

Friday News 07.02.2025

This week we welcomed Year 3 parents into school for their class assembly. Their assembly focused on history and drama. We were all blown away by how confident and organised the children were. They did amazingly well to run the assembly without adult intervention; a superb effort by all children and adults.

Children's Mental Health Week

On Monday we launched the week with Daily Mile, with the help of Linda Dorset. The children ran/walked round the field (at least) 5 times to complete the mile. It was great to see so many enthusiastic children asking to go again the following day. Yoga was the highlight of Tuesday's activities. Many children said how much they have enjoyed their sessions over the past few years Sophia has been visiting GWPS. Thursday, Channa from Dynamic Karate visited. Children learned some basic punches kicks and blocks and the higher years did some self-defence too. As many children have asked for more information about local clubs, please contact Channa either on channakarate@gmail.com and/or please visit the Facebook page ***Dynamic Karate, Suffolk***.

Emotional Wellbeing

Following on from our mental health week, we have noticed an increase in parents who are concerned about their children's emotional wellbeing. We would like to reassure you that children being upset and sometimes not knowing why, is a normal part of childhood development; especially at this point of the term when they are tired. We understand how concerning this can be as a parent and we never like to see children upset. However, it is not always indicative of a greater problem. We would like to sign post you to some online resources which will help you support your child in identifying and managing their emotions. We are actively teaching and encouraging resilience and self-regulation in school. This is one of the fundamental skills that children need to develop especially as they move into upper school and the wider world of work.

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/feelings-behaviour/talking-about-feelings/dealing-with-emotions/>

The NHS are also offering online courses and webinars for parents. These are free of charge and can be accessed here:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/childrens-health/school-nursing-service/useful-websites-and-resources>

Attendance

We achieved **96.8%** attendance this week, this is an increase on last week. Year 3 are our attendance champions for the second week in a row with **99.2%**, well done Year 3! They were followed closely by Year 6 with 99% and Year 4 with 98.1%. We are so happy to see our attendance percentage increasing, let's keep it up!
#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

Red Nose Day

It is Red Nose Day next Friday (14th February). There is no non-uniform this year however, children are welcome to wear their red noses, head bands etc. No face paint please.

Holiday activities

Please see the attached leaflet from Lavenham libraries for a free event running over half term.

Key dates

Thursday 13th February - Thursday 27th February - Year 5 Bikeability.

17th - 21st February - Half Term

Thursday 27th February - Year 2 Class Assembly.

Thursday 6th March - Year 4 Class Assembly.

Thursday 13th March - Year 5 Class Assembly.

Tuesday 18th March - Year 4 to Sutton Hoo.

Thursday 20th March - EYFS Class Assembly.

Tuesday 25th March - Parents Evening **YR-Y5 only**

Tuesday 25th March - Year 6 to Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds

Wednesday 26th March to Friday 28th March - Year 6 residential to Thorpe Woodlands

Friday 28th March - Year R to watch the Gruffalo at Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds.

Tuesday 1st April - **Year 6** Parents Evening 3:30 - 5:00

Thursday 3rd April - Year 6 Class Assembly.

Thursday 3rd April - Parents Evening

Friday 4th April - Last Day of term

Have a very happy weekend everyone!

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“Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them”

MATTHEW 19:14