



Newsletter

Giles Junior School

“Achieving excellence through Leadership”

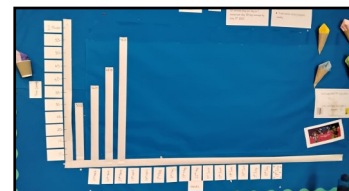
**Spring
Term
Friday 31st
March
2023**

Giles Junior School News

The end of the spring term has been a busy one. We were treated to a Rock Steady concert which was amazing as always. As well as presenting merit certificates to children where we recognise their special talents and efforts. Thank you for the attendance at these events, it always means a lot to the children to have someone celebrate with them.

We have been working hard as a school with our Wildly Important Goal (WIG) - which is focusing on increasing our 30 day average of play from 30 seconds to 1 minute on TT Rockstars! If we achieve our goal by July 17th we will be having an Ice-Cream Festival which will be held in school. All classes have been looking at how they can synergise to make this happen - we are tracking this on our compelling scoreboard which currently is looking very positive!

We are wondering how the graph will look after we return from the school holidays! If you could support the rehearsal via the TT Rockstars app that would be amazing - maybe you could set up your own WIG and track progress with your child at home :)



As we approach the summer months and we have an adaptation to uniform such as shorts or summer dresses (yellow). We would appreciate if parents could look to making sure that shoes are black, there are no extreme haircuts or hair dye, make up or nail polish. We also operate a no jewellery policy for safety reasons. For our year 5 and 6 students this is of particular importance to them, as correct uniform is an expectation with no exceptions. Having high standards of uniform does create community and a purposeful working atmosphere. Our school prospectus gives further details uniform on page 8 and 9 and can be found on the link below.

<https://gilesjm.herts.sch.uk/about-us/admissions/>

Miss Whitby (Headteacher)

Wellbeing Update By Miss Robinson

As I prepare for the Easter holidays, I am sat thinking about how the break and a change to our usual routines impacts our mental health (the way our thoughts and emotions affect the way we interact with the world around us) and how we can boost our emotional wellbeing (the way we grow and develop to manage life productively).

Entertaining children can be particularly tricky (especially during a cost of living crisis), so I am going to suggest some free activities that can boost everyone's well being and relieve some pressure:

1. Get outside. Walking, running and playing outside boosts your mood and is free! Whether it be the park, garden or field, get out together in nature.
2. Schedule in family film time. This helps sharpen your soul and brings everyone together.
3. Dust off those board games/packs of cards.
4. Begin with the end in mind and meal plan for the two weeks. This means we can budget for feeding the family for two weeks and also spend less time about what to make for dinner and more time having fun together or better still, cook together sharpening those life skills.

If you find yourself or someone you know struggling with their mental health during the holidays here are some websites that could be of use:

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/health-in-herts/happiness-wellbeing-and-mental-health.aspx>

<https://www.hpft.nhs.uk/contact-us/out-of-hours-helpline/>

“When it rains, look for rainbows and when it’s dark look for stars.”

See you in two weeks.

Summer Term Clubs

All of the Giles managed clubs have now been booked up for the Summer Term 2023 and these will be starting the week beginning 24th April. You will receive an email the first week of term confirming your place.

If you have booked a place which you no longer require, please can you inform the school office ASAP so this place can be given to someone else.

For more information about booking onto any of the outside clubs (Stevenage FC or Rock Steady) please click the link to our website : <http://gilesjm.herts.sch.uk/about-us/clubs/> (Art club is now full).

