



The Gusford Gazette

This week out attendance was 95.6% The highest most of us can remember. Well done everyone especially Little Dragons AL with 99.6% for the week.

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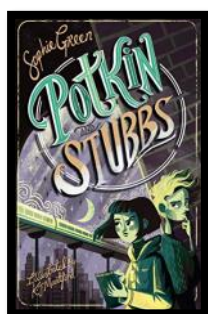
World Book 'Week'

World Book Week (Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March). We have three visiting authors:

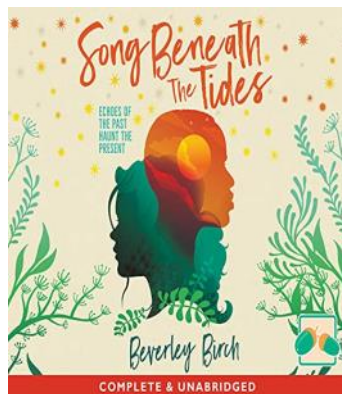
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Awareness Days and Whole School Diary Dates

World Book Week. Monday 4th to Friday 8th March (no donation).

Mother's Day. Sunday 10th March.

Monday 11th March. Our **Choir** are performing at **Snape Maltings**.

Friday 15th March. **Year 5 Stargazing Sleepover.**

The Big Sing. Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March. Tickets available through parentmail soon.

Monday 22nd April. **Bluey Club trip to Felixstowe.**

Tuesday 23rd April. **St George's Day.** Wear red and white (or club uniforms).

Year 4 Residential to Norfolk Lakes. 8th to 10th May.

Week beginning Monday 13th May. **KS2 SATs.**

Year 6 Residential to Hilltop. 3rd to 5th June.

Oliver Twist. Friday 7th June 2024.

Friday 21st June-**Suffolk County Day** (wear something connected to Suffolk). No donation just celebration.

Sports Days

Nursery and Reception - Monday 1st July 1015-1145am

Years 5 and 6 - Tuesday 2nd July 1.30pm

Years 3 and 4 - Wednesday 3rd July 1.30pm

Years 1 and 2 - Thursday 4th July 1.30pm

Visiting Circus. July 6th. On the school field. Shows at 1.00pm and 2.30pm.

Go-kart Festival. Saturday 13th July. 10.00am-12.00pm.

Attendance Matters

We like to encourage 100% attendance in lots of different ways. However if your child(ren) has more than 4 days unauthorised absence in a school year then the school policy is to fine both parents £60 for each of their children (two children in the same family, each with more than 4 days unauthorised absence, would mean a fine of £240). The fine goes back to Suffolk County Council and not the school. We want the policy to be as clear as possible. Statistics show the children who have the highest attendance are much more likely to do well educationally and then prosper once they have left school.

World Book Week 4th-8th March

Tuesday 5th March - Nick Butterworth

The fantastic children's author Nick will be visiting children from nursery to Year 2 over the course of the day. Many children will be familiar with his much loved Percy The Park Keeper series. Nick is dedicated to encouraging families to read together and will be running a parents' session from 2.15pm - 3pm in the library. We would love to see as many parents as possible at this fabulous session (younger children welcome to come along) After school Nick will be in the library with a pop up shop where you will be able to purchase one of his amazing books and even get it signed. What a fabulous opportunity to meet a renowned famous author!

<https://percytheparkkeeper.co.uk/>

Wednesday 6th March - Sophie Green

Local author Sophie will be visiting children in Years 3, 4 and 5 - she is the author of the Potkin and Stubbs spooky detective series. She has a degree in zoology and an interest in folklore and urban legend. Sophie will be bringing along some of her books that children can purchase if they wish or they can bring in their own copies from home and get Sophie's autograph. For more information please visit:

<https://www.sophiegreenwrites.com/>

Thursday 7th March - Beverley Birch

Beverley will be running two sessions with our Year 6 children - the first will involve a discussion about the inspirations behind her own books and the second will be a creative task exploring ideas for children's own stories in small groups. Beverley will have a selection of her books available to purchase. Priced from £5 - £7. Children may bring in cash to purchase one of her wonderful books and will also have the opportunity to get their copy signed. Please check her fabulous new book out "Song beneath the Tides" at :

<https://beverleybirch.co.uk/>

Thursday 7th - World Book Day Dress up Parade

Please join us on the playground at 9am where you will be able to see some of the wonderful characters that our children have dressed up as. Parents to exit via Ellenbrook Road entrance.

Friday 8th - Gonka Bars

These will be available to collect from 2.45pm on the KS2 playground (weather permitting). There may be a small number of bars available to purchase on the day.

