

# GARBOLDISHAM SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## SNOW

All of the children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 enjoyed playing in the snow. There were many opportunities to explore the properties of snow and ice and ask questions such as "where does snow go when it melts?" The children found out that you can model and mould snow into shapes and were fascinated by how it stuck to their gloves. Devan even set up an ice cream shop. Year One children thought of many adjectives to describe the snow and finished the day by writing a group poem in Literacy.



## HOLY COMMUNION

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>, all of Year 5 and 6 went down to Garboldisham Church to meet Father Derrick, who taught us about the Holy Communion. The Holy Communion is where people celebrate Jesus's Last Supper that he had. When he had his last supper he said "this bread is my body and this wine is my blood". This celebration is also known to Christians as Eucharist. At the ceremony people have a piece of bread and a sip of wine that has been consecrated by the Vicar and only the Vicar. Consecrated means that the Vicar blesses the bread and wine and then it becomes Holy. Mrs Nightingale then took Holy Communion because she has been confirmed and Father Derrick invited those children who wanted to be blessed to go and be blessed.

It was very interesting. A big thank you to Father Derrick for teaching us about it. By Freya Button

## SWIMMING - PERSONAL SURVIVAL

We did not have a hat on in the pool. We were not allowed goggles. We floated on the water and we were wearing our swimsuit over a t-shirt and shorts. We enjoyed this very much.

By Laila and Eryn

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dates for your diary

EASTER HOLIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March.  
Back to school Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

31<sup>st</sup> March Tree planting  
See website for more details

17<sup>th</sup> April Cricket Day Years 3-6

25<sup>th</sup> April Norfolk Children's Book Centre visiting - Book Sale

26<sup>th</sup> April FROGS Film Night

3<sup>rd</sup> May The Big Sing at Carrow Road

23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May Years 5 and 6 Residential Trip to Ringsfield Hall

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

28<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June.  
Back to school 4<sup>th</sup> June.

5<sup>th</sup> June Class photographs

23<sup>rd</sup> June FROGS Cream Tea  
2pm-4pm

23<sup>rd</sup> July Graduation Ceremony for Year 6 in Church 9am

24<sup>th</sup> July School term finishes  
6<sup>th</sup> September New school term begins

## HOUSE MODELS

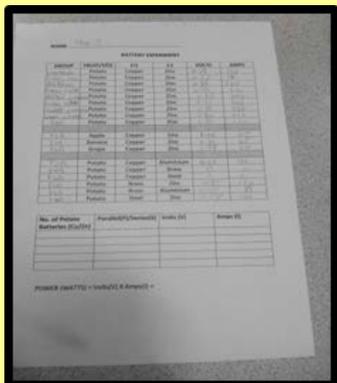
In our spare time we work on our model and we bring cardboard from home. We like making our models because it is fun. We have worked on the model houses for a week. By Phoebe, Megan and Olivia

### Mr Feakes visits to talk about power

Mr Feakes came in to Beech Tree class to teach us about electricity and power. He started off by explaining how you can get voltages and amps out of just of a potato, grape, banana and apples. After that he showed us how to make power ourselves from the fruits. Once he had finished explaining that he showed us how different engines work and how much percentages of power they gain from the fuel you put in.

He showed us a model working train and showed us how it worked. He then got a working engine and made a piston work to make a CD spin but the string wasn't tight enough so it didn't spin. We would like to give a massive thank you to Mr Feakes for giving up his own time to come and visit us.

By Corin Wilcockson and Bradley Clayton



### STARS OF THE WEEK

'Stars of the Week' are chosen each week and announced in assembly. 'Stars' may have produced particularly good work, they may have done something very well, persevered to achieve their aim or been kind and helpful. 'Stars' receive a wristband and a certificate. Congratulations to all our recent 'Stars'.



26<sup>th</sup> February: Winston, Miles, James, Laila, Eryn, Harvey and Libby  
12<sup>th</sup> March: Ben Hall, Ruby Smith, Belle, Ruby Webb, Mason, Beatrice, Rosa, Bradley  
19<sup>th</sup> March: Jaxson, Miles, Thom, Isaac, Jessica Olbison, Lydia, Harry White  
26<sup>th</sup> March: Oliver Claxton, Olivia Canham, Joshua Claxton, Olivia Davies, Freddie

### BIOGRAPHIES

This week, Beech Tree class have been doing biographical writing about our lives already and our prediction of how our future life will be. We had to write it like it had already happened though which was quite hard. We wrote all about our Nursery/Playgroups and how we made friends there ready for school. Also about our school lives, education and hobbies. Then we started predicting. We predicted about what our jobs would be like when we were older. I want to be a doctor at Great Ormond Street Hospital. It will be interesting to look back at my writing one day and see if my dreams come true.

