Gamlingay Village Primary

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Newsletter 7

8th December 2023

Class Reference Information: Reception Robin and Wren

Key Stage 1 (KS1) Year 1: Swift, Nightingale Year 2: Woodpecker and Kingfisher

Lower Key Stage 2 (LKS2) Year 3: Osprey, Falcon, Year 4 Buzzard and Skylark

Upper Key Stage 2 (UKS2) ear 5: Kestrel, Red Year 6: Owl and Eagle

School is always a busy place and the past few weeks have been no exception. We have loved having parents, who could attend, coming in to help with Decoration Day. Children have been for a walk to Gamlingay Woods; some have been doing assessments; KS1 had a Christingle event with the Rev. Hilary, some have been doing cross-country at Wimpole and everyone took part in the Santa Dash this morning, we have had an advent assembly with the Rev. Adrian and of course there has been lots of routine learning as well.

A huge congratulations to some of our Key Stage 2 children who represented us in a Ten Pin Bowling Panathlon Challenge and won in a competition against 40 other teams. The individual with the highest number of scores and strikes was a pupil from GVP. They will represent us in the county final in March. Well done and a big thanks to those who facilitated it.

Our pre-school, **Ducklings**, moved site last week. A big thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to prepare for this move and make it as smooth as possible for children and families. The children are settled in their new space, and we look forward to more children joining the provision next term.

On our site, a new opportunity has opened: the bungalow, which was home to the site manager in the past, is currently vacant. We are hoping to be able to use this space early in the new year as a place where children who find school difficult, can feel safe and secure and therefore develop their individual strengths.

We have always loved having **volunteers** in school. If, in the new year, you would like to volunteer as a parent reader or a Forest School helper, please speak to Mrs Pearce in the school office before the end of the school term.

One year 6 pupil was asked to share with you about learning that happens outside the classroom.

During this half-term, some of KS2 have had a visit from sports leaders Sam and Rob. They taught us teamwork, honesty, sportsmanship and most importantly, they showed us how to have fun. Year 6 pupils said, "It was extremely fun and different." "I found them very inspiring, and I love their games." In these past weeks we have had loads of different and fascinating visitors, such as: a sports leader from Comberton who has volunteered to help on the netball team. One Year 6 pupil said, "The sports leader from Comberton has allowed us to do so much more and has been so helpful preparing us for our tournaments." People from our amazing theatre group have given us a taster of their wonderful play Little Red Riding Hood "The theatre group made everyone laugh and was very exciting".

Reading: Did you know that the Ecohub library can order favourite books from other libraries in Cambridgeshire? Get stocked up with your favourite reads for the Christmas holidays.

Online safety: Is anyone in your home likely to be getting a smartphone for Christmas? Teach your children to use it safely and responsbily. Use the attached leaflet to help.

Coming up

- 12th Dec: GenR8 assembly
 - Year 1 Christmas production (pm)
- 13th Dec: Year 1 Christmas production (am)
- 15th Dec: Christmas jumper day School Christmas dinner day FGVP School disco
- 18th Dec: Woodpecker, Falcon & Kestrel Christmas singing assembly Class Christmas parties
- 19th Dec: Christmas carol services at the **Baptist Church**
- 20th Dec: Kingfisher, Osprey & Red Kite Christmas singing assembly End of term (no Roosters after school)



Suggestions

conversations

What 3 words

would you use

at dinner:

to describe

yourself?

for

