

Godmanchester Community Academy



School Newsletter - Autumn Two

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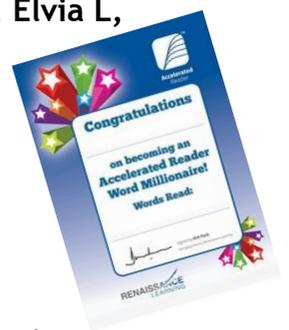
Another busy half term has passed us by and somehow Christmas is upon us. The past seven and a half weeks have included trips, visitors, nativities, concerts and a lot of learning. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a huge thanks to all pupils, parents and staff for their continued hard work and support of the school. The new year will bring with it new and exciting opportunities for our pupils but for now I would just like to wish you all a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**



AR Millionaires

We are delighted to welcome a number of new members to the AR Millionaire's' Club!

Current Millionaires: Evelyn C, Sofia H-R, Joseph L, Noah H, Bella L (double), Elvia L, Emelia B, James H-R (double)



STAR Awards

KS1

Pine: Jasmine, Oscar, Scarlett, Alexander, Sophie, Rocky

Palm: Karis, Rocco, Isabelle C, John, George, Florence

Cherry: Emily, Ben, Samuel, Hollie, Joshua, Annabel

Juniper: William, Ettie, Matilda, Noah, Eliza, Ethan

Magnolia: Tom R, Taylor, Pheobe B, Isaac H, Eden, Ernie

Maple: Jack R, Eden W, Tom W, Poppy, Hetty, Nicolas

KS2

Elm: Betty, Eric, Huxley, Alex, Euan, Georgia

Sycamore: Eli, Leila, Isabel F, Daniel M, Bella O, Jake S

Ash: Isabel L, Ali, Athena, Matthew, Joe C, Daisy

Beech: Carly, Frankie, Seth, Marie, Grace, Daniel

Poplar: Joshua, Riley D, Kynan, Riley W, Lily F, Oliver H

Holly: Kuba, Eiblin, Emelia, Calvin, Louis, Saskia

Oak: George, Lily, Ruby, Josh, Sophie F, Emily

Willow: Daniella, Lola, Dylan, Benjamin, Cerys, Marcel



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Welcome to our year group sections of the Newsletter.

Foundation

A huge thank you to everyone involved in this year's production of **Busy, Busy Bethlehem**. The children were very excited to show their friends and family the final show, after all of their hard work during rehearsals. The teaching staff would like to say a big well done to all of the children for putting on such a fantastic show and for making everyone proud. A big thank you from all of us to the parents again for coming to watch and support and for the kind donations towards the 'Each Children's Hospice'



Year 3

Year 3 have been enjoying making Iron Age round houses and writing adverts to sell them during their topic time. They thought the houses would be very cosy with skins and rugs on the beds and a fire in the middle of the room. The outside toilet was less popular and a bit chilly!

In Science we have been experimenting with light and how it travels. 3MV have been investigating white light by using spectrum spinners and making sunglasses for Father Christmas so he is safe when travelling near to the Sun.



Year 5

Year 5 had 'An out of this world' experience at the award-winning National Space Centre in Leicester. The children visited many interactive galleries containing everything they wanted to know about space including: how stars are formed, what gravity is like on other planets and what it is like to be an astronaut. This was a great opportunity for the children to enjoy an interesting and informative day.



Year 1-2

Key Stage One performed a fantastic concert featuring lots of our favourite Christmas songs and traditional carols. The children worked really hard to learn the words and sing with enthusiasm and Christmas joy.

The Key Stage One team would like to thank all of the grown ups for their participation and support. They would also like to thank everyone for their generous donations towards the 'each Children's Hospice'.



Year 4



This is the armour of a legionnaire.

The sword is called a gladius.

The armour is made of overlapping iron strips. It is extremely heavy!

Yesterday, we went to visit Peterborough Museum to learn about life in Roman times. The 3 things I liked the most were:

- 1) Dressing Aurelia up in a toga (it's like a long blanket).
- 2) Preparing a feast for the Governor and his wife.
- 3) Modeling faces with clay (pottery).

Written by Holly S

Year 6

On Wednesday 5th December, our wonderful Year 6 children – Megan, Emily, Ruby and James — attended the FINAL of the Cambridgeshire English Challenge at Ely Cathedral. It was a stunning setting for a test of English excellence. The final consisted of three rounds which required the children to answer many questions which were incredibly challenging. The team handled them selves beautifully and did the school proud.

"It was an amazing honour to be able to go. Although we didn't win, it was fun and I would love the chance to do this again" Emily C.



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Sports News



A busy November saw the Y6/5's in competitive action. The Y6 A team came second in their year qualifying stage of the A Team Autumn Tournament, winning one and drawing one.

The following week the B team were in action and remained unbeaten to win their group section of their autumn tournament. The Y5 ensured these fantastic results continued, with a 4-2 win over Priory in the Walters Cup, to qualify for the next round.

Dates for your Diary

Please note that all key dates are also added to the calendar on our website

Thursday 3rd January: Professional Day

Friday 4th January: Professional Day

Friday 11th January: KS2 Celebration Assembly (invite only)

Tuesday 15th January: Parent Consultations

Wednesday 16th January: Parent Consultations

Friday 18th January: KS1 Celebration Assembly (invite only)

Monday 21st January : World Religion Day

Friday 25th January: KS2 Celebration Assembly (invite only)

Computing News

Managing children's screen time | Internet Matters



This is the new computing section of the newsletter that will be appearing every half term. Within this section we will offer advice, bring you the latest links and tips for areas of current computing.

Just before Christmas, you might be thinking that with more free time, children will be on their devices more. Internet Matters is a great website offering advice for parents and children, so they can be safer online, more aware of any dangers and explaining the latest trends. They have put together 5 ways to help limit your child's screen time. The link is below. <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/5-top-tips-to-manage-childrens-screentime/>

Parent News



A message from



I would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to everyone who helped with our Combined Harvest Appeal this year. Local schools collected a magnificent **2085** kilo-

grams of food through Harvest Festivals and special Harvest Collections. This will feed a family of **4 695** times! The Food-Bank is very, very grateful for this support and it will be a great help to people in this area who are having difficulties.

With Christmas fast approaching if you feel you could donate something or your time please see:

<https://godmanchester.foodbank.org.uk/> for further information.