



GUSTON

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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World Book Day

What a fabulous Day! Thank you so much for all your efforts - the costumes were amazing. We had a lot of fun with book quizzes, shared reads, and drop everything a read time. Thank you to FOGS who organised a great book swap after school too. I've put some pictures on the 'Parents of Guston School' Facebook page and website.

Here a few to wet your appetite...



Ramadan and Eid

On behalf of everyone in the Guston School community, we would like to wish all our Muslim friends a very happy Ramadan.



To mark this special time of year, we have invited our Muslim pupils to share their experiences of Ramadan and Eid in a special assembly on 17th April at 2.30pm. All parents and friends are welcome.

Happy International Women's Day



Here's to strong women.
May we know them.
May we be them.
May we raise them.



Happy Mother's Day

We wish all the Mums a very happy Mothers Day for Sunday.

Thanks to FOGS for arranging such fabulous gifts for them too. Rest up and be spoilt!



Writer of the week

The nominations this week are:
Aylan, Noah, Rayaaw/Aaryash/
Reeyong, Jonah & Xander

The winner is: Noah

Well Done!



Following on from this Newsletter you will find the FOGS Newsletter and a letter from The Duke of York's Royal Military School with information about their Giving Day.



SUPERSTARS!

This week's super stars are:

Darya, Sasha, Reggie, Syun,
Zaki, Liam, Rabsal and Taha

WELL DONE AND
CONGRATULATIONS!

HOUSE POINTS

TERM 4

THE RESULTS:

CONNAUGHT: 117
BURGOYNE: 97
KEARSNEY: 91
REDOUBT: 82

Happy Birthday to:

Thomas

We hope you have had or still to have a wonderful day celebrating.



~ TERM 4 ~
19/02/24—28/03/24

Week 4

Monday 11th March

3-4pm Cheerleading Club
3-4.30pm Gurkha Culture Club (Level 1)

Tuesday 12th March

Wednesday 13th March

3-4pm Gymnastics Club
5:30-6:30pm Karate Club

Thursday 14th March

Friday 15th March

RED NOSE DAY
2:30pm Celebration
Assembly—All welcome
3-4pm Athletics Club

Week 5

Monday 18th March

3-4.30pm Gurkha Culture Club (Level 1)

Tuesday 19th March

4-5:30-pm KS1 DISCO

Wednesday 20th March

3-4pm Gymnastics Club
5:30-6:30pm Karate Club

Thursday 21st March

2:15pm KS1 Singing
4-5:30pm KS2 DISCO

Friday 22nd March

3-4pm Athletics Club
2:30pm Celebration
Assembly—All welcome

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FRIENDS OF GUSTON SCHOOL

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WELCOME!

Welcome to the 3rd bi-termly round up! Please expect these at the beginning of 1, 3 & 5. But in this case term 4 because I am late!

We had our AGM (Annual General Meeting) in October where we had a couple new members sign up. So a Big welcome, we are very grateful for more support!

At the AGM we shared our financial report for the year, including how much we raised and what money has been spent on. We launched Your School Lottery and we thanked everyone for contributing to our fundraising target, now every classroom has a new smartboard which the children and teachers are all enjoying!

What is FOGS?!

FOGS (Friends of Guston School) is Guston School's PTFA (Parent Teacher Friends Association). A PTFA is a group of parents, staff and associated people such as grandparents etc... who work together to support the school to enrich children's learning and experiences at school. They raise extra funds through a wide range of fun and creative initiatives, events, and much, much more.

We are also registered charity, charity number 1195540.

Who are we?

Chairperson: Carly (Olive's mum)
Secretary: Suzanne (School Office)
Treasurer: Alice (Harry & Ezra's mum)
Amy (Maggie's Mum)
Michelle (Joshua's Mum)
Sammy (Lucy's mum)
Magda (Tamara's mum)
Steph (Kitchen)
Corinne (Aisha's mum)
Zoe (Alicia's mum)
Mrs Hixon (Elder Class Teacher)
Miss Lawrence (Oak Class Teacher)
Jade (Marley's Mum)
Steve (Harry & Ezra's Dad)



We currently don't have a parent representative for Year R or Year 6, so if you'd like to be that person, please get in touch!

