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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a term like no other at Gaddesby Primary School and your children have been absolutely fantastic throughout. Also, the parental support and commitment to the school has been wonderful to see. Thank you.

This newsletter is full of the wonderful things that have been going on this term. As well as this we have a special surprise for you all on our school website that should ensure you all make a smiling start to the Christmas break. Just look under our parents section and then follow the links to the Christmas pages.

I have been so incredibly proud this term to see the way in which our school community has pulled together to support each other and to support wider causes too.

We have raised incredible amounts of money for some wonderful charities such as Alex's wish, MIND and Children in Need. As well as raising money, we have made incredible donations to a local foodbank and also to the Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal.

I would like to say a special thank you to all of the staff in school for doing such an amazing job under very challenging circumstances. They are all superstars and they have worked so incredibly hard to enable our children to continue to come to school and enjoy being with their friends as well as enjoying some incredible learning opportunities.

I would like to wish each and every one of you the happiest of Christmases. I hope that you all get a well deserved break and enjoy spending some quality time with your families.

Yours sincerely

Mr Leigh Fox

Virtual Sing-a-long

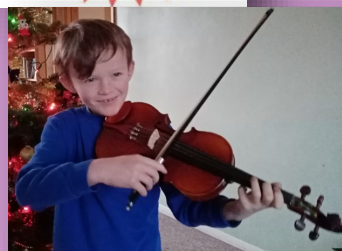
We have been working extremely hard to bring some Christmas cheer to your house this December! This term has been very different for all of us and we have decided that it is still very important for the children to take part in a Christmas Performance and to enjoy the celebrations as much as possible. Therefore, this year Foundation Stage, Year 1 and 2 will be performing a Virtual Christmas Sing-a-long!



Each class have recorded their performance and this will be available for you to view from our website and join in our sing-a-long from the comfort of your home. Watch this space!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

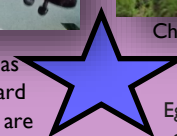
Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 5th January 2020.



Felix Hargrave in Year 4 has been working extremely hard with his violin practise! We are so proud of him! Keep it up Felix.



Charlie Underwood in Year 4 has cleaned up two bags full of plastic bottles from Egerton park in Melton. Well done for taking such care of our environment!



Year 2

This half term in year 2 we have been outside exploring in the school grounds looking at our local area. We looked at the trees and discussed why some still had leaves and some had lost their leaves. We loved picking up the leaves and throwing them around. We had a great time!



This half term year 2 have been learning about journeys. We have learnt about Christopher Columbus the explorer and what journey he went on.

We have also been learning about flowers and the journey they take from seed to fully grown plant. We did an experiment



about growing conditions of seeds and found out that plants definitely need water to grow! We have also been looking at various artists and the paintings of flowers they have created. We sketched our own flower drawings. We spent a lot of time perfecting the technique, year 2 is full of fantastic artists! a great afternoon!



Year 2's finished flowers are amazing! Well done!



Year 3

Day 0



After one day



After 3 days



The eggs represent teeth in our experiment.



We left the eggs in different liquids to find out how they may affect our teeth.

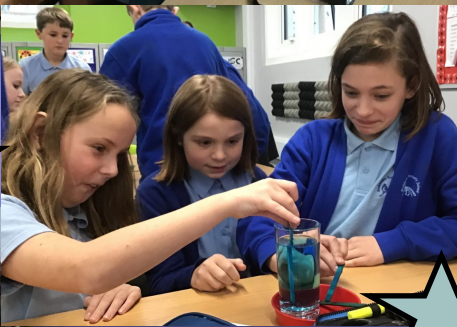


Year 3 have been thinking about being great friends this week. We all enjoy being unique human beings!

PIC-COLLAGE

YEAR 6

In year 6 we have had lots of fun exploring light this half term! We have explored how we see things by light being reflected to our eyes, how light can be refracted, the colour spectrum and shadows.



In our other topic work, we have been learning about World War One with much interest. We have learned about the causes of World War One, propaganda, trench life, The Battle of the Somme, how animals were used and also about the roles of women in World War One. We produced ceramic poppies too!

Last week we had a delicious Christmas dinner together!



