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Dear Parents,

Quiz Night – Thursday 2nd February – Thank you to everyone who supported the Quiz night last night. 31 teams competed, with over 140 people taking part. It was a tremendous evening – the first of many we hope. Whilst the staff team surprised themselves, the winner's prize of a family day out to Thornton Hall Country Park went to 'Team Murphy'! Well done all!



Share your Heart on Valentine's Day with the Hope for Life Association – St. Gabriel's Beacons are organising a fundraising event for Hope for Life on Friday 10th February. Children will be able to purchase hot chocolate and a biscuit for 50p at morning break. Please send in the money by Thursday 9th February in a named envelope so we have an idea of numbers.

Year 5/Y6 Indoor Athletics Competition – Congratulations to the Y5/Y6 Indoor Athletics Team on coming 2nd at the Indoor Athletics Competition on Wednesday 25th January. Team members included: Iman Zafar, Rohail Rabbani, Isobel Ramsden, Zayd Vaid, James Toase, Aliyah Hasan, Maseeha Gadatya, Libby Forrest-Yates, Frankie Fardella, Zach Ashton, Louis Martin, Aasiyah Hasan, Calum Martin, Heather Phelan, Aariz Jeffrey, Kiery Quinn, Subhan Faisal, Tayah Hudson, Libby Frazer.

Year 3/4 Sports Hall Athletics – Congratulations to the Y4/Y4 Athletics Team who were placed 4th at the Sports Hall Athletics. Members included: Ruby Spencer, Lily Croasdale, Zainab Hanslod, Henry Davenport, Rocco Fardella, Rayhan Faisal, Tyler Roberts, Jude King, Umar Thava, Seher Shah, Zaahiyah Utarkar, Adam Mulla, Hamzah Hasan, Abigail Thompson, Chloe Reeve, Jaya Asal, Muhammad Hussain.

London Trip – Thursday 26th January – A fabulous time was had by staff and children alike who visited the Houses of Parliament. This trip was fully funded by the DfE. All being well, we will be applying for funding to repeat the trip next year.



On Thursday 26th January, 20 children including 10 school councillors, went to London to visit The Houses of Parliament and The National History Museum. We had a great time and saw lots of landmarks, including Big Ben, Downing Street and Victoria Tower. We even got to watch a live debate in The House of Lords and in The House of Commons. It was a great experience and we would love to go again. **Libby Forrest-Yates and Adam Veevers.**

Blue Tit Webcam – Once again Y5 are 'spying' on all the activity in our Blue Tit nesting box. We will keep you informed as events unfold.





Nest Boxes – Year 5 will soon be busy making the nest boxes. Thank you to everyone who placed an order. When this order has been completed Y5 will have made a total of **472** nest boxes since they started making them in 2010!

Sainsburys Active Kids is launched on 25th January. Please can you send your vouchers into school as you receive them so that we can keep a running total.

Dinner Money is payable weekly and is collected in class, on a Monday morning. Payments can be made by cash or cheque (to St Gabriel's School). Please put money in a sealed envelope, labelled with your child's name and class.



Regular Activities After School

Monday	Ukulele Group 3.30 – 4.15 p.m. – ongoing Dance Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. - ongoing
Tuesday	Gym Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing Netball Practice – Y6/Y5 girls – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing
Wednesday	Orchestra Practice 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing Y6 Maths Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. - ongoing
Thursday	Choir Practice for Juniors – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing Y5 Maths Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing
Friday	Absolute Sports (Various) – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing

Dates for Diaries/Activities in School

Tues 7 th	KS1 Sports Hall Athletics – more details to follow
Wed 8 th	Year 3/4 Key Steps Gymnastics at St. Bede's – more details to follow
Thurs 9 th	Y1 Trip to Blackpool Sea Life Centre
Friday 10th	School closes at 3.30 p.m. for half term
Mon 20th	School closed for staff training
Tues 21st	School re-opens
Wed 1 st March	Secondary School places offered Blackburn Rovers & BwD Sports Development Football League 4 – 5.15 p.m.
Thurs 2 nd	World Book Day Full Governors' Meeting followed by the Admissions Meeting – 5 p.m.
Mon 6 th	Cross Country at QEGS – more details to follow
Wed 8 th	Dance Festival at St. George's Hall – more details to follow
Wed 15 th	Individual and Family Group Photographs – day 1 of 2
Thurs 16 th	Individual and Family Group Photographs – day 2 of 2
Mon 20 th	Living Eggs delivered to school
Wed 22 nd	Year 5/6 Orienteering at Feniscowles – more details to follow
Thurs 23 rd	Sing Together Concert – more details to follow
Fri 24 th	Red Nose Day
Mon 27 th	Cross Country at QEGS – more details to follow
Tues 28 th	Parents' Evening – more details to follow Governors' Finance Meeting – 4 p.m.
Wed 29 th	Blackburn Rovers & BwD Sports Development Football League 4 – 5.15 p.m.
Thurs 30 th	Parents' Evening – more details to follow Living Eggs collected
Mon 3 rd April	Cinema - Sing – 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Thurs 6 th	Year 5 Trip to Hothersall Lodge – letter to follow
Fri 7th	School closes at 3.30 p.m. for the Easter Holidays
Mon 24th	School reopens

Yours sincerely,
B. Haigh
Headteacher