I think the biography was a good experience because it is what I would like to do in life and what might/could come true. Here is a bit of my prediction biography:

As Alice moved on to high school she succeeded well at her GCSE'S and A levels where she studied Human Biology. Following this, she started Uni and studied there until she was 21. Another year later Alice began work at Great Ormond Street Hospital where she met Jake, her husband. They married in Hawaii three years later and Alice carried on with her work and realised her dream of becoming a doctor.

By Alice Rickatson

### 'Gold Book' celebrations

In this space we celebrate children who have recently been entered into the 'Gold Book' for all sorts of reasons, but particularly for good, kind, helpful, thoughtful and caring behaviour. We think all of our children behave well but sometimes the acts of individuals require special recognition. We are pleased to say that some children appear in the 'Gold Book' more than once.

Well done to:

Jonny, Elliot, Brayden, Charlie Shaw, Matilda, Reece, Joshua, Oliver M, Oliver C, Corey, Jaxson, Denni, Ben, Connor and Oskah.

## WILLOW ARBOUR

Yesterday Year 5 and Year 6 went down to the willow arbour to meet the LOHP volunteers who were going to sort our willow arbour out for us. They brought with them some new willow saplings for us to plant in the gaps where others have died. It was a really fun and hands on activity and we all got the chance to cut and weave the willow. It looks so much better after some help with the willow arbour and we look forward to seeing it grow and flourish this summer. Many thanks to the LOHP and especially to Mr Langston.

By ASHTYN Q

### MAPS

A couple of days ago we did some maps and it was great fun. We our gave ideas. They were massive.

We enjoyed planning them and we had to cover the whole sheet. We did drawings and had a grid with numbers and letters for people to follow to find new destinations.



By Kacey and Theo

### CHERRY TREE CLASS

Celtic Houses by Erin, Reece, Alyssa, Thom, Alfie, Oskah, Joshua, Charlie V and James

In Cherry Tree class we have been learning about the Celts and we have made Celtic houses. Their houses were round and had a roof that was like a flat cone shape. The houses were made out of straw, sticks and dirt but we used art straws, cardboard, sticks from trees, lolly sticks, paper, fabric and glue.

Real Celtic houses had a fire in the middle of the floor to cook on and to keep people warm. There was a hole in the middle of the roof to let the smoke out. Some people used newspaper and tin foil to make fires. They cut red and orange circles out to make the fire.

Celts painted pictures on the walls of their houses using paints made of fruit and vegetable berries. They had pots made out of clay, stools made out of wooden sticks and used animal furs to keep warm. Sometimes the animals lived in the houses too.



### MARIO VRANCIC

In Beech Tree class we have been learning about refugees and Mario Vrancic and we have discovered that he was a refugee from war torn Bosnia.

Facts about Mario Vrancic: Mario Vrancic started his life and football career in war torn Bosnia. Then later in his life he moved to Germany because of the bombing and danger. Once he moved to Germany, he was dedicated to football and the skills of the sport. As he grew up he played for the Canaries. By Dresden and Harry H



## CLUB NEWS

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After School Club runs every afternoon from 3pm to 4pm with different activities each day. All children welcome.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club runs every day in the school hall. Children welcome from 7.45am. £3 a day. Please see Jo in the office for details.

### OTHER CLUBS

Monday Music Club Years 2 - 6

Tuesday Netball Years 4, 5 and 6

Wednesday Football Years 4, 5 and 6

Thursday Cricket Club Years 1-6

Friday Rugby Years 3,4,5 and 6

### LOU FROM RINGSFIELD HALL

A couple of weeks ago Lou came in from Ringsfield Hall to talk to year 5 and 6 about what we are going to do when we go for our residential. She told us about what there is and what we can do.

When we go to Ringsfield we will all have dormitories with at least 1 of our friends. At Ringsfield we are going to do lots of fun activities including making fires without matches (safely) and purifying water so we can drink it. She said when we have done the activities we can go anywhere in the grounds. When we can do what we want, we can go to the art barn and paint, draw and if you find anything interesting you can put it on a table and people go to look at it. There is also a 14 acre forest that has lots of trees we can climb on and a tree house. We really appreciate the teachers taking us on this trip. By Freya Button

### Romans

In history we have been doing the Romans. We have done multiple bits of work like Romulus and Remus, acting the story of Romulus and Remus, roman roads, roman time lines from 735 BC (Before Christ) to AD 455 (Anno Domini) and Roman passports. These are some of the things we have learnt about Rome.

There were two very important emperors, Julius Caesar and Augustus. There is an old building called the Coliseum in Rome. It is broken but it's a famous land mark! By Chloe and Ruby

### PEAT DIGGIING (CUTTING)

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, Year 5 and 6 went to Broomscot Common to dig peat which was very fun. We got VERY dirty and very messy. We learnt about how roots are the only cause for peat burning. Some of us found some interesting things in our holes including: sand, gravel, wood and ginormous roots.