EYFS

The Busy Bees have really enjoyed using the large apparatus this term and we have become much more confident at adjusting our speed or changing direction to avoid obstacles. We are now beginning to travel with confidence and skill around, under, over and through balancing and climbing equipment.



EYFS have had a rather busy term learning about their current topic 'Celebrations.' In total we have learned about ELEVEN different celebrations, that have ranged from

Halloween to Anti-Bullying Week to Hanukkah to

Christmas. We have learned about the history of these celebrations, key celebration vocabulary and what makes these celebrations unique.

We have also spent a great deal of

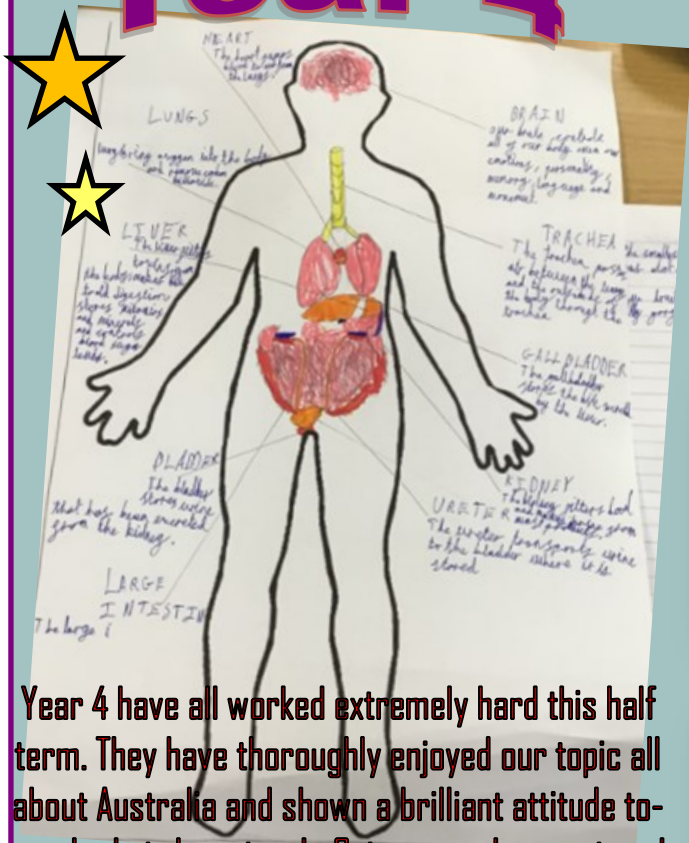
time talking about

our Gaddesby values. With every learning activity we have been completing, we are beginning to understand which Gaddesby value it links with. One of Miss Stansfield's favourite moments was during

Anti-Bullying Week and taking the children to Forest School. The Busy Bees were put into mixed groups where their aim was to show the Gaddesby value of Teamwork and Respect. Each team was fantastic—they soon got busy listening to each other's ideas to make themselves a shelter from the rain. Their imagination and creativity was awesome—with some groups even adding their own campfire to keep warm!



Year 4



Year 4 have all worked extremely hard this half term. They have thoroughly enjoyed our topic all about Australia and shown a brilliant attitude towards their learning. In Science we have enjoyed learning all about the human digestive system. Here's a picture of some amazing work they have produced.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a brilliant half term learning all about World War !! We really enjoyed learning all about Remembrance Day and what this means to the wider community. As part of this, we looked at the historic poppy display that was made at the Tower of London to commemorate 100 years and made our own clay Remembrance poppies.

We thought about how the soldiers in the trenches would feel and used our class novel 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo to help us with this. We really got into character writing informal letters to and from the trenches, using lots of emotive language and understanding of different viewpoints.



This half term we have been lucky enough to have Louise Jaggard come in and teach us dance for an afternoon – the theme was to make someone smile, and we certainly did that! We had to move our bodies in lots of ways to make ourselves and other people laugh and then split the class in two and performed this to each other. We have lots of talented dancers in our class!



Year 1



Year 1 have had a busy half term learning lots of new skills. In English



we have been writing invitations to The Mad Hatters tea party, learning how to use and to join two sentences together and learning the days of the week!

Year 1 got really creative decorating pumpkins during our fine motor skills afternoon using a range of colourful resources – they looked fabulous!!



