



Head teachers update

School Plan Focus: This week we have been looking at our curriculum. Miss Whyte has been assisting her colleagues in developing their curriculum leadership files so that evidence is in place for the work they do in developing our curriculum and monitoring the impact on the children. We have also been looking at our curriculum maps and checking that we have the balance of the different subjects over the year with progression built in.

Children in Need:

With the addition of the PTFA's sweet treat donation
We have now raised £148.50 !



Open Day:

Thank you to the parents who attended our open morning today. It was a pleasure to take prospective parents around the school and enable them to observe the very positive attitudes and good behaviour of all of the children. I was able to share the strengths of our school and some of our recent achievements. Thank you so much to Lucy Seymour for being there and answering questions from a parent's point of view. Applications for a school place must be made to Cambridgeshire CC by 15.1.2019.

Cross Country Event:

All of class 2 and class 3 took part in a cross country event at Milton Country Park. This was part of the SSP small schools competition. There were many other schools with between 80 and 100 participants in each year group. Miss Whyte, Mrs Wright and Mrs Bowyer reported back that the children made them very proud with their determination, effort and support for one

another. Some of our children did very well for their age groups. Our two most successful runners were Martha, coming 10th in her age group and Kayden who came 17th. Also notable were Sophie, Isobel, Bobby, Amelie and Max. Izzie and Leo were recommended to me as one of our most determined and resilient runners, and Ephram, Ben and Fred were extremely supportive of others, giving high fives as they came over the line.

Festival of Christmas Trees:

We are delighted to be taking part in this local event this year for the first time. The children have each created a decoration to add to our Guilden Morden 'Tree of Values'. A number of tree exhibits are now on display at St Peter & St Paul Church, Steeple Morden, and it looks really magical in there.



You are able to visit this weekend, today till 4pm, and Saturday & Sunday 12 - 4pm,

Jeremy Fisher

Classes

Magpies: We had a good session on Wednesday doing Emperor Nero's Den (like Dragon's Den) where the children used persuasive language techniques to pitch their design of their Roman chariot to Emperor Nero. They had design specifications to work to and test as well and learned to use lots of tools safely to join parts and build transport with at least 2 moving wheels.

Next week, Club will be supporting the PTFA by decorating and filling jars with sweets in preparation for the Christmas Fayre. If anyone has any empty jars, with lids, please could they bring them into the school for us to use.

The children's lavender bags are now finished, and they look and smell wonderful!

With thanks.

Helen and all the Club staff.



E-safety and Parents Forum:

We are planning to hold a parents forum and e-safety briefing session 29th November. Please do return your reply slips (attached) to indicate your preference of time, and proposed question.

Scholastic Book Fair

We shall be having our annual Scholastic Book Sale on Thursday 13th December until Monday 17th, 3.15-4pm. Please keep this sale in mind for your Christmas shopping, and you are welcome to tell friends and neighbours within the village.

Multisports

Friday 30th November, there will be no Multisports club due to the Christmas Fayre, which we hope you will all support. Payment for this class will be taken over as one credit in January 2019.



Sweet Treat Friday

Come and join us at 3.15pm every Friday up until Christmas to buy your sweet treats

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 30th November at 3.15pm in the school hall and we look forward to as many of you joining us as possible.

Donations: We are still in need of tombola, lucky dip and raffle prizes.

SWEETIE JARS - please decorate a jar and fill it with sweets. You can hand your completed jars and donations in to the office - thank you in advance!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - the PTFA will be requesting any donations towards this early next week. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the end of next week.

Christmas Market (in Guilden Church) -Sat 3rd Dec

FACEBOOK

If you haven't done so already please 'like' our Facebook page - Guilden Morden Primary and Pre-School PTFA - it's a great place to get reminders for PTFA events but also general stuff that is going on with school and pre-school.

Classroom Awards:

	Progress	Conduct & Values
PreSchool	Ronnie	Lydia
Class 1	Ellie & Esther	Elsa & Amy
Class 2	Leighton & Devon	Bobby & Kayden
Class 3	Martha & Sophie	Ben & Chloe



Sports - Star of the Week

Our P.E. teacher, awards have been presented to:-

Class 1	Ophelia
Class 2	Bobby
Class 3	Ben



Lunchtime Awards:

For helping others, tidying up and serving

Ellie B	Mary
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Thought for the week:

“ Stand up for what you believe in, even if it means standing alone...” — Andy Biersack

Collective Worship Theme for the week

Don't be frightened to stand up for what is right.

Diary Updates and Reminders	
29 November (Thurs) at 9am	E-Safety & Parents Forum
30 November (Fri)	PTFA Christmas Fayre
6 th December	PTFA Elfridges
11 th December 9.30- 10.30	Nativity Play Performance - Class 1
13-17 December	Scholastic Book Fair
19 December (Wed) at 9.30am	Carol Service at the church Christmas Lunch with Christmas Jumper & Santa visit
19 December, (Wed) at 1.45pm	End of Autumn Term 2018

2019	
3 January (Thurs)	Spring Term commences
7 January (Mon)	STAFF TRAINING DAY -School Closed-
10 January (Thurs)	School Pantomime Visit (PTFA) 'Snow White & Seven Dwarfs'

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