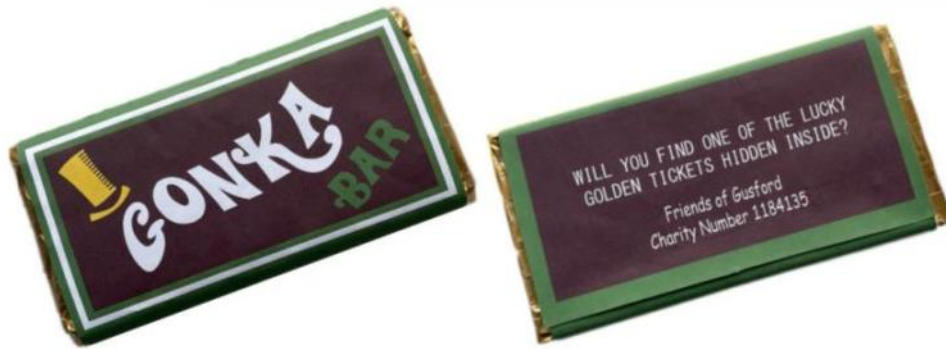
Please note we will also be sending the World Book Day Books home next week (we have got the books already so you don't need a voucher).



Friends Of Gusford

Many Hands Make Light Work

Charity number 1184135



Golden Ticket Chocolate Bar Sale - Friday 8th March 2.45pm

As part of World Book Day celebrations Friends of Gusford are running an exciting Golden Ticket Chocolate Bar sale. Children will have the opportunity to buy our fabulous Gonka chocolate bars for £2 each. Will your chocolate bar include a golden ticket containing one of our fabulous prizes?

Prizes include

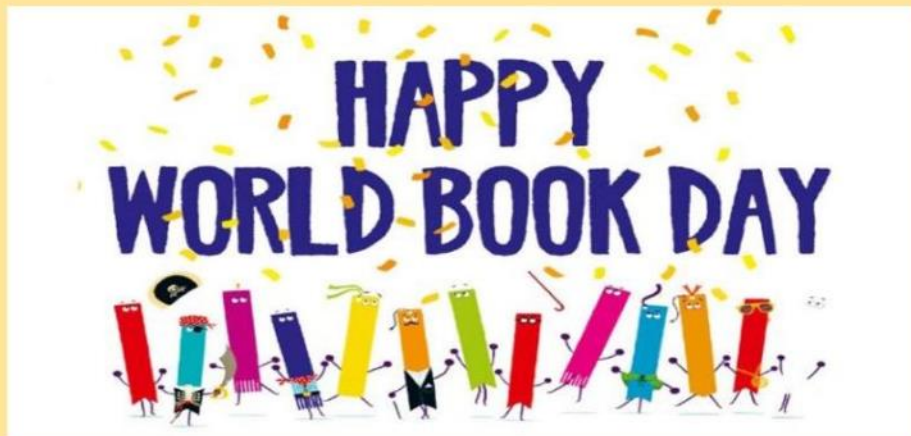
- £100 cash
- Sunday carvery for 4 at the Belstead Arms
- Books and book sets
- Easter eggs

Payment for chocolate bars should be made via ParentMail which will go live today at 12pm. There is a limit of 5 bars per child that can be purchased. Additional bars may be available to purchase at a later date or on the day (cash payments only on the day).

Golden Ticket Chocolate bars will be available to collect on Friday 8th March from 2.45pm. This will either be in the library or the KS1 playground depending on the weather.

Thank you for your support

Friends of Gusford



World Book Day Menu 2024 - Thursday 7th March

The BFG's Bolognese with Garlic Bread



Peter Rabbits Veggie Bolognese with Garlic Bread



Perfect Pete's Vegetable Medley (Veg of the Day)



Queen of Hearts Jam Sponge and custard



World Book Day Competition!

This year, **World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March**. Within school, we have a number of authors visiting to inspire pupils and excite them about reading, writing and storytelling. In addition, we would like pupils to dress up and take part in our costume parade which will be so much fun.

To add some extra excitement, we would like to launch a World Book Day competition. We are inviting pupils to create a book character or a book themed creation, made from a roll of some sort. Feel free to colour them, paint them or stick resources to them – be as creative as you wish!



Mrs Smith and Mrs Bond will be the judges and will pick one winner from each year group. The winners will win a book of their choice. They will be asked which book they would like and we will order it for them.

Please make sure that the pupil's name and class are clear which could be written on the back, inside or have a tag attached. Bring entries to class by 9am on Thursday 7th March at the latest.

Good luck and have fun creating!

Mrs Smith and Mrs Bond

Science Shares

We would be absolutely delighted if you were able to join us for our science share sessions next half term. These will be an opportunity to learn about science teaching at Gusford and then to see some of the new approaches in action. There will be a short presentation about science before going to your child's class where you will be able to join in with a selection of investigations with the children. We hope that you can make it!