	CLUB	TIME	DATES	LOCATION
Mon	Stevenage Football Club Yr3&4	3.10pm - 4.10pm	24 th April - 10 th July (7 sessions)	Playground or Field (Hall if bad weather)
Mon	Tag Rugby Training Session <i>selected children only</i>	3.10pm - 4.10pm	24 th April - 10 th July (7 sessions)	Astro (Classroom if bad weather)
Mon	Dance Club	3.10pm - 4.10pm	24 th April - 10 th July (7 sessions)	Hall
Mon	Rock Steady	1.00pm - 3.00pm	24 th April - 10 th July (7 sessions)	Hall
Tue	Netball Training Session <i>selected children only</i>	3.10pm - 4.10pm	25 th April - 11 th July (11 sessions)	Playground
Tue	Multisports	3.10pm - 4.10pm	25 th April - 11 th July (11 sessions)	Hall or Field
Tue	Art Club	3.10pm - 4.10pm	25 th April - 11 th July (11 sessions)	Dining Room
Wed	School Football Training Session <i>selected children only</i>	3.10pm - 4.10pm	26 th April - 12 th July (11 sessions)	Astro
Wed	Cheerleading	3.10pm - 4.10pm	26 th April - 12 th July (11 sessions)	Hall
Fri	Stevenage Football Club Yr5&6	3.10pm - 4.10pm	28 th April - 14 th July (11 sessions)	Astro (Hall if bad weather)

Foodshed Donations

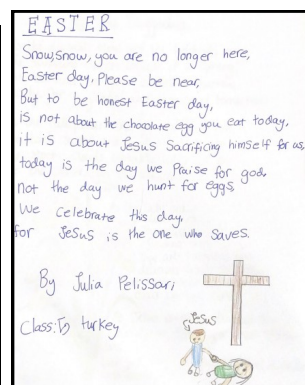
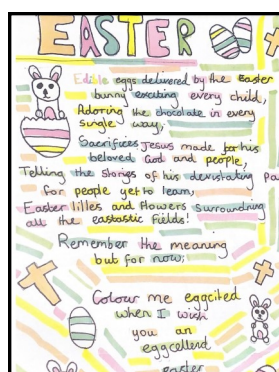
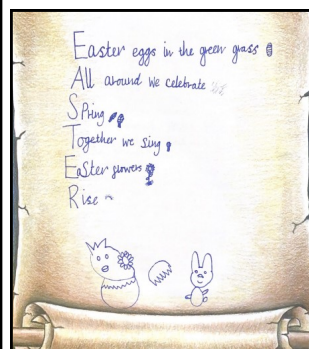
We would like to thank you for all of your donations for FoodShed. Our Giles community really came together to support others during the giving month of Ramadan. We would also like to wish our Muslim families a very happy Ramadan.

Ramadan
Mubarak!



Easter Poetry Competition

Last week, we kicked off National Poetry Day by exploring different poetry forms. This week, we challenged our pupils to write a poem inspired by the Easter story and their own Easter traditions. We then held a poetry reading assembly for the winning poems.



Diary Dates - Spring Term 2023

Please keep an eye on these dates in each newsletter, as we add new events to the list throughout the term.

Date	Time	Event
Fri 31st March	2.00pm early finish	Last day of term
Mon 3rd April - Fri 14th April		Easter Holidays - School Closed
Mon 17th April	8.50am	First day of the Summer Term
Wed 19th April	10.00am	Summer Term Swimming starts for Year 5 Finland & Turkey
Fri 21st April	am	Deadline for Year 6 Leavers Hoodie Order
Mon 24th April	3.10-4.10pm	Clubs start this week
Tue 25th April	8.15am	Year 5 Tower of London Trip - depart 8.30am & return 4pm
Thur 27th April	Break time	Cake Sale (Organised by Year 5)
Sun 30th April	All Day	Choir performing at The Royal Albert Hall
Mon 1st May		Bank Holiday - School Closed
Mon 8th May		Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tue 9th May	am	Start of Year 6 SATS (9th-12th May)
Mon 15th May	All Week	Start of Science week - Mad Science Assembly
Tue 16th May	8.15am	Year 6 Trip to Legoland - depart 8.30am & return 5.25pm
Wed 17th May	All Day	Year 4 Trip to RAF Museum (within the school day)
Wed 17th May	4.00pm - 4.30pm	Year 6 PGL Information Meeting for parents and children
Fri 19th May	All Day	Year 3 Trip to RAF Museum (within the school day)
Tue 23rd May	am	Class Photo day
Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June		Half Term - School Closed
Mon 5th June		Inset Day - School Closed

