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Newsletter 7 - March 2022

GO GOMER! Well done to **SPENCER PENBERTHY** who has been fundraising for the Paediatric Units at Kings College Hospital in London. He has surpassed his target of £500 and raised £1000. What an awesome achievement!

We love to hear about your children's success outside school. Please inform us so that we can record them here.

DATES FOR MARCH: The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally they are subject to change		
Ongoing	Arrival to playground from 8:40 am	
	Start of school day: 8.50 am	End of school day: 3:10 pm
Mondays	Y5 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y6 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school	
Tuesdays	Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y6 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Club - weekly (all year groups): 3.15-4.00pm 	
Wednesdays	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y5 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upper School Netball Club: 3.15-4.00pm 	
Fridays	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower School Multi-skills Club: 3.15-4.00pm Upper School Football Club: 3.15-4.00pm 	
Wednesday 02	Y3 Parent/Carer Online Learning Reviews	
Thursday 03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Book Day - Dress veg or yourself as a book character! Y4 Parent/Carer Learning Reviews 	
Monday 07	Year 3 Egyptian Drama Workshop (no costumes required)	
Friday 18	Red Nose Day - dress in red or accessorise uniform with red - £1 donation To purchase an official Comic Relief Red Nose - these will be on sale separately for £1.50 - these will be on sale for £1.50 everyday day, until we have sold out, after half-term.	
Tuesday 22	FROGJS Mothering Sunday Gift Sale - £3 per gift	
Monday 28	In support of National Epilepsy Day and to raise awareness, wear purple accessories, with uniform - no donations required.	
Wednesday 06 April	Outdoor Learning/Groundforce Day - Details to follow	
Friday 08 April	INSET Day - school closed to children (last day in school before Easter break is Thursday 7th)	
Monday 25 April	Summer Term Starts - Children return to school	

ARITHMETIC We encourage you to read this [interesting article](#) that supports the need for our children to become strong arithmetic mathematicians through their school journey.

ARRIVAL and DEPARTURE will now be the same for the whole school, as it was before the pandemic. As the country moves out of Covid restrictions, we have reviewed our own risk assessments. **The changes below will commence from after half term - 28 February** and we thank you for your support with this.

Start of the school day 8:50am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pedestrian gate on Bury Hall Lane will continue to open at 8.40am • ALL children will be able to enter the school site between 8.40am - 8.50am • The class teacher or Learning Mentor will meet each class on the playground and walk them into school for 8.50am - please ensure you are punctual
End of the school day 3:10pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pedestrian gate on Bury Hall Lane will open at 3.05pm and you can make your way straight to outside your child's classroom, if collecting in person • The whole school will finish the school day at 3.10pm • Children are to be collected from outside their classroom or walk home as per your current schedule • Teachers will be available to speak to by the classrooms
We are not having a formal one way system but ask that you navigate the site with care when dropping off and picking up.	
GClub continues to operate very successfully for any families who need wrap-around care.	

CAR PARKING, during the day is for members of staff, authorised parents and expected visitors. However, it is very sensible for those dropping and collecting to and from GClub to use this school facility. Please avoid using the reserved bays by the minibus and please **DO NOT SPEED** in or out of the car park. We have spoken to some individuals and need this to be addressed in order that everyone is safe. If parents/carers are unable to drive in and out of the car park slowly and safely we will have to have the gate closed at all times. Please also do not park illegally on Pyrford Close or in front of our neighbours' drives. Inconsiderate parking rightly upsets our neighbours and we are keen to avoid this. Walking and scooting to school is recommended wherever possible.

EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY Epilepsy is not just one condition, but a group of many different 'epilepsies' with one thing in common: a tendency to have seizures that start in the brain. Epilepsy is usually only diagnosed after a person has had more than one seizure however, not all seizures are due to epilepsy. Epilepsy can happen in people of all ages and is most commonly diagnosed in children and in people over 65. We are keen to raise awareness of the condition and will be informing the children about it on Monday 28 March in our class assemblies. Children are welcome to wear a purple accessory e.g. headband, scarf, wrist band, socks etc with their uniform if they would like to mark national Epilepsy Awareness Day, which is on Saturday 26 March.

MOTHERING SUNDAY is Sunday 27 March. FROGJS have organised a gift sale, on the morning of Tuesday 22 March, for the children to purchase a pocket money gift for the 'special ladies in their life'. Each gift will cost £3 and we may be able to sell more than one gift per child. Due to some very clever shopping by the FROGJS, the gifts retail well above the £3 charge. We are confident there is something in the sale for everyone's tastes. With thanks to the FROGJS who go to great efforts to source the lovely gifts.

RED NOSE DAY will be supported by Gomer Junior on Friday 18 March. Children are invited to wear as much red as possible - red hair and faces are welcome too – just be back to 'Gomer blue' for the following week please. Children are welcome to accessorise their uniform with red if they are not keen on being in full red non-school uniform. The purpose of Red Nose Day is to raise funds for Comic Relief and we would be delighted to send off a donation. You can do this by sending your child into school with a suggested donation of £1 on the actual day. If your child would also like to purchase a Comic Relief Red Nose - these will be on sale for £1.50 everyday - until we have sold out - after half-term. Please do not buy noses from school for family members out of the school, as we will not have enough.

SECONDARY SCHOOL places for Y7 September 2022 will be announced on 01 March. The GFM transition will be comprehensive and we have already been working with our secondary colleagues on transition matters.

STAFF MATTER We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Wilden is pregnant and expecting a baby in June. Mrs Wilden told her class yesterday who are very excited. We are delighted that Mrs Guyett-Smith will join the class for the last few weeks of the term.

SUMMER UNIFORM is welcome in the Summer Term. Local supermarkets already have dark blue items in stock but you may like to double check our uniform list before you purchase. In the Summer Term DARK BLUE gingham dresses or playsuits are allowed. PLEASE avoid the pale blue items as these are not on our uniform list. The Summer school uniform list also stipulates that formal grey or black shorts, skirts, skorts or culottes can be worn, with short sleeved white shirt, blouse or polo. Please avoid gingham blouses.

WORLD BOOK DAY 'Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success, more than family circumstances, parents' educational backgrounds or income.' - Organisation for Economic Co-Operation & Development. Just 10 minutes daily shared reading benefits every child's future. On World Book Day we are keen to encourage the children even more to be readers, book owners and book borrowers – because no child should be without a book or miss out on shared reading. We have lots of exciting activities planned including a Big Booky Breakfast (more details on our return). Every child is invited to bring to school a vegetable dressed as a book character with the associated book in hand. If children would like to dress themselves **and** a vegetable, they are welcome to do so - neither dress-up option is compulsory. Team Gomer have been planning their outfits for weeks! Year groups have adapted their timetable and will use the day to immerse children into the exciting world of books. Book tokens will be made available to your child on the day. More information to follow...