



As you are all aware after half term I will be working full time at the Bridge Academy as Head of School. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the pupils, parents, staff and governors who have supported me through the years. I have thoroughly enjoyed working at the Community Academy for the last 14 years starting as a Year 6 teacher and progressing through to becoming Head of School. As a senior leadership team, we will work closely together so I will continue to work with you all and support the school. After half-term we will be welcoming Richard Bakker to our senior leadership team as the Assistant Head of School at GCA. We are very much looking forward to Richard joining the team. He will also be teaching alongside Mrs Shiner and Mrs Cook in Year 6. I wish Miss Fielden all the best as the new Head of School, I know that she will continue to ensure that the Community Academy is a wonderful place to teach and learn.

Claire Wood



Sports Day!

The spirit of friendly competition came alive at Godmanchester Community Academy on our terrific Sports Days. The children participated in a wide range of sporting events, cheering on their teammates and learning valuable lessons in sportsmanship. The fantastic

turnout from the parents was the perfect motivation for the students on sports day.



Attendance Figures

- Overall (Since September 2017) – **96.3%**
- May 2018 - **94.4%**
- Number of late sessions recorded (both L codes and U codes) since September – **707 sessions**



School success starts
with attendance

Attendance Notice

You may have noticed our schools beginning to report information relating to lateness in our recent newsletters. This is because we are concerned about the impact this has on both your child (ren) and those around them. Being late to school means that they may arrive after the learning has been explained. The teacher then needs to spend time with that child separately to repeat the teaching and instruction. Being late by 10 minutes adds up to 30 hours of learning missed a year.

With this in mind, our Education Welfare Officer will be doing a 'lates gate' after half term. He will be monitoring the children arriving late on that day and will follow up the reasons for being late.



Cross-Country Competition

On Thursday 26th April 2018 Mrs Tester took 3 Boys teams and 1 Girls team to the County cross-country championships. The children did extremely well and Mrs Tester was very proud of them. There were 141 Boys teams. Boys A team – 29th, B team- 100th and C team – 109th. There were 111 Girls teams. Our girls came 79th. Thank you for all the parental support and thanks to the staff that helped to supervise.



Brampton Football Tournament

Year 5 competed in the finals of the Y5/6 tournament. They qualified by winning their group section earlier in the year.

Coming joint runners up at the tournament, they only lost out to the overall winners Brampton by one goal (medals to be sent out later).

Congratulations to our Year 5s on an excellent performance and superb sportsmanship throughout the games.

Tri-golf Festival

On Tuesday 1st May, Mrs Tester and Miss Fielden took ten year 4 children to a Tri-golf Festival. The children had a great time competing with lots of other schools in this fun event. They showed good sportsmanship and represented the school well.



Year 5/6 High Fives Netball Tournament at Longsands Academy – Tuesday 8th May 2018

Our fantastic seven player team showed excellent teamwork at Longsands; achieving a brilliant 3rd place overall, amongst eight strong A teams. We played four matches, scoring seven goals in total. Mrs Soulsby is very proud of the whole team. During our impressive 'Play Off Round' match, we passed and defended brilliantly, beating Winhills Primary A team 3 – 0.

Team: Liam Conway, Daniel Lewis, Ronnie Willard, Hannah Lutman, Sienna King, Leah Railley, Libby Jackson.





Year 3 Get Busy

Year 3 have had a wonderful half term. We have explored our local community by visiting the Park Lane nursery. We learnt lots about the plant lifecycles and we came away with some sunflower seeds! All the children agreed that it was great fun to experience the sprinkler system!

In Spanish, we have been looking at different types of food. We had a lovely afternoon as a year group practising our Spanish by asking for a variety of food in the sunshine. We also expressed whether or not we liked it.



Making the most of the fantastic weather, we investigated how seeds can be dispersed. We looked at how the weight and surface area of a seed could impact its journey by replicating it with paper-copters.

