



... NEWS... TOGETHER WE CARE, TOGETHER WE SUCCEED.... NEWS...

We have lots of February news in school:

Firstly to celebrate that both our Maths teams – for Years 3/4 and Years 5/6 - did really well in the West Midlands inter-school Maths Competition and will be representing Gig Mill in the finals.

Next, a big thank you to parents who supported Year 4 in their Science Focus day creating bird feeders, seed balls and a line of eco flags that you can see hanging around the school.

We celebrated achieving the school Music Mark with a musical assembly with choir singing “Be the Change”, Freddie singing a solo, 4F performing two recorder tunes and lots of super singing by all the children. Mr Jones from Dudley Performing Arts presented our certificate and was very impressed by our musical talent.

It was lovely to see so many parents from Reception and Year 1 attending our workshop and joining children with phonics and reading sessions last week.

We have had lots of positive feedback from both children and adults on last week’s Happy Homework sent out as part of our continued Wellbeing focus. Children have now been chosen by classmates to be “Wellbeing warriors” to support and care for each other in the classroom.

As a school we are now working towards the **Wellbeing Award for Schools** – we would welcome contributions from parents as part of an anonymous survey (this is a quick online questionnaire).

Please note if there is any specific concern relating to your child please see a member of school staff to discuss this if you haven’t already done so. Details of parent questionnaire & link overleaf.

Mrs Hannaway

As part of our Wellbeing focus this term of “Give”...

Our January foodbank collection provided **641** meals for families in need. That’s amazing – Thank you so much!

So far we have raised £290 towards our £1000 fundraising target with Peter’s books for additional KS1 library books and KS2 Fiction and Non-Fiction books. Thank you!

<https://supportyourschool.org.uk/gig-mill-primary-school/new-year-new-books>

Parent partnership - Parents Evenings and Reading Workshops still to come ...

Lovely to see so many parents after school on Monday.

Parents consultations Wednesday 12th February from 5pm onwards

This term we are offering parent workshops to help support reading across school. In Year 2, this will link to phonics and you will be given opportunity to work alongside the children on phonics based activities. KS2 will focus on developing comprehension skills.

Year 2 - Thursday 19th March at 2.15pm

KS2 (Years 3,4,5,6) - Tuesday 17th March at 2.45pm

Change of Menu to celebrate World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

Mains - Cat in the Hat Chicken Wrap, Gangsta Granny Fish Goujons, Matilda Meatballs in tomato sauce, Mad Hatter Veggi balls in tomato sauce

Served with – Wizzpopping veggies, Charlottes Spaghetti web, Secret Garden mixed vegetables, Borrowers Beans.

Dessert – Charlies Chocolate Factory surprise, Hansel & Gretel Ginger Biscuit, Muggle Wump custard

We break-up for half-term on Friday 14th February and return to school on Monday 24th February.

E-safety- for advice and information for parents:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<http://parentinfo.org/page/for-schools>

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5 Ways to Wellbeing

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Wellbeing Award for Schools (WAS)

As a school we are delighted to announce that our school is now working towards achieving the Wellbeing Award for Schools.

In order to make sure that we continue to develop how well we support the emotional wellbeing of our pupils, we would like parents/carers to complete the parent survey.

We would like as many parents/carers to complete the survey as possible. Please see the link below and there will also be a text sent to you containing this link.

<https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/5e3a867e6157c>

The survey needs to be completed by Wednesday 26th February.

The information from the survey will help our school to improve its work in providing better provision for emotional wellbeing and mental health. All information collected is anonymous and will be kept confidential.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A. Suchomski
Assistant Head and Inclusion Leader