Science Share Session Dates

Year Group	Date
Nursery	Monday 11 th March 10:30 - 11:30am
Reception	Wednesday 13 th March 2:15 - 3:15pm
Year 1	Tuesday 12 th March 2:15 - 3:15pm
Year 2	Tuesday 12 th March 2:15 - 3:15pm
Year 3	Tuesday 19 th March 2:15 - 3:15pm
Year 4	Tuesday 19 th March 2:15 - 3:15pm
Year 5	Wednesday 27 th March 2:15 - 3:15pm
Year 6	Wednesday 27 th March 2:15 - 3:15pm



Fire Basket Wanted

As part of the development of our Forest Area, we are looking for an old fire basket or chimenea (to cook marshmallows etc.) Mr Minter thinks that the drum from inside an old washing machine might also work. Please ring the school if you can help.

Respect

This week we have been giving out kindness badges. After half term we will be giving out 'Respect' badges.



Beat The Streets

Have you found any of the Beat The Street boxes yet? It's a great activity for half term. The more boxes you visit the more points you win for you and the school. The game started last Wednesday and lasts for 5 weeks.

<https://www.beatthestreet.me/ipswich/map>

Reading Cafes:

Monday 4th March 8:20 - 8:40am - Year 6 and 2
 Tuesday 5th March 8:20 - 8:40am - Year 5 and 1
 Weds 6th March 8:20 - 8:40am - Year 4 & Reception
 Thursday 7th March 8:20 - 8:40am - Open to everyone!
 Friday 8th March 8:20 - 8:40am - Year 3 and Nursery

Birthday Books

Dial Lane Bookshop is worth a visit. Rather than buying sweets on your child's birthday why not buy a book for school. We'll make a name plate for it (name and birthday), the book will then stay in class and we'll take a photo of it and put it on FB and Twitter.



Holiday Writing Comp

Oliver, Harrison, Martha, Bronte, Brayden and Layla all wrote some great stories for our holiday writing comp. You can read their entries on FB and Twitter. Well done.

Wellies!!!

If you have any wellies that your children have grown out of in size 9, 10, 11 or 12, we would be very appreciative if you are able to donate these to school to be used by our EYFS children to access their new mud kitchen area. Thank you in advance

Gruffalo Workshop

Monday 11th March 9.00-10.30am. Free workshop for EYFS and KS1 parents. See the poster attached.

TTRS Champion

On Thursday, in assembly, I lost my TTRS Champion's title to Mrs Slater. Well done Mrs Slater!!! If you are in KS2 you have a challenge too, check out the hall wallboard to see who you are playing against in your first tournament.

Autumn/ Winter 2023/ 2024	GUSFORD	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE						
30/10/2023 20/11/2023 11/12/2023 15/01/2024 05/02/2024 04/03/2024 25/03/2024	Option one	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad	A choice of Burger (Beef & Bean or Vegan) with Toppings and Potato Wedges	Roast of the Day, Stuffing Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option two	NEW Chef Mariam's Vegetable Couscous	BUILD A BURGER	Veg Wellington, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Veggie Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Cheesy Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Mandarin and Cinnamon Cake	Fruit Jelly with Mandarins	NEW Melting Moment Biscuits	NEW Jam Sponge and Custard	Oaty Cookie



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SUFFOLK ADULT LEARNING



The Gruffalo Workshop

A free workshop in Gusford
Primary School, based on
this popular children's book

For parents/grandparents
and carers and their
children (EYFS/Reception
and Year 1 children only)

Monday 11th March
9-10.30 am

Would you like to:

- make a Gruffalo puppet and use it to tell the story?
- create an owl collage?
- play a Gruffalo child counting game?

All resources provided.

TO BOOK A PLACE, PLEASE EMAIL:

Bernadette.white@realisefutures.org

or return this flier to the school
office with your name and your
child's name and class written on
the back



Gusford Spring 2

Science Heroes

Year 1 - Robert Winston (1940)



Robert Winston is a British professor, doctor and scientist. He is an expert on the human body and early childhood.

Year 2 - John McAdam (1756 - 1836)

John McAdam was a Scottish civil engineer and road builder. He invented macadamisation, the process of paving roads with macadam.



Year 3 - Inge Lehman (1888 - 1993)



Inge Lehman was a Danish seismologist and geophysicist. She discovered the Earth's inner core.

Year 4 – Thomas Edison (1847 – 1931)

Thomas Edison was an American inventor and businessman. He invented the lightbulb, phonograph and motion picture camera.



Year 5 – Ruth Benerito (1916 – 2013)



Ruth Benerito was an American chemist and inventor. She developed wrinkle-free cotton and has 55 patents to her name.

Year 6 – Rosalind Franklin (1920 – 1958)

Rosalind Franklin was a British chemist and X-ray crystallographer. She discovered the double helix in DNA which explained how life is passed down from one generation to the next.



"Science and everyday life cannot and should not be separated. Science, for me, gives a partial explanation of life. In so far as it goes, it is based on fact, experience and experiment."

Rosalind Franklin