



Dear Parents and Carers
Hello again everyone.
Hope you have all had a good week.

Playground

The Continuous Provision in the playground is going well with the crates and water being particularly popular. It is lovely to see the collaboration between groups of children as they work together solving problems and using their imaginations. I am pleased to report that the numbers of issues at playtimes has been markedly reduced. To further expand on this provision we are on the lookout for the following items. If /when it comes to spring cleaning please keep us in mind. Also please ask relatives, neighbours etc:

- **Sand Pit:** (we haven't been able to use the sand yet as we have no resources in here!): Spades, buckets, animals, diggers, rakes.
- **Mud kitchen:** any old pans, saucepans and plastic bowls, metal / wooden spoons, sieves, mashers.
- **Stage area / performance space:** Any unwanted hats, coats, cloaks (things that are easy to take on and off.)
- **Water area:** Whisks, sieves.

Clubs

From the week beginning 3rd February (that's next week!), we will be utilising our continuous provision on the playground to run clubs during most lunchbreaks. Clubs foster a sense of belonging and this is important to a child's development – although the family feel of this school goes a very long way to achieving that.

A timetable is shown below of the opportunities that will be available:

Tuesday – Skipping Club
Wednesday – Scooter Club
Thursday – Sports Club (run by Prestige Sports)

These clubs will be 'drop in, drop out' so there is no need to book a place – children just turn up where the activity is based.

Remember – this is from next week!

Safeguarding

Please find a link below for a video made a few years ago by Cambridgeshire Cambridge Council. The video is called 'Why I Am Rude?'

It is an incredible piece of film and the message is very clear.

We teach British Values in our school – like all other schools. Our difference is that we have disposed of the word 'tolerance'. This is a negative word. We don't use it. All of our British Values displays around school talk about 'acceptance' – a much more positive word.

There is an increasing number of children in the world with mental health issues and many different neuro diversities and they react to situations in increasingly different ways. We need to understand the behaviours shown – accept them – and offer what support we can. We need to be there for all of our young people – not just the ones that fit our personal ideals.

Please enjoy the video.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waeRP6jzW_U

Katie's Cooking Workshop

This was a great success. Those that came were treated to a feast – we ate it as well! – of cardamom panna cotta, ginger crumb, and rhubarb 3 ways (crisps, puree and poached) We all learnt a lot as well as hearing about Katie's exploits as a chef – both in restaurants and on TV! Thank you Katie. See photos from the event below.



Dates for Parents

3-2-25 Parent Evenings 4.30pm – 6.30pm

4-2-25 Parent Evenings 3.30pm – 5pm

6-2-25 Teresa - NO OUTSIDERS: We All Belong Here Lesson 9am

7-2-25 Einstein – Reading Café 9am (Teresa and Malala parents welcome, in classes, as usual)

11-2-25 Malala and Einstein Parent's Lunch

You can see from above and opportunities already offered this term, that we are trying to get the community into school as often as we can. The Reading Cafes will be replacing our sharing assemblies for the near future.

Lots of you have already had the opportunity to see a No Outsiders lesson, and as explained before, there will one of these every half term.

Please, please take advantage of these opportunities if you can – your children will absolutely love the opportunity to work alongside you in their work environments. Thank you.

Parent Events this Week

We have welcomed parents into school on Thursday this week. Malala hosted a No Outsiders lesson. Thank you to all who found the time to attend. Please see photos of the event below.



Parent Governor Election

Sadly, due to work commitments, Katie Woodcock has had to stand down as Parent Governor. Please consider standing as a parent governor and complete the paperwork attached. We look forward to hearing from interested parents. Please speak to Georgie Shepherd, Rachel McDonnell or Katie Woodcock for their thoughts on the role. Alternatively, you may email me, Anthea Kenna, chair@bg.act-academytrust.org

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Governors would like to thank Katie for all she has given to the school and Governing Board as both clerk and parent governor.

Nominations by Friday 7th February.

School lunch price increase from Monday 3rd February

We have tried to hold off as long as possible to increase the price of school meals, but due to the increase in groceries we have had to. School meals, from Monday 3rd February, will increase to £2.75 a day, £13.75 a week.

