# GORDONBROCK WEEKLY
## FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2020

# Black History Month October 2020

Black History Month has been celebrated in the United Kingdom since October 1987.

It was first celebrated in London after being organised by Ghanaian analyst Akyaaba Addai-Sebo for the Greater London Council (GLC).

British culture and society has been enriched and made stronger because of the people who travelled to build new lives in the UK, as well as the achievements and contributions of their descendants after them.

At Gordonbrock, we always welcome opportunities to celebrate the diverse backgrounds that make up the Gordonbrock Community.

Over this month, we will be exploring and learning through storytelling and watching theatre productions for our history focus, listening to the array of music styles in music assemblies, focusing on artists using a wide range of mediums and reading books from various authors.

In the coming weeks, please do talk to your child about what they have been learning about in school during Black History Month.

Mrs Wright

B:M
DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

# Walk to School Week

Walk to School
A LIVING STREETS CAMPAIGN

Next week is **Walk to School Week** 5th – 9th October 2020.

The 5-day challenge is designed to help children reach their minimum 60 minutes of exercise per day.

Being active and getting some exercise in the morning before arriving at school can help set us all up for a positive day; improving focus and concentration, and instilling a sense of physical and mental wellbeing. There are many health benefits to walking - exercise helps develop strong bones and increase muscle strength. Walking gets the heart pumping, which can help improve cognitive function for lessons throughout the school day. The week long challenge is not just about walking, any type of exercise is encouraged, including cycling, riding your scooter or even running!

Although it may not be possible for everyone to walk the distance from their house to their school, we would like to encourage all the adults to 'drive and stride,' parking further than they normally would and walking the rest of the way. This also means that traffic congestion and pollution is reduced around school gates.

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| Monday – Red |
| Tuesday – Orange |
| Wednesday – Yellow |
| Thursday – Green |
| Friday – Blue |

Next week why not find something on your walk of the allocated colour in the table and take a picture with it.

Remember to send in your picture to info@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk and we will add as many pictures as possible to the Walk to School Week item in the Gordonbrock Weekly!

# Gordonbrock School

# Breakfast Club

Gordonbrock School Breakfast Club runs daily from 7:45am to the start of the school day for children in Reception to Year 6.

Children are offered a healthy breakfast which consists of:

- a selection of cereals (Rice Crispies, Cheerios, Porridge, Weetabix or Shreddies)
- toast with a variety of toppings (butter, honey, jam, or marmite)
- fruit squash or milk to drink

The cost of the club is £5.00 per session.

We currently have the following spaces available:

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 14 | 10 | 9 | 15 | 20 |

**For more information or to request a place please email:**

**breakfastclub@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk**

If you would like to register your child for a place, please include a copy of the completed registration form in your email - click here for a copy of the form.

It's been great seeing so many of you walking, riding or scooting to school these past few weeks.

Try to keep it up, just like Mike and Sherese who cycle and Mr Brown who walks to school every day.

It's a great way to start the day and you're helping to keep the air clean too.

## REMINDER CLASS BIRTHDAY TREATS

Please note we are currently not accepting any treats to share with the class in celebration of birthdays.

## Important Symptoms of Coronavirus

Please remember, if your child or anyone in your household becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell, you or any member of your household must not come to the school. You should stay at home, arrange for a Coronavirus test as soon as you can and follow the advice of any medical professionals. Please contact the school by telephone to report your child's absence from school.

## Follow Us On Twitter

We are expanding the ways in which we can communicate with parents/carers and children.

Please follow us on Twitter: **@GordonbrockS**

Parents/Carers are more than welcome to use twitter as another way to show us what the children have been doing at home.

***Dear Parent/Carer,***

Please could you ensure that if there are changes to the normal end-of-day pick-up arrangement for your child(ren) that these are phoned through or emailed to **info@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk** before 2.00pm.

This would allow sufficient time to pass the message on to the relevant class(es) and facilitate an easier end of day for your child.

However, we do understand that there may be exceptional circumstances when this may not be possible.

## Dear Parents/Carers,

Please could you return any reading books that were taken home before lock down in March 2020 to your child's current class teacher. These will then be passed on to the year below.

Thank you.

## Free School Meals

Have your circumstances changed?

If so, and if any of the following applies to you, you can apply for free school meals for your child.

* Universal credit with an earnings threshold that does not exceed £7400
* Income support
* Income based job seekers allowance
* Income related employment and support allowance
* Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to working tax credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC that does not exceed £16,190

**Please apply online. See the link below.**

https://schools.lewisham.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx

## Year 4, 5 and 6

## Peripatetic Lessons

Places still available for Brass, Harp and Violin.

Please login to your ParentPay account for your child to see more details.

Unfortunately if enough spaces are not taken then the lesson will not run and any spaces filled will be refunded.

# Sydenham School

## A High Performance Learning School

**Thursday October 1st** **6.30-7.30pm**

**Wednesday October 7th** **6.30-7.30pm**

**Thursday October 22nd** **9.30-10.30am**

# VIRTUAL TOUR

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@sydenhamschool

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## BONUS PASTOR CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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Tel: 020 8695 2100 Fax: 020 8695 2105
Website: www.bonuspastor.co.uk
Email: office@bp.lewisham.sch.uk
Principal – Jonathan Ronan BSc (Hons)

### Variation to admissions arrangements for September 2021-2022

The governing body of Bonus Pastor Catholic College has adopted a statement on Catholic practice. Set out below is a copy of the statement that has been placed on the 2021-2022 admissions page on our website. This statement has also been communicated by email to (a) Lewisham local authority; (b) all local primary schools where the admission authority is not Lewisham local authority; (c) all local Catholic secondary schools. **(NB: Primary schools do not need to consult secondary schools.)** The statement will also be included in correspondence and presentations with parents and carers.