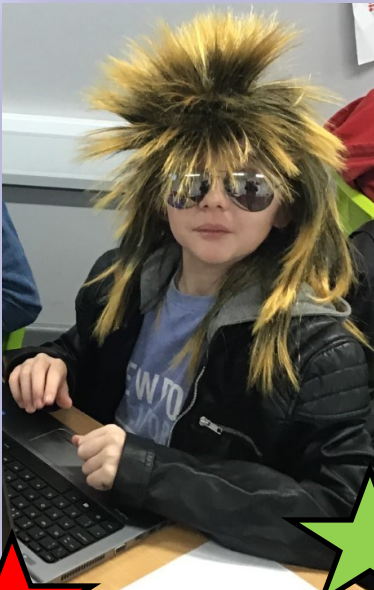
FOGS

FOGS would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and Covid free new year! Hopefully as things get back to normal, we may be able to arrange a few events next year so watch this space.



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

We had lots of fun dressing up for the launch of Times Table Rock Stars. The children from year 2 and upwards have their individual log on details and we can see they are really engaged in this fun way of learning. We are seeing a great improvement already with their recall speeds. Thank you for supporting this at home.



Some lovely writing from Year 5

To my dearest husband,

We all have missed you so much we have been so worried and thank you for your letter it made us so happy.

We have a beautiful baby girl she has your eyes and your soft brown hair. Can you think of a name? How about Kala? Luke is getting tired of working in the Village hall every morning. Sorry you couldn't come to see him on his birthday when he turned 11. He misses you loads and thanks for his present he loved it.

Gosh it is hard working in the munition factory, my skin is turning yellow. I am worried if a bomb gets set off. The most terrifying thing happened yesterday, a bomb ~~exploded~~ over and landed over a nether town. Luckily none of them set off. Everyday in the after noon I have to take Jack and Lily to the market and they mess about so much, I have to take them back home and they have to go straight to bed.

How are you? The kids are missing you reading to them in bed and Will you be home for christmas? The kids keep on asking me, if you won't be home for christmas I'll send you a present. Let me know. I am worrying about you. Will you send a letter back?

Love you lots love from your loving wife Katy

P.S. What do you have to eat for lunch?

Christmas Dinner



Thank you to all the lovely ladies in our kitchen for our wonderful Christmas Dinner! It was delicious!

Charlie Slack - Mile a day



Charlie Slack from Year 3 was interviewed and filmed by ITV Central news. Charlie has been raising money for 3 charities and has raised thousands of pounds. The full details of Charlie's challenge are below and you can continue to donate:

[here.https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-dis-](https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-dis-)

SEVEN-YEAR-OLD RAISES COMMUNITY SPIRITS BY COMMITTING TO RUN A MILE A DAY SINCE LOCKDOWN 1.0 FOR CHARITY.

Charlie Slack, from Leicestershire has not missed one day despite setbacks as he embarks on his 300 mile on 3rd December with his school friends by his side

WATCH MY CLIP: <https://youtu.be/AGnx7Ck2DcY>

Come wind, rain or lockdown tiers Charlie Slack has been determined to get outside and run a mile every day since the first lockdown as he was compelled to take action during the most uncertain time of everyone's lives. Charlie began raising money for a charity very close to his heart, Meningitis now. Charlie contracted meningitis as a baby and nearly lost his life to the disease, but it was with the help of Leicester General NeoNatal Unit that he survived. Since the first lockdown in March, Charlie has run **297** miles, with the support of his family by his side every single day - his younger sister Kitty in Year 1, and Mum Alex and Dad Tim Slack. As the months passed over the year Charlie and his family added two more charities alongside Meningitis Now; Young Minds and Alex's Wish.

The school are doing this 300th Mile for Alex's wish in particular. This is a charitable cause set-up to support a local Leicestershire boy Alex (age 14) who lives in Queniborough who suffers from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Celebrating the end of Charlie's covid-mile journey after nine long months, local communities will join Charlie on Christmas eve to cheer him on, run alongside him, and enjoy the celebrations together to mark this wonderful uplifting achievement from a remarkable young boy.

Charlie's aim was to raise £2 per day raising £560 but he is now at an amazing 431% above target (£2400).