Our menus are freshly prepared in our kitchen and we do not want to reduce the quality of the food.

Speaking and Listening

Here are three more of my ‘conversation starters’. Research tells us that it is so important that we engage in meaningful conversations with our children. It helps them to grow as both speakers and listeners.

- Is everyone capable of doing bad things?
- If you keep flowers in a skip, is the skip a vase?
- If you only ever choose the ‘easy option’ are you making life hard for yourself?

These are just fun ideas for a discussion to have with your family or friends. The intention is to provide an opportunity for fun discussions as a family. Hope they are useful! I know some of you have used these and have had great fun with them. Enjoy!

That’s all from me.

Have great week

David Sandford

Please make sure you check our [school calendar](#) to stay up-to-date with information about future

To see what’s been happening at BGPA, please visit our [website](#)

Next Week’s Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Pizza – Margarita (G)(MK)	Homemade Chicken Nuggets (G)(MK)(E)	Homemade meatballs with pasta and tomato sauce (G)	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding (G)(E)(MK)	Chicken Pasta Bake (G)(MK)
Meat Free	Vegetable Risotto	Halloumi Nuggets (MK)(G)(E)	Omelette and Chips (G)(E)	Pasta in tomato sauce (G)	Chow Mein (G)(SO)(CR)
Side dish	Beans, Sweetcorn	Homemade Potato Wedges, carrots, Peas	Sweetcorn, Carrots	Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli	Peas, Sweetcorn
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, beans, beans & cheese (MK), cheese (MK), tuna mayo (F)(E)	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, beans, beans & cheese (MK), cheese (MK), tuna mayo (F)(E)	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, beans, beans & cheese (MK), cheese (MK), tuna mayo (F)(E)	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, beans, beans & cheese (MK), cheese (MK), tuna mayo (F)(E)	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, beans, beans & cheese (MK), cheese (MK), tuna mayo (F)(E)
Other Option	Cheese Baguette (G)(MK)	Fish Fingers Wholemeal Roll (G)(F)	Egg mayo Bread Roll (G)(E)	Tuna Bread Roll (G)(MK)	Pastry Sausage Roll (G)(MK)(E)
Dessert	Swiss Roll (G)(E) Fruit, yogurt (MK)	Fruit Muffin (G)(E),(MK) Fruit, yogurt (MK)	Chocolate chip cookies (G)(SO)(E)(MK) Fruit or Yogurt (MK)	Ice Cream (MK) Fruit, yogurt (MK)	Banoffee Pie (G)(MK)(SO) Fruit, yogurt (MK)
All Jacket Potatoes and Bread Rolls have a side salad. A slice of baguette is available to accompany the main meal.					

1. Allergen Key: Celery (C), Cereals (G), Crustaceans (CR), Egg (E), Fish (F), Lupin (L), Milk (MK), Molluscs (MS), Mustard (MU), Nuts (N), Peanuts (P), Sesame Seeds (SE), Soya (SO), Sulphur Dioxide/Sulphites (SD)

Larks and Owls

Please see below the schedule for this half-terms Larks and Owls.

Please book via the Arbor App/Portal

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
03/02/25 Cooking: Bread rolls with rosemary and honey	4/02/25 Craft, music and board game night	5/02/25 Movie	6/02/25 Prestige Sports Football	7/02/25 Forest Experience
10/2/24 Cooking: Smoothies	11/02/25 Craft, music	12/02/25 Free Play	13/02/25 Prestige Sports Laser tag	14/02/25 Forest Experience

Don't forget to use the "Easy Fundraising" and "My School Fund" when you are doing your shopping!

Easyfundraising.org –There are lots of retailers and service providers on the list, businesses you normally shop with anyway. Even if you log into your favourite retailer through the app half way through, it saves your basket, so you don't have to do anything different. Try it, it really does make a difference <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

My School Fund - In association with Argos and Sainsbury's, we have a new way to fundraise for the school when you are shopping. Every time you make a purchase, both you and BG benefit with cashback. A flyer is attached to this email. Click on the link to register as an individual and link your account to the school. <https://www.myschoolfund.org/#/>

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