



TOGETHER WE CARE, TOGETHER WE SUCCEED.... March 2024

The past month has been filled with events and excitement in school with lots of curriculum highlights and special moments. Nursery have been on a Spring walk around the school grounds, Reception have been learning about being healthy with food tasting and a special dance workshop. Year 1 had a special parent workshop for DT making chairs for baby-bear as part of their DT curriculum. Chicks have been hatching in Year 2, Year 3 have been making sandwiches, Year 4 have been making nightlights as part of their DT project and as part of Geography fieldwork Year 5 have visited Mary Stevens' Park. Year 6 have been displaying great teamwork and challenging themselves on the bell-boating trip. I am incredibly proud of everything all the staff do, to make our school such an exciting place to be.

As I start my final two days at Gig Mill reflecting on the past ten years - the school building and the classrooms look very different, as the school has grown in size, there are more staff and more children who make up our Gig Mill family but at the heart of all is our school ethos and the children. It's been a privilege to be the Headteacher of Gig Mill Primary School, and I want to thank you as parents for entrusting us with your children, they are amazing, I am very proud of each of them, and what they achieve at Gig Mill. It's wonderful to see them grow and flourish with us into wonderful young people when they leave in Year 6.

It's officially the start of Spring, a time of hope and new beginnings, so a perfect time for me to retire after 34 years working in Dudley schools, and 40 years in teaching. I'm sure the children may have talked about our gardening last week – all of the children have joined me to plant over 450 bulbs and over 100 plants which will provide lots of surprises for everyone for the summer term. I hope it will give lots of smiles to my Gig Mill family in the years to come, as your children, their families and the staff have given to me over my time at Gig Mill. I am excited for the future here with a great team to move forwards – Congratulations to Mrs Griffiths who will be Head of School, to Mrs Powell who will be Assistant Head of School, Mrs Daniels will be joining Mrs Suchomski as Assistant Headteacher. It's an amazing team who will continue Gig Mill's journey.

Thank-you all! I wish you all a fabulous Easter holiday.

Mrs Hannaway



Year 1 special visitor

On Monday we had an exciting visitor who brought lots of different animals to meet our Year 1 children. There were snakes, geckos, cockroaches and even a honey bear. All of the children really enjoyed their experience and had the chance to hold lots of the different animals:



"I was really scared to hold the snake but when it was on me, I was fine."

"The honey bear was so cute and she was just asleep in my arms."

"I loved it when they put the gecko on my head, I didn't want it to jump off."

Thank you to our HSA for organising the pantomime!

At the end of February we had a visit from a pantomime company who performed Cinderella for the children across 2 performances. All the children from Nursery to Year 6 had the opportunity to experience a live-musical theatre performance and some children also had the chance to get involved and be on the stage as part of the show. Everyone loved all the audience participation that comes with a pantomime and it was a very special experience with a lot of laughter. A huge thank you to our HSA for funding the event and we are already looking forward to another one next year!

Important dates:

Monday 8th April- start of the summer term (No INSET day)

Y6- KS2 SATS week: Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May

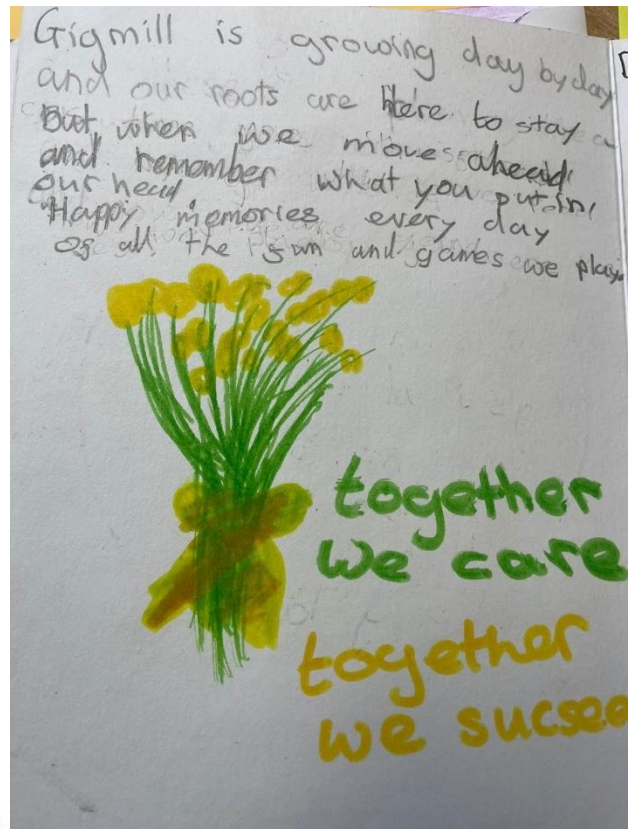
Half term- Monday 27th- Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June- INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Friday 19th July- last day of the summer term



Judging our Egg Decorating Competition with Saz, a local artist from the Redhouse Cone



'Gig Mill is growing day by day and our roots are here to stay – but when we move ahead and remember what you put in our head, happy memories every day of all the fun & games we play'



Just two of the nine chicks that hatched in Year two...and a visit from the Animal man in Year one

