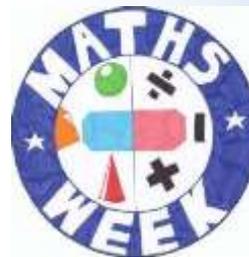


# Garden Fields School Newsletter



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Happy, Caring, and Inspiring!



**It doesn't seem long since we were enjoying those wonderful performances from our children at Christmas and then seeing in the New Year, but here we are, already almost two weeks into the school 'Spring Term.'**

**This is always the shorter term of the three in the school year, but very busy with so many things packed into a short time scale.**

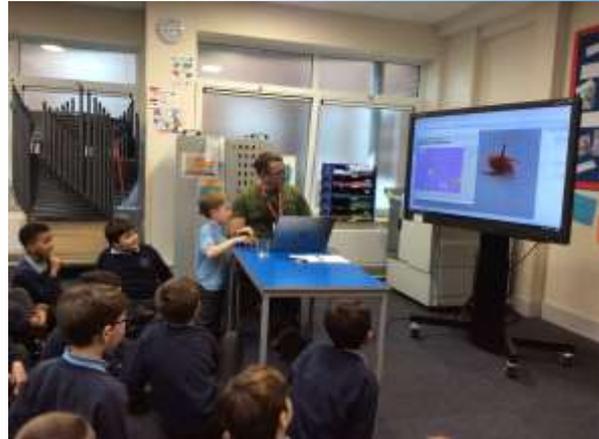
**This week we had one of our special 'wow' weeks and this week the theme was Maths.**

**We hope that our children have seen what a fun, creative and useful subject mathematics can be over the week, rather than the somewhat formal and 'dry' reputation the subject sometimes has.**

**The week has been very much about putting mathematics into concrete practical tasks which relate to the use of maths in the world and using maths to solve real life problems and to crack codes.**

**We began the week with code breaking sessions with a company called Subject Revolution who ran a series of engaging, interactive scenarios in which classes were divided into teams to attempt a series of challenges in order to crack a code and beat the dreaded Robotrons! (see above right).**

**Many thanks to our wonderful PTA and your great parental support for their events, without which, we would not be able to afford to run these exciting workshops for our children.**



Other activities during our maths week included parent workshops which demonstrated the importance of maths in the 'real world' and in a variety of jobs. Our enormous thanks for inspiring our children go to Mrs Hopper, Mr Gunbey, Mr Fantini, Mr Kennedy, Mrs Weaire, Mrs McKillop, Mr Rogers and Mr James whose sessions included looking at maths in: football statistics; aircraft; architectural design including sports stadiums, the NHS and the world of finance.

Many thanks also to Mr Knibbs for arranging a huge donation of Smarties from Tesco's for our Smarties' maths challenges this week and also to Benjamin Viz from Metro Bank for his finance workshops with Year 5.

Our teachers came up with a range of amazing activities including Mr Berman's Crystal Maze style maths carousel for Y6 and Mrs Cameron's Y2 class making massive glasses for a giant!





## **Maths Information Evening for Parents**

**Thank you for attending our maths information evening this week.**

**It was very encouraging to hear how involved you are with your children's learning and we hope that we have provided you with some further strategies and information about how you can support your children.**

**Many thanks to Miss Cole for her highly informative presentation and to our teachers who stayed to help provide information to parents on how to support their children including: Mr Berman, Mrs Huntley, Mr Ryan, Mrs Gleeson, Mr Crouch, Miss Lincoln and Miss Gurney.**

**We know that not everybody could attend but Mrs Dicks has kindly added all the slides and handouts at:**

**<http://www.gardenfields.herts.sch.uk/event/maths-information-evening->**

## **Term Dates 2018/19**

**We have also just updated our website with the term dates for 2018/19**

**They can be found at:**

**<http://www.gardenfields.herts.sch.uk/term-dates/>**



## Parking Issues

We are still having problems with parents parking on double yellow lines and the Keep Clear zone outside the school. This means that our children have to walk into the road in order to see whether the road is clear, rather than do so from the safety of the pavement.

A number of cars were ticketed towards the end of last term for parking violations and I will be notifying the police again.

Please also note that there are spaces reserved for Children's Services employees who work in the building known as *The Bungalow*. Please do not park in them.

**Please park responsibly and consider the SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN!**



## Coming soon...

### Coming up in January

- An opportunity for EYFS Parents to see your children's learning journals...
- Y3 Trip to Verulamium
- PTA Film Night
- Growing Up Online - E-Safety Talk for children and parents in KS2
- Year 5/6 indoor athletics qualifiers

For further information about all of our events go to...

<http://www.gardenfields.herts.sch.uk/events-list/>