

# Garden Fields School Newsletter

## Happy, Caring, and Inspiring



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### Shine 2019

Our annual talent show took a new twist this year as competitors not only competed for themselves but also their house groups too!

Not only this, but between acts we were met with the house group chants which the house captains had taught to their respective houses.

**Our Year 6s introduced the acts and took part in little 'skits' before the acts took to the stage.**

It was a tough call in the end for the four judges - myself, Miss Palmer, Mrs Kemp-Robertson and Mr Fryer. We had two runners up for Key Stage 2—the superb comedy acting of Millie, Zoe, Grace and Elsa who brilliantly re-enacted the Monty Python '4 northerners' sketch and the superb jazz piano of Emma from Year 5. The overall winner for KS2 however was Ernie with his excellent rendition of Somewhere Over the Rainbow.

**In Key Stage 1 Majeed's groovy take on George Ezra finished second and first place went to Alex and Henry for a lovely piece of music hall with their version of Wouldn't it be Lovely.**

There were lots of other delightful performances however - and such bravery from children as young as Year 1—who put on a great afternoon's entertainment. Well done to all of the children who took part.

Many thanks to Mrs Girdwood and Miss Wray for their hard work to put the whole show together.



# Maths Talks

Mrs Huntley gave some interesting talks on maths recently. Many thanks to Mrs Huntley and to those who came and listened.

The full presentation is available at:

**<http://tinyurl.com/y3esqhk5>**

# MAT Update

We have continued the due diligence process with the Alban Academies Trust this term. There have been meetings with the trustees focusing on what sort of relationship there would be to ensure that we at Garden Fields retain autonomy over key matters such as our values, ethos, curriculum and staffing. The trust have been clear that they very much want all schools in the trust to maintain their own traditions and identity. We are now looking more closely at the financial implications of joining the Trust as we want to ensure that there is no financial disadvantage to joining.

I will update you further on our progress with this early next term when we hope to be in a position to make our final decision

# PTA

Thank you to our PTA for giving our Junior Leadership Team (JLT) the money to buy a whole load of new wet playtime toys and games.

This was something that was chosen by the JLT themselves and was much needed!



# Headteacher's Tea



Ten children joined me on Thursday afternoon this week for a special tea. Four of the children had been to see me in the Autumn term to show me good work and then had their names pulled out in a special prize draw.

The other children had been nominated for a variety of reasons such as excellent behaviour and effort in class or overcoming something difficult.

The next tea will be at the end of the summer term.

## **We also introduced our 'Golden Table' lunchtime initiative this term.**

This is where children get to win tickets over the week for great lunchtime behaviour. These are then taken back to class and used in two ways.

Firstly, for each ticket the children receive a marble in a class jar which, when full, translates into a class treat. Secondly, the tickets go into a prize draw with the winners going on to sit on the table, with a friend that they choose, and with one of the teachers. They have first sitting and sit at a rather luxurious golden table with special, golden cutlery!



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## Foam Party

Our traditional Red Nose Day Fun Run was replaced this year by a foam run. It looked like it had been snowing as a vast quantity of bubbles rose amongst the children as they raced around the field.

Many thanks to Mrs Johnson for one of the highlights of this term.



## GFS Music

We have had another feast of musical activity with Miss Wray this term.

Earlier in the term our Y4s participated in the Young Voices Concert at the O2 and then this half term our choir performed at the Alban Arena concert.

And finally this term our Y3 children performed for their parents with Miss Wray and their recorder teacher Miss Hayden.





# Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May on the Middle Playground at 3.15pm

Mrs Kemp-Robertson and a team of ex Garden Fields' Mums are walking the Moon Walk, 26.2 miles through the night to raise money for:



The team are walking in memory of our much missed colleagues and friends,  
Jo Mlodecki and Kate Wilkinson  
who both supported the school tirelessly in their roles as Mums, Parent Governor  
and Teaching Assistants.

If you would like to donate cakes then please bring them to Reception at morning drop-off.

Thank you in advance for your generosity, it means a lot!

# Parking Support

Please can you ensure that your parking does not cause a potential threat to the lives of our children. I am getting lots of reports about people parking on the double yellow lines next to our school, across the drop curbs which our families need for their buggies and also on the pavement next to the service road.

To report a vehicle parked in contravention please call

01727 845 283

or email [vehiclesincontravention@nsl.co.uk](mailto:vehiclesincontravention@nsl.co.uk)

Also, please could you ensure that you turn off any idling engines and help our environment!

If you live locally please try and walk—it is much healthier too!

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

# GOSH Fundraising

Many Garden Fields staff and parents have had enormous support from Great Ormond Street. (GOSH) including our teaching assistant and amazing long distance runner Mrs Smith!

She will be taking part in the Brighton Marathon on 14th April to raise money for GOSH

If you would like to sponsor her then go to

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/brightonformillie>



# County Maths Competition

I wrote earlier in the term to say that one of our maths teams had qualified from our district heat to take part in the finals of the county maths challenge at the Herfordshire Development Centre in Stevenage.

Our team finished 8th out of 20 finalists—a fine effort when you consider that there were 150 teams in the initial heats that took place right across Hertfordshire and included a few Luton schools too.

Well done to Henry, Oliver, Evan and Otis for representing the school so well and facing some very challenging mathematics which had many of us adults, who were spectating, scratching our heads!

Thank you to Mei Li and Claire Thrift for taking the children too!



## Happy Easter!

Have a fantastic Easter Holiday with your children!

I hope that you get to enjoy some quality family time together.

We will see you again on:

Wednesday 24th April at 8.50 a.m.