Ways You Can Help



- Become a fully fledged FOGS member – this includes planning events, coming to events, finding raffle prizes, grants, funding, sharing ideas, coming to meetings (usually an Annual General Meeting, a yearly planning meeting and maybe 2 meetings to plan Summer Fete & Christmas event) spreading the word of events amongst school community. We communicate via WhatsApp.
- FOGS Lite – still a member but not involved in planning events, it's being asked "are you free to help?" You will always be invited to meetings and kept in the loop. We have a separate WhatsApp group for this.
- Easy Fundraising – literally zero effort once you have set this up as you can set your phone to remind you! You can earn cashback for FOGS on purchases you make on websites such as Amazon, New Look, eBay, Groupon, Booking.com etc.. Download the app on your phone and you will get donation reminders www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- Donations of raffle prizes (unwanted gifts, vouchers)
- OR Just simply coming to FOGS events, making purchases from us and interacting with our posts on Facebook – it all helps!



Planetarium!



FOGS are excited to share that we have booked a planetarium for the whole school (during school hours) on Thursday 28th March. We hope they all love it!

Past Events & Money Raised Sept 2023 - Feb 2024

AGM Quiz Night: £145.33

Christmas Fete & Grotto: £1686.14

Rainbow Raffle: £464

Christmas Discos (joint fundraising with the year 6 team): £208

Santa map game: £31

Nativity Refreshments: £19.10

After school hot chocolate sales: £120.05

easyfundraising: £27.72

Your School lottery: £150

End of term cake sale: £185



**Total so far this academic
year: £2776.34**



Upcoming Events!

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day free book swap after school

Friday 8th March 2024 - Mother's Day Gift to buy (cream teas and pamper packs)

19th and 21st March 2024 - Easter Discos

Last week of term - Easter Egg Hunts (during school day)

Friday 14th June 2024 - Father's Day Gift (to be decided)

Saturday 6th July 2024 - Summer Fete

Keep an eye on 'Parents of Guston school' Facebook group, School Spider and the FOGS tab on the school website for dates and more information.

Your School Lottery

We launched Your School Lottery at our AGM, participants pay £1 a week, the school will get 50p of that in fundraising and the rest goes to admin and the prize fund. There is an opportunity to win the grand prize of £25,000!!

Someone from the school will something every week, and the more players we have, the bigger the prize fund! The most recent weekly prize was £9!

This is such an easy way for you to support the school and potentially win some money yourself.

To sign up, go to www.your school lottery.co.uk and search for Guston C of E.

Thank You!

Thank you to all the parents and staff who continue to support us with our fundraising efforts! We know the children are all so pleased with the new whiteboards!

Thanks to Shims Way Ju-jitsu club for their kind donation of £50 which paid for the lovely Christmas tree that was in the school hall over Christmas.

Also thank you to all the FOGS volunteers & staff, events at the school wouldn't happen without you all!



Contact Us

If you're interested in helping out, please speak to one the members, pop into the school office or email us on fogs@guston.kent.sch.uk

Check out the FOGS tab on the school website for more information on events and what we do!



THE DUKE OF YORK'S Royal Military School

29th February 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well. As part of our ongoing commitment to providing the best possible educational experience for our students and those who use our school facilities, we are excited to share an opportunity that directly impacts their wellbeing and development.

The Dukies' Foundation is embarking on a fundraising effort to refurbish The Duke of York's Royal Military School swimming pool. This vital facility is not only integral to our school's curriculum but also serves as a valuable resource for your child's swimming education and overall safety through Safely Swim.

As parents of students who benefit from use of The Duke of York's Royal Military School swimming pool, The Dukies' Foundation invite you to join us in supporting this important initiative. Your donation, no matter the size, will contribute directly to enhancing the learning environment for your child and future generations.

Here's why your support matters:

- **Enhanced Learning Environment:** Upgrading pool facilities will create a more conducive environment for learning. Providing access to swimming lessons ensures that students are equipped with the necessary water safety knowledge, reducing the risk of accidents and instilling confidence in and around water.
- **Promote Wellbeing:** Offering swimming opportunities promotes the physical and mental wellbeing of students. Swimming is not only an excellent form of exercise but also a therapeutic activity that can alleviate stress and improve overall health.
- **Community Impact:** Your donation will have a ripple effect, positively impacting not only your child but also the broader community. Our pool serves as a valuable resource for 24 primary schools, including two special schools, facilitating curriculum swimming lessons for approximately 500 students. Additionally, 904 children and adults benefit from private lessons, fostering a culture of inclusivity and accessibility.
- **Preserving Heritage:** The Duke of York's Royal Military School has a rich history dating back to its founding in 1803, with our pool being built in 1909. Your support will help preserve this heritage for years to come.

We understand that these are challenging times for many families, and any contribution you can make is deeply appreciated. Together, we can make a significant difference and ensure that our school continues to provide a top-tier educational experience for your child.

Attached to this letter, you will find a flyer with more information about our Giving Day and how you can donate. We encourage you to share this flyer with friends and family members who may also wish to support our cause.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Rachel Robinson & Jolyon Marsh

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