



GREAT HEATH ACADEMY AND NURSERY



SUMMARY OF THE YEAR 2016

Key Events by Month



January

The new year got underway as we welcomed Miss Brett to Strawberry class and the staff spent the INSET day developing their skills with other local teachers to ensure they teach maths as well as they possibly can. As the long and dark days dragged on in what is probably everyone's least favourite month, we had some light relief when we hosted a travelling pantomime group which the children all really loved.



February

The second month of the year saw some of our pupils take part in a cluster swimming gala and we all learned about how to keep safe on-line as part of Safer Internet Day. Our year 3 children did a super play in the hall and the FOGHS planned and delivered another disco which as usual was a big hit with the children.



March

As the weather warmed and the days grew longer we were busy in school celebrating World Book Day as part of our wider celebration of reading and the visit of the travelling book fair. Our year 6 pupils travelled to the dog racing track in West Row to learn about the emergency services and how to keep safe as they prepare to move to the high school as part of the annual cluster 'Crucial Crew' event and our year 4's did their super play in line with our annual plan of seeing all year groups do a performance at some point in the year. We hosted and took part in (but sadly did not win!) a local knockout football tournament and contributed to the fantastic Sport Relief appeal.



April

With much of this month being the Easter holiday it was fairly quiet here in school but we still managed to fit in a trip to the Fitzwilliam museum for our year 4 pupils and another disco organised by the FOGHS group!



May

As we turned the corner into summer our reception children enjoyed a fantastic day out to Banham Zoo and our year 6 and 2 pupils did their SAT tests which I am sure was not nearly as much fun! We organised and sold for the first time class photographs and took our year 3's to Duxford air museum and our year 1's to Lackford Lakes.



June

In a very busy month we sent some Y6 pupils to a local athletics competition and continued the sporting theme with entering our year 3 pupils into the Mildenhall Primary Games and taking part in the boys and girls county cricket competitions. Our year 1 pupils all worked hard to try and pass the annual phonics reading test and the year 6 pupils met their new headteacher when Ms Byles came to talk to them about Mildenhall College Academy. Finally, our Y2 to Y6 pupils took part in a 'Big First Aid' event and our Y2 pupils enjoyed a super day out by the seaside when they went to Hunstanton.



July

In the final month of the school year we kept with tradition and crammed as much as possible in! We watched our children show off their talents in our version of the famous TV show, took our year 5 pupils to the excellent Harry Potter World (which I think they enjoyed nearly as much as their teacher!) and organised and ran our various sports day events. I had the enormous privilege of escorting our long time dinner lady and cleaner in charge Pat Brown to the Houses of Parliament where she was recognised for her many years of service to the school by our sponsors – Academy Transformation Trust. Our year 6 pupils, ably supported by our year 5's, put on a very funny and well put together play before they spent 2 days at their new schools meeting all their new teachers. As a reward for their hard work and very good behaviour all year we then spoiled them with a leavers party on the school field complete with free burgers and a bouncy castle before saying goodbye to them in the always special end of year leavers assembly.



August

Whilst the children were away and no doubt many of you and us were on holiday somewhere I spent most of the month coming to school to see how the builders were getting on with the new car park and bike sheds. As you all know they were not getting on at all well and it was nearly November before I attended the formal handover meeting!

September

As we returned to school we welcomed 2 new teachers – Mr Cuff and Miss Clough along with several new teaching assistants. As the summer weather continued well into this month we were pleased to see how well the children had settled into their new classes.



October

In keeping with what has become a tradition we saw individual class photos take place this month, began hosting the cluster football league and for the first time gave our year 1, 2 and 3 pupils a flu vaccine jab – the poor things!



November

In the month where we remember those who have served in war, we had poppies available in school for purchase, sent our year 4 children to the Cenotaph in the town to take part in the silence at 11:00 and in school delayed our morning play time so that all of our children could do the same. As a final reminder we arranged for Tyler Butler, Amara Munro-Rolph, Roman Perry and Marie Ross to lay a wreath along with many other representatives from the community at a special service two days later. Also in this month we took part in Anti-Bullying Week which ended in the children (and staff) dressing up as anti-bullying super heroes! As the weather turned bad our hockey team got an absolute soaking at their tournament but the weather did not affect our choir who travelled to Snape Maltings to take part in a brilliant 'big sing' with loads of other Suffolk school children and Miss Fowler.