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Statement:
Admissions Clarification (Covid-19)

Bonus Pastor Catholic College School Admission Arrangements 2021-2022
Parents and carers applying for places in Years 7 to 11 in the academic year 2021-2022 are asked to note the following statement in relation to the Mass Attendance oversubscription criterion set out in Bonus Pastor's admission arrangements:

On the advice of the Education Commission of the Archdiocese of Southwark, the governing body of Bonus Pastor Catholic College has agreed the following statement in order to clarify how its faith-based oversubscription criteria will be interpreted while churches are closed or attendance at church is not possible due to Covid-19. This statement has been shared widely with parishes by the Education Commission in order to ensure that determinations made by parish priests concerning regular practice of the faith are being made on a consistent basis.
The suspension of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass was announced on 18th March 2020 by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. If a parent or carer attended Mass at a particular parish (or parishes) prior to 18th March 2020 then they will be considered to have attended Mass in that parish (or parishes) regularly since that time. This will remain the case until the Sunday obligation is reintroduced by the Bishops.

Pat Barber
Chair of Governors,
September 2020

THROUGH FAITH TO SUCCESS
Vice Principals: John Ryan BA (Hons) and Caroline Delaney BA (Hons)
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark

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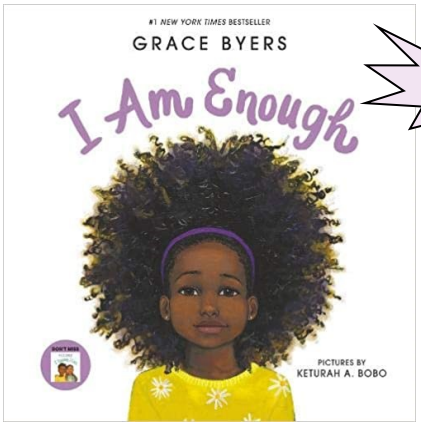
## MRS WRIGHT'S READ OF THE WEEK




4-8yrs

*I Am Enough by Grace Byers*

This gorgeous, lyrical ode to loving who you are, respecting others, and being kind to one another comes from *Empire* actor and activist Grace Byers and talented newcomer artist Keturah A. Bobo.

*We are all here for a purpose. We are more than enough. We just need to believe it.*

## This week in history...

1908 The Ford Model T was introduced to the public.
1910 The Los Angeles Times building was bombed.
1918 Lawrence of Arabia forces captured Damascus from the Turkish forces.
1928 Alexander Fleming discovers Penicillin.
1944 The Warsaw uprising ended.
1946 Mensa was created.
1955 James Dean died in a car crash.
1957 The Space Race begins with the launch of Sputnik.
1964 The Shinkansen network of high-speed railway lines opened in Japan.
1971 The Walt Disney World Resort opened in Orlando.
1975 "Thrilla in Manilla" Muhammad Ali beat Joe Fraser in a match.
1975 Spaghetti House siege in London.
1982 Epcot opened in Orlando, Florida.
1985 The Brixton, Toxteth and Peckham riots erupted in the UK.
1994 The car and passenger ferry "Estonia" sank.
2005 Suicide bombers struck Bali.
2009 An earthquake happened in Sumatra.

## Letters Home

Use the icon link opposite to access all letters that are sent home.

## FRENCH CORNER

La semaine dernière, on a fêté la Journée Européenne des Langues à Gordonbrock. On a appris le polonais, l'allemand, le français ou l'espagnol, on a étudié un peu de culture du pays et on a goûté quelques spécialités typiques. C'était fantastique!

Meaning:

Last week, we celebrated the European Day of Languages at Gordonbrock. We learnt Polish, German, French or Spanish, we studied a little bit about the country's culture and we tasted some typical foods. It was brilliant!

The highest mountain in France is the Mont Blanc, that is 4,810m high and stands at the border between France and Italy.

## ONLINE SAFETY : TIP OF THE WEEK

Never agree to meet someone whom you've met through the Internet.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Thu 01.10 - Fri 23.10 | Black History Month |
| Mon 05.10 - Fri 09.10 | Walk to School Week |
| Fri 23.10 | Last day of Autumn Half Term 1 |
| Mon 26.10 - Fri 30.10 | Half Term Break |
| Sun 31.10 | Deadline for 2021 Secondary Transfer |
| Mon 02.11 | Children return to School for Autumn Term 2 |
| Mon 16.11 - Fri 20.11 | Anti-Bullying Week |
| Mon 16.11 - Fri 20.11 | Road Safety Week |
| Wed 25.11 | No Pens Day |
| Fri 19.12 | Last day of Autumn Term |
| Mon 22.12 - Fri 01.01 | Christmas Break |
| Mon 04.01 | Children Return to School for Spring Term 1 |

What is a sheep's favourite treat?

**A chocolate BAAAAAAAA!!**

- Anonymous

Do you have a joke that we could publish in the weekly?