th October and 23rd November)