

Godmanchester Bridge Academy Grand Opening

On Friday 26th January 2018 Godmanchester Bridge Academy was officially opened. Children from across Foundation, KS1 and KS2 participated in the ceremony. We were delighted to be joined by the Lady Mayor of Godmanchester, Councillor Sarah Conboy, European and Commonwealth games champion Iwan Thomas (MBE) and MP for Huntingdon Jonathan Djanogly. The Executive Head Teacher and Head of School were also joined by a number of business organisations and of course the Kier Group, who built our school, to celebrate the opening. It was a day for us all to remember.



Attendance Figures

January 2018- **92.7%**

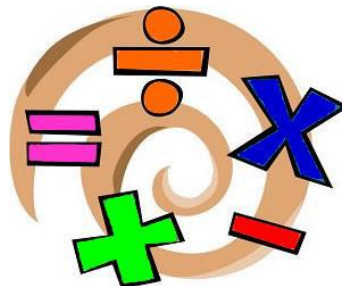
Overall (since Sept 2017) - **94.9%**



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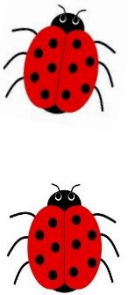
NB. There were a total of 1552 minutes recorded as late which equates to 25.8 hours lost!

Happy New Year! It's been a fantastic month with lots of amazing activities. This term the children have enjoyed a Creative Maths Day and a World Religion Day.



Ladybirds Planets Pandemonium!

Ladybirds finished making papier-mâché planets. The class were amazed when the balloons were popped and the newspaper stayed in place. The children have also been doing their own drawings of the planets using oil pastels.



Ahoy Mateys!

In English, Otters have been learning about how to write instructions by following what we thought were bad instructions and good instructions for 'How to Make a Pirate Hat'. Can ye work out which image is from which set o' instructions mateys?



Kingfishers Code Trip USA

As part of the 'Memorable Experience' for their new topic Road Trip USA, the KS2 Kingfishers took part in a QR code treasure hunt. They had to find hidden codes around the school and then scan them to reveal the state name and the Native American tribe that lived there.



Bookworm's Art Club went on a bear hunt

We read the story We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen and then made our very own maps of the adventure (...through the swishy swashy grass, the oozy mud, the deep river, the deep dark forest, the blowy snowstorm and into the bear cave!) A great time was had by all! In Week 2 we read Elmer and made bright and colourful patchwork elephants. 3 more weeks and 3 more stories ahead!



World Religion Day



The **KS2 Kingfishers** had a thought-provoking World Religion Day when they considered what the similarities and differences were between the world's religions. They also had to discuss different topics in small groups including ways everyone can live in harmony regardless of their religious beliefs.

During our World Religion day, **Ladybirds** looked at Judaism and the Jewish place of worship. We learnt what a Synagogue is and the different areas of a Synagogue. We learnt what a 'Torah' is and tried making our own using craft materials.



Creative Maths

The **KS2 Kingfishers** had fantastic fun during Creative Maths Day! They were challenged with creating a range of 3D shapes out of spaghetti whilst learning about edges and vertices.



Subtraction squish and bowling. **Ladybirds** have used these simple games to help learn to take away using play dough. We used tens frames and number lines to learn how to record how many are left (e.g. how many bears are still standing and how many play dough balls have not been squished).

Dates for your diary

Half Term 12th February 2018 – 16th February 2018

School opens – 19th February 2018

World Book Day – 1st March 2018

Sport Relief - 23rd March

Spring term ends - Thursday 29th March 2018

Easter Holiday - 30th March – 13th April 2018

Professional Day Monday 16th April 2018

Dinner Money

Dinner Money Just a reminder that all lunches should be paid for in advance or on the day the meal is taken. **The term payments are:**

- Per day £2.20
- Per week £11.00
- Next half term £63.80



It's D.I.S.C.O time. Join us on **Friday 23rd February 2018** at Godmanchester Community Academy. All children from Godmanchester Community and the Bridge Academy are welcome.
Disco times are as follows: FS/Y1/Y2 – 17.15 – 18.15 Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 – 18.30 – 19.30