

Galleywood Infant School

Monday 13th June 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been some amazing reading, writing and art work going on throughout the school this week as we launch the question for Summer 2: How high is the sky?

I hope you all enjoyed time outdoors in the sunshine over half term. Many children have been bringing sun hats or caps to school this week- thank you. Please ensure your child has a hat, ideally a wide brimmed to protect both their face and neck, a water bottle and has sun screen applied before school. Harmful ultraviolet rays can damage our skin on cloudy and overcast days too. Although we have some shady play spaces, children will all spend some time outside between 11am-3pm, when UV is strongest.



Thank you, GIPA!

We are thrilled with our fabulous new pirate ship! It was finished just before half term, but there was a frustrating supply delay with the safety surfacing.

Thank you to everyone involved in any part of this project- our children are very lucky, and their enjoyment is clear to see.



How did we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee?



Dressed in red, white and blue and wearing a brilliant array of crowns and hats the children looked amazing! Early in the week we had a friendships carousel morning, when older and younger classes were mixed and children had a go at 1950s dancing, at designing a new stamp and making a clay corgi!



For our tea party on Thursday 26th Mrs Bond baked a sponge cake for each class to decorate:



Thank you to everyone who helped to make this a memorable day for the children- we hope they will be able to tell their children and grandchildren about the Platinum Jubilee events, in school, locally and nationally.

Letters about school trips for Yr1 and Yr2

We hope you have received the letter this week about our forthcoming trips to Cudmore Grove Country Park with Year 1 and Year 2 children, Year 1 on 29th June and Yr2 on 5th July. If you have not received the letter via email, please contact the office. Thank you.



Gardeners please!

Would you, or somebody you know, be willing to lend a hand once a week with our school polytunnel and vegetable garden? All children love digging, planting, watering and then being able to pick flowers for the school, or dig vegetables for our school lunches. During the pandemic our gardening volunteers were not able to make their weekly visits to school and it has taken a lot of effort to get the beds dug over and ready for growing once again. If you would be able to help for a couple of hours on a Thursday morning, we would love to hear from you. You don't need to be an expert- Sue and Andy learned a lot from Peter Seabrook, and we still use his notes and methods to keep us on track! More helpers would mean that lots more children could enjoy learning to be gardeners.

Yr2 mini Olympics

As members of the Chelmsford Schools Sports Partnership, our Year 2 classes are invited each year to take part in a mini Olympics competition at Chelmsford Athletics Stadium. The children wrote recounts of their morning:

"When we arrived, people were singing and marching round the track. Everybody from our school was saying "England!" My favourite game was stacking up the cups and stacking them down again because I was really fast. The trickiest game was the push and pull horses."



"On the way there I was nervous and excited so I had a weird feeling. When we arrived, I could hear other schools chanting their countries and the stomping of feet and the loud music of the band."

Marching round the long red race track was exhausting and fun!

My favourite game was throwing the sharks. It was fun because I can throw so, so far and it landed on the sandpit. I won 9 points!

Everyone had a brilliant time- thank you to the staff who accompanied the trip and to the parents who supported us.

***Additional diary date: Thursday 7th July – all children will be making kites in school between 9-10am – more details to follow regarding parent helpers ***