Stars of the week

Foundation – Cecilia Hucklesby-Rivara, Bethan Harfield, Isla McAuley, Ettie Campbell, Timmy Spratt; Taylor King

Year 1 – Skye Drinkwater, Isaac Chaplin, Eden Brudenell-Bush, Harriet Hurst; Sebastian Adams

Year 2 – Georgia Kiernan, Aaliyah Connor-James, Summer Hirst, Isla Howard, Summer Warren, Holly Williams; Edward Cox

Year 3 – Alexander Toner, Emily Moody, Joel Claxton, Raivo Muiznieks, Matthew Gavigan, Seth Oldwood

Year 4 – Charlotte Mardlin, James Hill, Gracjan Kwasniewski, Kynan Hustwayte, Madison Hardy; All of 4KS

Year 5 – Emily Durose, Luca Thompson, Ryan Frost, Amber Andrews

Year 6 – Daniel Claxton, Maya Manly, Ava Ramoutar, Scarlett Woollard, All 6CK and 6 FC

September 2018 Intake Meeting

We have invited parents of the new EYFS September 2018 intake to a parents meeting on Wednesday 6th June 2018 at 6pm. They will have the opportunity to meet the Foundation Class teachers and receive all information required for September 2018. This meeting is intended for parents/carers only as the children will be invited to attend classroom sessions later on in the month. We look forward to welcoming our new EYFS parents and children to Godmanchester Bridge Academy.

Dates for your diary

Half Term - 28th May – 1st June 2018

Professional Day - 4th June 2018

Foundation Intake Meeting – 6th June 2018

KS1 Fathers Day Event – 15th June 2018

World Cup Day – 20th June 2018

Creative Day – 3rd July 2018

Summer Term ends Tuesday 24th July 2018

Dinner Money

Just a reminder that all lunches should be paid for in advance or on the day the meal is taken. **The term payments are:**

- Per day £2.20
- Per week £11.00





Godmanchester Community Academy

School Newsletter - May 2018

Head of School: Claire Wood
Executive Head of School: Rod Warsap

PTA Update

The PTA have been hard at work organising the next few events for the children, as always we would be very grateful for the support of parents and carers in terms of donations and help on the days of the events.



Prior to each event we will send out a link to a doodle poll which will allow you to volunteer your time (even if it is only 30 minutes, the PTA are always grateful). If you have any questions please email the events team at pta@godmanchester.cambs.sch.uk

GREAT NEWS - GCA won first prize in the TESCO Blue Token Scheme that you all helped us collect tokens for earlier this year. TESCOs are awarding us a grant of £4,000 which will go towards the refurbishment of the Foundation playground including surfacing and fun game floor markings.

Thursday 14th June - Father's Day Event

Fill a jar for Father's day; please help us by filling a clean jar with a gift. Suggestions include socks (new), sweets, golf balls, ties (used and new), pop corn etc. (No nuts or chocolate that will melt). You can also bring in shop bought jam, chutney or other consumables that do not need refrigerating. On 14th June please send your child in with £1 to buy a gift for their special person.

Friday 15th June - Summer Disco (including Photo Booth)

See posters on Godmanchester PTA Facebook page for further information

Wednesday 11th July - Summer Fete

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Finally we would like to say a HUGE thank you to Mayor Sarah Conboy and the Mayor's Charity Fundraising Team for presenting the PTA with a cheque for **£500** this week. We are extremely grateful for this contribution and will be purchasing a camera for the children that use the Rainbow room (a classroom for children that require additional support). The rest of the money will go towards additional iPads.

Year 5 Maths Challenge

The Year 5 Maths challenge took place on Thursday 24th May 2018 after school. The children really enjoyed the different activities and we are very proud of their efforts.



Contacting Godmanchester Community Academy

When contacting Godmanchester Community Academy please dial carefully. Misdialed numbers have led to private households and local businesses receiving unwanted calls, which are disruptive for them, as well as being frustrating for the caller who is trying to get through to the school.

The number for your information is as follows: **01480 375115**