New Lunch Menu for the Summer Term

PUPILS' CHOICE EXTRA				
WEEK ONE Served Week Commencing: 17th April, 8th May, 26th June, 17th July, 4th September, 25th September, 16th October	MONDAY Bean and Vegetable Groll (V) Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread (V) with Diced Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings CHILLED OPTION: Cheese Sandwich	TUESDAY Chicken Pie Spanish Omelette (V) with Potato Wedges or Ticolour Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings CHILLED OPTION: Tuna Roll	WEDNESDAY Roast Gammon with Gravy Veggie Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy (V) with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings CHILLED OPTION: Chicken Mayo Wrap	THURSDAY Beef Burger in a Bun Pea and Lemon Risotto (V) with Diced Potatoes or Ticolour Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings CHILLED OPTION: Ham Sandwich
WEEK TWO Served Week Commencing: 24th April, 15th May, 12th June, 3rd July, 11th September, 2nd October	MONDAY Caribbean Chicken Veggie Buns (V) with Rice or Wholemeal Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings CHILLED OPTION: Tuna Sandwich	TUESDAY Organic Beef Bolognese Savoury Puff Roll (V) with Rice or Wholemeal Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings CHILLED OPTION: Ham Roll	WEDNESDAY Roast Pork Loin with Gravy Quorn Fillet with Gravy (V) with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings CHILLED OPTION: Chicken Mayo Wrap	THURSDAY Quorn Mending (V) Special Fried Rice with a Spring Roll (V) with Potato Wedges or Ticolour Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings CHILLED OPTION: Cheese Sandwich
WEEK THREE Served Week Commencing: 2nd May, 22nd May, 19th June, 10th July, 18th September, 9th October	MONDAY Pork Sausage with BBQ Sauce Cheese and Sweet Potato Slice (V) with Rice or Wholemeal Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings CHILLED OPTION: Tuna Roll	TUESDAY Veggie "Meatball" Sub (V) Roasted Tomato Pasta (V) with Potato Wedges or Ticolour Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings CHILLED OPTION: Cheese Sandwich	WEDNESDAY Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy Creamy Quorn Pie (V) with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings CHILLED OPTION: Ham Roll	THURSDAY Mild Chili Con Carne Quorn Burger in a Bun (V) with Rice or Potato Wedges Jacket Potato with various toppings CHILLED OPTION: Chicken Mayo Baguette
FRIDAY Battered Fish Fillet Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) with Oven Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings CHILLED OPTION: Egg Roll	FRIDAY Crispy Coated Salmon Margherita Pizza Wrap (V) with Oven Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings CHILLED OPTION: Egg Baguette	FRIDAY Fish Fillet Fingers Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) with Oven Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings CHILLED OPTION: Egg Roll	FRIDAY Fish Fillet Fingers Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) with Oven Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings CHILLED OPTION: Egg Roll	FRIDAY Fish Fillet Fingers Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) with Oven Chips or Wholemeal Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings CHILLED OPTION: Egg Roll



KIDS EASTER CAMP

SPORTZONE

BOOK HERE!

APRIL 3RD - 15TH 2023

Phone: 07950 777520
datchworthsportsclub.com
www.sportzone.co.uk

DATCHWORTH RFC - GIRLS RUGBY

**Join us this Sunday
2nd April @ 11.30am**

We're running an open day designed for both experienced and novice players. All abilities welcome. For girls in school years 5 to 12.

Rugby offers:

- huge mental and physical health benefits
- teaches discipline and teamwork
- builds confidence
- creates friendships that can last a lifetime

email us to find out more:
girlsrugby@datchworthsportsclub.com

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Datchworth Sports Club | Datchworth Green | SG3 6TL
We're located just outside of Knebworth and between junctions 6 & 7 of the A1(M)

Wishing all of our families a happy, healthy and fun Easter Break!

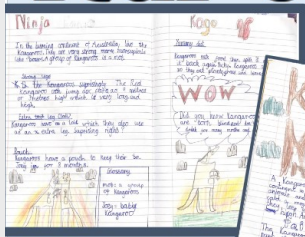


There is a copy of this menu on our website under the parents tab, then click on school meals. This menu will be running from 17th April through to the end of October 2023.

Please note that in week two on Friday it will be the usual pizza option and not the pizza wrap.
The price of a pupil meal from 1st April will be £3.15.