We would like to thank the LOHP for helping us get through this process and to Mr Langston for helping us and guiding us through it. We thoroughly enjoyed this and would be thrilled to go again.

By Libby and Corin

### POWER IN BACK STREET

Year 5 and 6 went down Back Street to find the power sources in the different households as that is our topic.....POWER!

We found lots of power sources so we wrote them down on our sheets on our clipboards and we went back to school to share what we had found.

We found lots of sources like electricity, wood burners and open fires. We had to find evidence of the power sources by looking for wood stores, chimneys and calor gas bottles. It was an interesting and fun activity. By Jonny Wynn

### Maps and Directions

In Topic we have been doing maps. We learnt about using a key and had to draw our own maps with towns and roads on.

Here are some names of places we put on our map: Racana Valley, Honeyville, Donut Valley, Unicornville, Dragonville, Slimeville, Roller-coaster World, Candy Land, Pokémon City, Star Dew Valley and Minecraft Land.

By Beatrice and Calypso

### Fractions and decimals

In maths with Mr Jones we are doing fractions and decimals.

For example  $3.75 + 1.43 = \dots$

We did some fractions and decimals work when the governors were watching us from half nine til ten on Wednesday 14.03.18. Sienna and Jessica Thomas

### STEVE FROM BRECKLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Last Wednesday Steve from Breckland District Council hosted an assembly on recycling. He played a game where four volunteers held up a translucent and a white bag. He then held up lots of different items like a coat hanger, which is not recyclable, a deodorant aerosol, which is recyclable and a plastic bottle which can be recycled. A coat hanger cannot be recycled because of the materials mixing but an aerosol can be recycled.



The winning cars and their teams



### Cherry Tree Class Literacy by Louis, Charlie S, Matilda, Rhiannon, Eve, Nathaniel, Carter, Taye, Devan and Belle

This term in Literacy, the Year 2s have been reading the poem 'Stars' by Gareth Lancaster. We had to write our own poems and could choose which to write about. The choices were: the Sun, Space, the Stars, Earth, the Milky Way or the Moon.

First of all we did one poem altogether using adverbs, verbs and adjectives. We had to describe the stars. In the poem 'Stars' the author says they are like 'specks of paint' and that 'giants have poked holes in space'. The words helped us to learn how to describe space in a different way. For example, the 'Moon looks like rotten cheese' or 'the Sun is like a teddy bear's fur'.

We designed our own space and star pictures using lots of glitter – they looked amazing!



On 22<sup>nd</sup> March, the entire school had a fantastic Lego day. KS2 built and programmed robot vehicles which connected to a controller (like a PS4 controller) which made them move. They were very hard to control.

Reception, Year 1 and 2 children learnt how to build a car and then raced them to see whose would travel the furthest.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the Lego/ VEX day and would like to thank everyone who helped produce this wonderful day for us.

By Libby and Corin



## A RECIPE OF SPRING

By Noel, Year 3

A pinch of sunshine  
A dollop of chocolate  
A mass of baby animals  
A bite of green grass  
A bowlful of bunnies  
A plate of lamb roast  
An overload of sugar  
A heaven of kit-kat crunchy eggs  
A dab of Easter ads  
A squeeze of Easter.



## SPORTS UPDATE

Massive congratulations to the sports teams who competed at the end of term - full team reports in the next newsletter. Years 5 and 6 football - 1st place, Years 5 and 6 netball - 2nd & 3rd, Years 3 and 4 rugby 1st place. Dresden Johnson (Y5) also represented our area at the Cross Country finals at Greshams, coming 70th. **WELL DONE everyone.**

Thanks to all staff and parents involved in organising and going to the events, thus enabling the children to take part.

I would like to thank everyone for their good wishes on my appointment as Headteacher. In my application I described it as 'the most rewarding of jobs' – working with the children, families, governors and staff of Garboldisham is a privilege and I look forward to our future together.

### ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Our target this year is 96.5% – we have dipped slightly (95.1%) from our autumn success, but the weather has been against us and it is a difficult time of year for children to shake off all manner of bugs. I think that everyone has done as well as could be expected. It DOES mean that a concerted effort is needed next term though please!

### EVENTS

May I draw your attention to a couple of events on the front of the newsletter?

**SATURDAY 31ST MARCH:** Tree planting at Scarfe Meadows – see website. This will contribute to the children's science and environmental curriculum for many years to come and will be an event that they will remember, I am sure. All help gratefully accepted.

**WEDNESDAY 25TH APRIL:** Norfolk Children's Book Centre (NCBC) will be reading stories to the children during the day and there will be a book sale from 2:30pm – details to follow. If there are any series/specific books that you or your child are interested in, please let me know and I will try to arrange for them to be included.

Have an enjoyable and safe Easter break.

Suzanne Halliwell



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