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Community Briefing from Grendon Underwood Combined School to Annual Parish Meeting, Grendon Underwood – May 2022

The school started its new year with a new head, Caroline Tomlinson who joined from being a deputy at a school in Banbury. We were keen to jump into the new year but like many others, found our children and staff were away isolating with Covid-19 which we felt the repercussions of until March, a very testing time! But we are back to normality running Bikeability courses, welcoming David and Angela back into 'real' assemblies as well as visiting St Leonards for various occasions and school trips taking place including the much anticipated year 6 residential in June!

We have hosted a day/evening with families with [UK Astronomy](#) which was paid for by Friends of Grendon School (PTA) which was very successful although the clouds were not on our side and we were unable to actually star gaze! FroGS have been a great support to us by fully digitalising our school library, purchasing a trolley to store our new fleet of Chromebooks, an online pantomime to name a few of the ways we have been supported.

We have made improvements to our forest school area including the 'Plant Britain' event to create a community wood on our playing field and we are looking to obtain grants to help fund improvements to our outside area for our younger years.

A toddler group has restarted on a Wednesday morning in our sports hall which is run by parents in conjunction with our nursery, this is proving popular and we are hoping to grow numbers in our nursery from this

We are looking forward to our Jubilee celebrations in school this week and to the community celebrations the week after.

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