A peek into ... Year 3

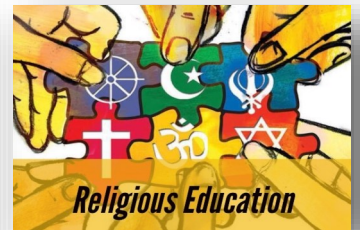
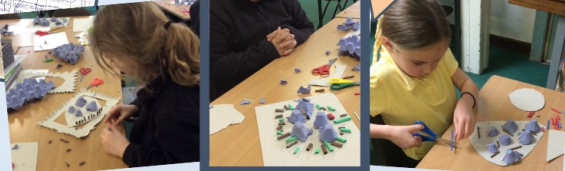
In music we have been listening to different genres of music with a focus on Reggae. We have designed some posters ready for a competition.



In English, we finished our independent non-chronological reports. We researched kangaroos and wrote fascinating reports. Did you know that kangaroos can't walk backwards? Interesting, right?!

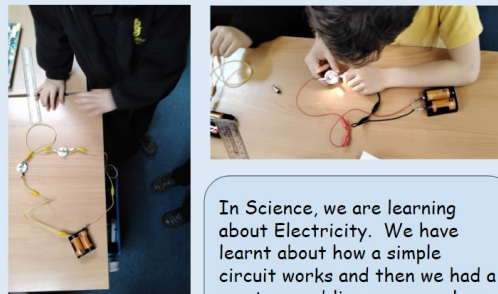


In History we have been looking at Stone Age to the Iron Age! As our end of unit activity children made a model of an Iron Age hillfort!

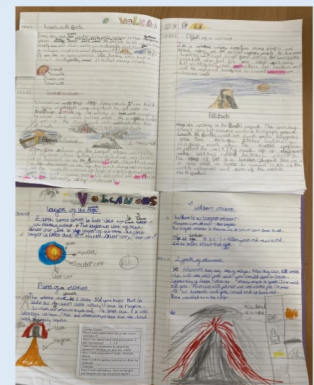


A peek into ... Year 4

In English, we used features of report writing to write our independent report about volcanoes drawing on all the knowledge we had gained in Geography lessons.

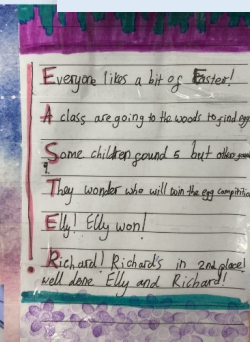


In Science, we are learning about Electricity. We have learnt about how a simple circuit works and then we had a go at assembling one ourselves.



A peek into ... Year 5

In PSHE and Food Tech, we've been looking at healthy eating and the benefits of doing so. This has resulted in some amazing salads and pizza wraps!



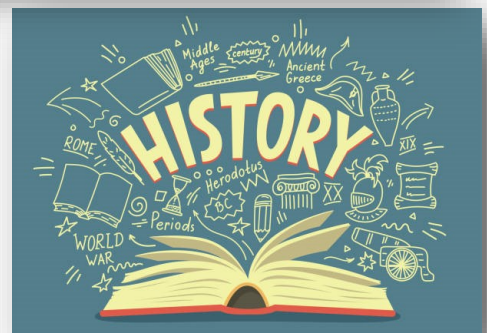
EASTER
Easter is coming
Easter is young
Easter is coming
I really can't wait.

I've not asked the chocolate
you eat on Easter day
Let about the story
where Jesus' good
and life story

Spring has sprung
bells have rung
Now let's cheer
because Easter is here

By Sarah Efori
5 Turkey

Year 5 have been creating ingenious and inventive Easter poems for the annual Easter poetry competition.

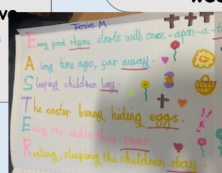


A peek into ... Year 6

Germany have been creating bags. We have stitched these from recycled materials.



India Class have been creating some imaginative Easter poems linked to Christianity this week.



Peru have been very crafty this week! We have turned t-shirts into bags and made 'Spiky Spiky' mugs in the style of Ikuko Iwamoto.

