



Issue 3, February 2023

End of Term Round-up



This term has certainly flown by and it won't be long before we're enjoying much warmer weather (hopefully!)

We have had lots going on in school this half term and we'd like to thank you for your continuing to support so we can keep on giving our pupils the very best educational experiences. We've had judo, fencing, swimming, visitors in and visits out. We had coaches offering a range of sports each lunchtime for pupils in Years 3-6. Lots of new play equipment has been bought for Years 1&2 and EYFS have been enjoying their new outdoor shelter and kitchen.

The FRoGS have started their regular cake sales, with each year group having their turn to bring in cakes to sell. The year group that raises the most money will win a prize! The next one is Thursday 23rd February and it will be Year 1's turn to bring in the cakes. Look out for posters appearing around the school soon!



Inset Day

Don't forget that tomorrow we have an inset day across all the Maiden Erlegh Trust schools, so the children are not in school until we return after half term on Monday 20th February.

House Points

The house point competition is going very well, and it's particularly difficult to predict the winner this term. House points are being collected very evenly across the school. The results so far are:

Amber House is in first place with 1127 points, followed by **Ruby** with 1104 points. Third place is taken by **Sapphire** with 1096 points with **Emerald** just behind them with 1088 points.

At the end of the Spring term in March, the winning house will have a bonus non-uniform day as a reward. Who will be the winner this time?



Swimming Continues...

The children in Years 5&6 have enjoyed four days of swimming lessons and when we return it will be Year 3&4's turn to learn this important life skill. There are so many benefits from having the pool on site, not least of all being that there is no time wasted travelling to and from the pool. This means that we can maximise pool time, with minimal impact on learning time.

If your child is in Year 3 or 4, please make sure they have their swimming kit with them on the first day when we return after the half term break so they are ready for the first lesson. The letter containing all the information you need to know about swimming can be found on our website here: [Swimming Letter 2023](#).

CALENDAR

10 th February	Trust-Wide Inset Day
13 th -17 th February	HALF TERM
20 th February	Children return to school
23 rd February	FRoGS Cake Sale after school – Year 1 children to bring in cakes to sell
20 th Feb – 3 rd March	Year 3&4 Swimming Lessons every day
16 th March	Nursery Family Learning Maths 'Washing Lines' – 9.00-10.30 in Silver Hall
23 rd March	Year 1 English Family Learning - 9.00-10.30 in Silver Hall
30 th March	Year 2 English Family Learning – 9.00-10.30 in Silver Hall
31 st March	End of Spring Term – school finishes at 2.15pm
17 th April	Start of Summer Term
26 th April	Class Photographs and Year 6 Individuals
1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday
8 th May	Bank Holiday for Coronation of King Charles III
9 th -12 th May	KS2 SATs Week
29 th May – 2 nd June	HALF TERM
30 th June	Inset Day
19 th July	End of Summer Term – school finishes at 2.15pm



Welcome to...

We've had a couple of new faces join the GHPS team and we'd like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Catlin who will be working in the Early Years team and Miss Walker who will be working with a variety of children across the school.

School Lunches

Please remember that all school lunches should be ordered by parents and carers at home before midnight the day before. This is to allow the system time to update so that when staff come in to prepare the food, there is no confusion. If you forget to order your child's lunch online, please provide them with a packed lunch instead.



After School and Morning Club

The booking form for [after school and morning club](#) for next term is now available on our website or via this link – [Booking Form, Spring Term 2](#). Please can we ask that all sessions are booked at least 48 hours in advance as our clubs do get very busy and we may not be able to fit in any last-minute bookings. If you have any questions about morning or after school club or would like to amend or cancel your child's booking, please email Mrs Wise at ghpsasc@maidenerleghtrust.org. Please can you also make sure any outstanding charges for after school and morning club are paid fully, in advance where possible.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing half term break.

Richard Ferris
Headteacher

Reading FC Fixtures – Discounted Tickets for GHPS Families

We are once again happy to be working with Reading Football Club as part of their schools and grassroots program to offer discounted tickets at some of their fixtures for 2022-23.

The next of these will be **Reading FC vs Blackpool** on **Saturday 25th February at 3.00pm** at the Select Car Leasing Stadium. Ticket prices are as follows:

12 and under: £1

17 and under: £3

18 to 24: £5

65 and over: £5

Adult: £10

This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand and blocks G9, G10, GU11 and GU12 in the West Stand.

To redeem, please visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the unique coupon code **#GreatHollandsPrimary** in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets. Please note that availability is limited, so please act swiftly to avoid disappointment. Any questions should be directed to sales@readingfc.co.uk or by telephone to 0118 968 1313.

A Trip to the Museum for Key Stage 1



BROOKLANDS
MUSEUM



We look forward to welcoming you all back into school on Monday 20th February!



Crowthorne FC Under 9's Players wanted

Crowthorne are looking for players to join and expand our club!

We are currently looking for children in Year 3 for the 23/24 Season.

We are currently holding **FREE TRAINING SESSIONS** for those who would interested, regardless of ability and experience

Sessions start Sunday 12th February 2023 so please contact as soon as possible to ensure your child gets a space!

Please contact Joe for more information on -

Email - joecfcjrs@gmail.com

Phone - 07731 991088



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GIRLS FOOTBALL TASTER DAY

SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

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