



Godmanchester Community Academy

School Newsletter - March 2018

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As we approach the Easter break, we would like to wish you all a Happy Easter! We have had a busy, creative, exciting and engaging half term. We have lived like Vikings, learned about the human body and taken getting active to another level.

Last week the children took part in Sport Relief. Children and staff came to school in sports kit and all classes had the opportunity to run a mile around the school grounds. We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 1st March by dressing up as our favourite book characters and taking part in a range of book themed activities throughout the day.

We were delighted to meet with you all at the parent consultation evenings on 7th and 8th March 2018. It was wonderful to see such a great turn out at our Mother's day celebration on Friday 9th March 2018. Thanks to all of our special visitors who were able to join us.

We undertook some amazing scientific activities and experiments during Science Week. March has also seen some fantastic sporting achievements.

We hope that you all enjoy the Easter break and look forward to seeing the children back at school on Tuesday 17th April 2018.



Attendance Figures

Overall (Since September 2017) – **96%**

February 2018 - **91.7%**

Minutes late - 2108 = (35 hours of learning lost)



School success starts
with attendance

Science Week (Year 3)

For Science week we named bones and looked at how the skeleton helps us to move and keep our organs protected. We sorted animal skulls into omnivore, carnivore or herbivore groups by looking at the shape of their teeth.





Eat Right, Sleep Right, Live Healthy, Repeat (Year 3)

We had a visit from Dr Hunter to teach us more about the human body. She spoke to us about the human skeleton and how important it is to look after ourselves through a healthy diet and lifestyle.

We also spoke about how bones can become brittle and change position. We discussed the importance of warming up carefully before exercising to make sure our muscles are warm! Dr Hunter spoke about what to do if we think someone has hurt themselves, and how important it is to not move them, but to get medical help. We also made some healthy soup and designed some packaging for it.



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Gymnastic Competition (Year 3/4)

On Tuesday 13th March Mrs Tester took a group of Year 4 children to take part in a gymnastic competition at the Huntingdon Gym. The children have worked really hard over the last couple of weeks to learn a routine that they had to perform independently. They also had to perform a vault. Mrs Tester was very impressed with their enthusiasm and willingness to practise with her in their own time. Their hard work paid off and both the A and B teams won their competition. We have now been invited to compete in the Spring Level 3 competition where we will be competing against schools from different school partnerships.



Celebrity Gymnastics (Year 4)

The Year 4 Gymnastics A Team competed in a level 3 competition on Thursday 24th March. They were representing the Huntingdonshire primary schools. Although they didn't come home with any medals

this time, they had a great day and were very excited to meet golfer Henni Goya and local gymnast Louis Smith.





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Viking Day (Year 6)

Year 6 spent a day as Vikings. They dressed up in the traditional wear of the seafaring Scandinavians and engaged in a multitude of Viking activities.



Hockey Superstars (Year 6)

On Wednesday 14th March, 25 children from Year 6 took part in a hockey tournament and festival at the St Ives Outdoor Centre. They played incredibly well, with each team playing 6 matches. Many games were won and the Godmanchester B team achieved a brilliant 3rd place position in their pool.



Winners! (Year 6)

Hannah, Zac, Sean and Henry were all winners at the Wisbech Swimming Gala at the weekend. They were representing First Strokes Swimming club - well done.



World Book Day 2018.

Godmanchester Community Academy had a fun World Book Day. Students and teachers braved the inclement weather and got creative, dressing up as their favourite fictional characters, in order to celebrate amazing

authors, illustrators, books and most importantly the pleasure of reading and sharing stories.



Football (Year 5)

Spring Term B Team Tournament 15th March. The Year 5s represented Godmanchester in this Y5/Y6 tournament. Despite some early rain, this did not dampen their fantastic performance on the pitch. Out of the four matches they played, the team won three and drew one. Unbeaten in this section of the tournament and playing some superb football, they now advance to the next round of the competition.



Team: Marcel Czura, Isaac Power, Charlie Dunkerley, Micah Rannie, Ben Waymont, Luca Thompson, Benjamin Jamison, Ellis Smith, Kuba Dabrowski, Jude Whiteley.



Football (Year 6)

The Year 6 football season came to an end with two recent fixtures. Firstly the Spring Term A Team Tournament on 8th March. Godmanchester Year 6 players put in some determined performances; winning one game and drawing another out of their four matches. They finished third in the league table - well done.

Team: Henry Wilson, Jack Lunn, Stuart Delf, Lucas Bradshaw, Edison Norman, Elliot Bourne, John Binks, Freya Howard, Honza Porubsky.

On 19th March the Year 6 team was back in action, this time to play in the Dickenson Cup away against Brampton. There was nothing to choose between the sides and with the full-time score 0-0, the match then entered extra time. Unfortunately for Godmanchester, despite a great team performance, in the final few minutes of extra time Brampton managed to score two quick goals to progress to the next round of the cup.

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Stars of the week

Foundation - Isla McAuley, Samuel Archer, Sophie Jones, Teddy Kilby

Year 1 - Jack Holt, Jack Reeve, Ethan Lowden, Emilia Charnock

Year 2 - Rebecca Seymour, Huxley Douglas, Ollie Crane, Georgia Kiernan, Neveah Mackney-Edwards, Molly Edwards

Year 3 - David Grist, Izzy Lowden, Brandon Arnold

Year 4 - David Maestre Ravelo, Emanuela Norman, James Hill, Adi Skiba

Year 5 - Max Ward, Lilly-Mae Kilby, Madison Griggs, Aston Wenn

Year 6 - Edison Norman, Nithyan Kiran, Ronnie Willard, All of 6CK



AR Millionaires

Reuben Downer

Milo Deem

Finlay German

Sofia Hucklesby Rivara

Sporting Star

This weekend 24th – 25th March, Liam Conway represented Cambridgeshire at the Year 6 Boys National Cross Country Championships at Loughborough. He performed brilliantly and was an excellent representative for the BRJ Club; coming 11th out of 267!

Well done Liam. We are very proud of you.

Dates for your diary

Easter Holiday - 30th March – 13th April 2018

Professional Day Monday 16th April 2018

Summer Term Opens Tuesday 17th April 2018

British Values Day - Monday 23rd April 2018

May Day Bank Holiday - 7th May 2018

Outdoor Learning Day - Thursday 17th May 2018

Half Term - 28th May – 1st June 2018

Professional Day - 4th June 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

