



Guilden Morden Church of England (VC) School Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2018

Head teachers update

This week has been another very busy one. I have been able to get out for an afternoon in order to meet the headteachers from some of our local schools and discuss some of the ways that our schools can collaborate and support each other.

During this week, Sasha Barker from the Cambridgeshire PSHE service led some very thought provoking training for the staff on developing techniques for conflict resolution in school. Over the next few terms we will be using some of the resources in PSHE lessons to help the children develop a better understanding of why and how they find themselves involved in disagreements and how these can escalate into conflict. We will be helping the children to develop techniques to de-escalate situations and we will also be developing a peer mediation team of children whose role will be to help others resolve problems.

We have also had support from the recently appointed DEMAT school effectiveness officer for maths, Karen Tozer, suggesting ideas and strategies for making planning across the mixed age groups more efficient and sharing some of her expertise with maths teaching.

I am always delighted to observe children independently displaying our school values, so well-done to the instigators and organisers of the Muffin Mayhem and thanks to everyone for buying and eating the cakes and biscuits and raising £47.22 for such an important cause.

J Fisher



Purple Day - "Being Ourselves"

Friday 9th February 2018



As part of the Mental Health Foundation's "Mental Health Week," DEMAT are launching 'Purple Day' in all our schools. After the success of DEMAT Purple Day 2017, and as part of Children's Mental Health Week, DEMAT have invited us to take part in DEMAT Purple Day 2018. The aim of this special day is to raise

awareness of Mental Health and promote wellbeing for all children, staff and families. This year, the theme of the day "being ourselves," aims to celebrate uniqueness. It seeks to encourage children to celebrate who they are and recognise their strengths.

On the day, we would like to encourage all children to **wear something purple** and bring a small donation (£1) into school. We would recommend that children wear sensible clothing and shoes.

Our charity donation will be going to Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire (see additional information attached), who offer support to families with at least one child under the age of 11.



There will be competitions for all children with prizes and stickers available.

Purple day will be great fun for everyone involved and a chance to learn the importance of Mental Health.

Cool School Club



This week the children have enjoyed making pizzas for snack, and have been making bracelets and rings with the loom bands. In Spanish they have been writing descriptions of themselves and drawing a picture of a face. The children particularly enjoy the Spanish songs with actions.
Helen & all Staff

P.T.F.A.

POND CLEARANCE: Thank you to all the volunteers who turned up to help clear and tidy the pond area last Sunday. We are thrilled to be taking steps to reclaim this space as a valuable educational resource. There is more to do before the safety pond grid is installed on 20 Feb.

If anyone is free for a couple of hours on Thursday 8th Feb at 1pm, we'd love your help please. We are also in need of a pair of waders if anyone can lend a pair.
 PTFA

Recruiting

Guilden Morden are looking to fill these permanent positions:-
'Mid-day Supervisor' to work in our dining hall.
 Working every day 12 - 1.15pm to set up and supervise lunch-time activities amongst helpful, friendly children.
'School Cook' &
'School Cleaner' Pre-School are seeking a part-time cleaner (3 x 1 hr per week, Tues/Wed/Fri, between 1pm-3pm).
 Please contact office@guildenmorden.cambs.sch.uk



VOLUNTEER MEETING: on Friday 9 February at 2pm
UNIFORM: Please order any Uniform with Nicola Chapman by Friday nicolaachapman@googlemail.com
PARENTPAY: We would appreciate if you could settle your outstanding payments by 9th February.

Cake Sale



There was a 'Muffin Mayhem' cake sale on Monday 29 January, when £47.22 was raised in aid of the 'Cancer Research' charity.

The sale was organised by Sophie, Isobel, Ines and Imogen. Unfortunately, Imogen was sick and unable to attend but still managed to contribute in baking some cakes. Well done to the girls and Thank you everyone for supporting this cause in either baking, donating or purchasing !



AWARDS

This week our awards have been made to :-

	Progress	Conduct & Values
Pre-School	Eleanor Sellers	Peggy Appleby
Class 1	Ella-Louise Groom Toby Leaman- Eggleton	Theo Keeble Noah Speed
Class 2	Kayden Brear Leo Kendall	Matteo Pocock Abbie Pinnock
Class 3	Johnnie McCulloch Izzie Carlomagno	Hannah Thompson Sophie Moore

Thought for the week:

"Perseverance is the act of true role models and heroes."
 — Liza M. Wiemer

Collective Worship Theme for the week

Do not lead others astray

Diary Updates and Reminders

8 February, 1pm	PTA Pond Clearance - Volunteers
9 February, 2pm	Volunteer Meeting
9 February	'Purple Day' - Dress-Down with something purple
12-16 February	Half-Term Holiday
23 February, pm	Garden Bird Watch at school
1 March	KS2 Cross Country event
22 March	P.E. 'Sports Relief' - 1 mile run
23 March	'Sports Relief' Activity
29 (Thursday) March	Easter Holidays

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