



# Great Binfields Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well just like that the first half of the Spring term has passed us by! It has been great to see the children enjoying their various new topics. We never cease to be amazed by the work the children are achieving—from learning about the Titanic in Year 2, Toys in Year 1, Vikings in Year 4, the Egyptians in Year 5 and Henry VIII in year 6. Well done children of GBPS for doing yourselves proud.

It may have been a shorter one; but it certainly hasn't been any less jam-packed!

We hope you enjoy reading about what the various year groups have been up to and seeing them all in action.

On behalf of us all here at GBP, we wish you a very happy half term. We hope you all manage to recharge your batteries and get plenty of vitamin sea/fresh air!

Take care,  
Miss Lyddon  
Headteacher

## Rags2Riches

Thank you for yet another hugely successful donation drop for Rags2Riches. 163 bags, 499.3kg and £249.65 in total! We were congratulated for being one of the best schools in the local area for these collections so thank you to each and every one of you!



Please spread the word. There's a way of supporting RNIB that won't cost you a penny.

At RNIB we love used stamps. We can use them to raise funds for blind and partially sighted people. Stamps are sold by weight and we raise £20 per kilogram.



### **DON'T FORGET:**

Please bring any used stamps to the front foyer to help support this wonderful cause.

There is one tub for stamps from the U.K. and one for international stamps. (Including the Channel Isles)

Thanks in advance!

## Parent Reading afternoon

On Friday 24th January parents were invited to come and read with their children. A huge thank you to all of you who made it in. It was so lovely to see the children so excited about the stories they were sharing with you. We look forward to the next reading session next half term. There was a real buzz around the whole school!

*After half term, we are back on Monday 24th February.*

*Our next INSET Day is 23rd May 2025.*



“Before we ever put a pencil in a child’s hands, those hands should dig, climb, press, push, pull, squish, twist, and pinch in a wide array of environments and with a variety of materials”

– Amanda Morgan

What makes you Different



is what makes you Beautiful

### Year 6 trip to Hampton Court

Mrs Osborne and Mrs James report, “The Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Hampton Court Palace; I have genuinely never heard so many gasps of awe and wonder when we stepped foot in The Great Hall. The children were shocked by the sheer size and grandeur of the palace but equally loved exploring the meaning behind some of the more intricate details too - the entwined initials H and A which were carved into the wood in The Great Hall to resemble Henry’s love for his wife Anne Boleyn. The children were incredibly well behaved throughout the trip and enjoyed retracing Henry VIII’s steps through the never-ending corridors. Particular areas of interest included Henry VIII’s kitchens and peeking down into the Royal Chapel, where the heart of one of Henry’s wives heart is said to be buried. I wonder if the children can remember which one it was and can tell you more?”



### Year 6 Bikeability

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a series of Road Safety proficiency sessions delivered by the Hampshire Bikeability team. Despite the cold weather, it thankfully remained nice and dry which allowed the children to maximise their time cycling on the road. Thank you for ensuring that your child came to school wearing lots of layers so that they could enjoy their sessions much more too! We have seen a fantastic level of resilience and determination from all of our riders this week and we are so proud of the accomplishments and progression that they have each made individually. It has been lovely to see so many children feeling more confident when cycling on the road.



### Year 2 Titanic Day:

**All aboard!!! The Titanic is about to leave for New York!!**

Year 2 embarked onto the Titanic ship to excite their learning for their new topic. Our school hall was transformed into the Titanic which was organised into the 3 different classes. The children picked out their ticket from a pot and then entered the ship. Depending on their ticket 'class', the children were given a different biscuit. 1st class ate a Jammy Dodger, 2nd class ate a Custard Cream and 3rd class ate a Rich Tea biscuit. This really helped the children see the differences between the class system. The 1st class had more space, tables, chairs and posh table wear. After, Year 2 had fun exploring all of the classes and the different activities we had on offer. The children were so engaged and inquisitive which meant they really got a lot from our topic launch. We look forward to learning lots more about the Titanic this half term.



- Make eye contact with other road users to signal your intentions and to be sure that they have seen you.

Treat every driveway like a side road and watch for traffic emerging from the driveway. Do not assume that a driver backing out of a driveway has seen you.

- Turn on your lights

Turn on both front and rear lights whenever visibility is reduced. Aim your rear light to the traffic behind you and aim your front light on an angle for vehicles to see you and for you to be able to see the road.

- Dress bright and be seen

Visibility is poor in wet weather and motorists may have more difficulty seeing you. Be sure to wear bright and reflective clothing at all times.

- Test your brakes

Brakes work less effectively when wet, especially during the initial exposure to wet conditions. If possible, try them out on a quiet street to test their stopping power before heading into heavier and faster traffic.

- Avoid puddles when possible, since they might hide potholes, broken glass or other surprises.



# Top tips for safe cycling

### **Year 3 First Aid Day**

A huge thank you to our Parent Governor Mrs Gilham for once again bringing the children's learning to life in the form of Year 3's First Aid Day. Whilst they always have great fun bandaging each other and pretending to put each other in the recovery position, they also understand the seriousness of the day. They always get a huge amount out of it and, let's hope they don't need to use it anytime soon, how wonderful that they know the basic life skill of First Aid. Thank you once again Mrs Gilham for taking time out of your busy schedule to make this day happen for us once again. We are super grateful.



### **Year 1 Grandparents Tea Party**

A huge thank you to all of the Grandparents and family members who attended our Tea Party on Wednesday. We had a fantastic turnout and our children were so proud to show you our school! We hope you enjoyed the hot drinks and refreshments; they certainly enjoyed partaking in the variety of activities with you.



### **Year 4 Treehouse Theatre**

The children in Year 4 were very lucky this week as they had their Saxon and Viking Treehouse Theatre Day. Ben from Treehouse Theatre was as engaging as ever and gave all the key historical figures life. All children had an important role in the play – some of them talking about Saxon plans to fend off the Vikings, some of them defeating their enemies and some of them, unfortunately, suffering a terrible fate!

There was so much to learn from the play, much of it enhancing the two History topics we have already studied this year. We were blown away with the creative yet respectful behaviour demonstrated in Year 4 and we left in awe of Ben's memory, knowledge and acting skills!



### **Year 5 Egyptian Day**

The Year 5 children put on a 'Play in a Day' with Treehouse Theatre. The children were absolutely fantastic and took on the roles of: Mummies, Tutankhamun, Julius Caesar, Queen Nefertiti, Perfume Dealers, Farmers, Traders, Scribes and many more. Take a look at the pictures to see them in action.



### **Mr Cushing visits Year 1**

Those of you with older children may remember when Mr Cushing was once the Headteacher at GBPS (almost a decade ago now!). Well he paid a visit very recently to our lovely Year Ones as part of their 'Toys' topic. Would you believe that Mr Cushing has lifesize superheroes in his back garden?! And even a giant Superman in his lounge (much to the dismay of Mrs Cushing!). Simon showed us how toys have changed through generations and reminded us all that even the simplest of toys can bring the greatest of pleasure. With not a TV screen/games console/i-pad in sight! The children had plenty of ooooooh and aaaaaaah moments, most notably when Mr Cushing set fire to one of his boats (thankfully this was planned and in a water enclosure—no fire extinguishers or alarms required!)