December

As another year draws to a close we have been busy yet again. First we donated and decorated a tree for St Mary's Church as part of the lighting up service that is held there every year. We then got festive in school by putting up our own tree and other decorations and setting up our Christmas Post service – well done to the Year 6 pupils who have done a better job of delivering the Christmas cards than my own postman! Mr Jeffery had the pleasure of travelling to Birmingham with Natan Szymanowski, Lily-Rose Taylor and Jacob Allen who were hosted and rewarded by Diversity courtesy of ATT for overcoming adversity, all round academic performance and winning the ATT Christmas card competition. We showed just how good we are with Christmas card design as after Jacob – Riley Wagoner, Amare Williams and Louis Jiang won the St. Mary's church card competition, Lucy Hennig came runner up in the competition set by our MP Matthew Hancock and her sister Lily won! This is quite something as whoever Mr Hancock sent Christmas cards to will have Lily's design on - and he knows a lot of very important people! Next we (well the kitchen staff) cooked and served over 350 Christmas lunches to the children who looked great in their Christmas jumpers and thought Christmas had literally come early when they were given a cracker to pull! Then Summer Clark and Blake Vale helped the town councillors start late night shopping in town by helping turn on the Christmas lights and were thanked personally by Father Christmas which was soon followed by our own Christmas Fair – thanks to the FOGHS and everyone at all who helped out with this – I believe we raised over £700 which is great! In a break from Christmas our year 5 children enjoyed a great day out at Colchester Castle as part of their topic work and then it was back to festivities for nursery, reception and KS1 children who all put on some sort of Christmas performance. Finally all the children enjoyed (I am not so sure about the staff!.) their Christmas party before the senior teachers entertained staff and pupils alike with their version of the Christmas story!

What next for 2017??!!



Academic Performance



STILL!

As you may know our performance as a school is measured in the main by how well our children do in tests and assessments. This is done in two ways – how many achieve the level nationally expected of them for their age and how many make nationally expected progress from where they start. You may also know that the children are assessed and the data sent to the Department for Education, Ofsted and the Local Authority at the end of reception, year 1 (for phonics) and years 2 and 6 for reading, writing and maths.

Overall we are making good progress with our scores and we are moving in the right direction up the published league tables. We want to continue this journey and be the best school we can possibly be. To do this we need your full support. We know that when home and school work together to help children with their learning the results can be amazing so **please help your child as much as you can** – we need your help!

If you would like any advice on how to get more involved with the learning of your child please talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance. Thank You.

Reception

At the end of the reception year pupils are assessed as having attained a 'Good Level of Development (GLD)' if they score a level 2 (expected) or level 3 (exceeding) in all 12 out of the 17 Primary Goals.

	Number of children	% Achieving GLD	ATP
All Pupils at Great Heath	85	72%	35.0
National Data 2016	Not Known	69%	34.5

Year 1 - Phonics

	Percentage 'passing' the Y1 phonics screening check
All Pupils at Great Heath	85%
National Data 2016	81%

Year 2 ~ Attainment

The percentages attaining at or above the expected standard (EXS) and those attaining greater depth (GDS) in their learning.

	No. Pupils	Reading		Writing		Maths	
		EXS	GDS	EXS	GDS	EXS	GDS
All Pupils	53	68%	25%	60%	9%	72%	19%
National Data 2016	Not Known	74%	24%	65%	13%	73%	18%

Year 6 ~ Expected and High Score Attainment

The percentages attaining a standardised score of 100+ and consequently working at or above Age Related Expectations (ARE) and the percentages attaining a standardised score of 110+ and consequently working above ARE.

	No. Pupils	Reading		Writing		Maths		Combined - RWM	
		SS- 100+	SS - 110+	SS - 100+	SS - 110+	SS - 100+	SS - 110+	SS - 100+	SS - 110+
All Pupils	47	51%	6%	77%	26%	62%	13%	49%	4%
National Data 2016	Not Known	66%	19%	74%	15%	70%	17%	53%	5%

Year 6 ~ Progress

Progress is calculated from the collective prior attainment of the children, namely their combined scores for reading, writing and maths in year 2 (whatever school they were in at the time). A progress score of 0 would mean that the children (as a group) have made expected progress. Consequently, a minus figure means they will have made less than expected progress and a plus figure more. Anything below -5 and above +5 would be significantly poor or good accordingly. The figure in brackets shows how 'confident' the data is – so whilst an actual figure is given when everything (group size etc.) is factored in it could range from the lowest figure to the highest as such where the upper limit is negative (<0) it is significantly below average and where the lower limit is positive (>0) it is significantly above average!

	No. Pupils	Reading	Writing	Maths
All Pupils	41	-2.6 (-4.6 to -0.6)	+2.0 (+0.1 to +3.9)	-0.2 (-1.8 to +1.4)
National Data 2016	Not Known	0	0	0

Thank you all for your ongoing help and support - may I wish you all a 聖誕快樂 / Prejeme Vam Vesele Vanoce / Linksmų Kalėdų / Wesółych Świąt / Feliz Natal / Vrolijk Kerstfeest / 메리 크리스마르/ or Merry Christmas!

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