



GORDONBROCK WEEKLY



FRIDAY 1ST JULY 2022

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We have had such a wonderful week in school.

Monday saw the launch of London Maths Week and the children have been engaged in lots of different activities organised by Mr Stephen, our Maths Team Lead.

This week Year 4 took part in a Caribbean Dance Workshop and Year 6 had a visit from the Bigfoot Theatre for a Transition Workshop. Our Football Team attended the Lewisham League Trophy Awards Ceremony. More details in this weekly.

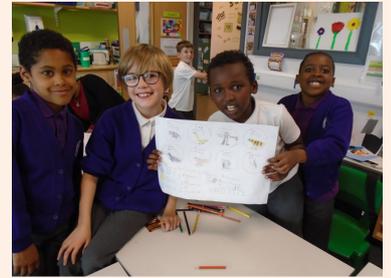
We have had many of our Nursery and Reception new starters visit us this week and are looking forward to them starting their journey with us in September.

See you all next week at the Open Morning on Wednesday 6th July and Parents' Evening on Thursday 7th July. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mrs Wright

YEAR 3

In **Year 3** this week, we enjoyed our first **WAKE N SHAKE** dance!



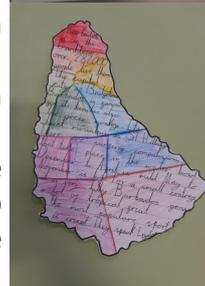
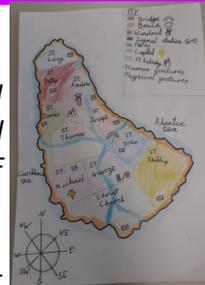
For London Maths Week, we investigated the weight of different animals from London Zoo. We placed them in order from heaviest to lightest. Then we found the difference in weight between the animals and worked out if the rhinoceros was heavier than all the other animals combined.



YEAR 4

Year 4 this week, we enjoyed our ukulele lesson and practiced playing chords C, F and G7.

We continued to work on our maps – looking at Barbados and included human and physical features. We also included some written information about the island of Barbados. We enjoyed learning about music from the Caribbean and attended a Dance Workshop at which we learnt movements from the Caribbean!



YEAR 5

This week Year 5 have been creating process art inspired by the National Gallery 'Take One Picture' painting. Storms create unpredictable outcomes so we have been experimenting with processes in art that create an unplanned effect. This week we used pipets for watercolour bleeding, next week we'll experiment with paper marbling.



YEAR 6

This week, Year 6 were lucky enough to enjoy a fantastic workshop led by Hayley from Bigfoot Theatre. The workshop focused on the children's upcoming transition to secondary school and on themes such as "Fitting in", "Getting lost", "Making friends", "Losing things" and "Homework". After watching a video performance, the children were asked to represent some of the potential difficulties that they may face as they start secondary school using drama and freeze frames and then suggest some solutions. It was a brilliantly run workshop in which the children were able to express themselves in an active, collaborative and often hilarious way.



Louie A4 - "I really enjoyed the whole workshop but particularly the end where we got to act out our own scene."



Ivy A4 - "I loved doing the freeze frame tableaux because it challenged us to be creative and think outside the box."

"I enjoyed making tableaux of the things we might find scary at secondary school."
- Elina



"The games at the beginning were fun, especially when the actions were reversed." - Zuwenia

"I enjoyed the whole workshop, but I particularly enjoyed the warm up because she invented actions so it was really difficult and you had to focus really hard." - Noah



"It was good discussing worries and things that troubled us. Secondary school is a big change and sounds scary, but this workshop helped me feel better." - Evie

"I enjoyed the Bigfoot experience and we learned from our instructor about tips for our future and we all had so much fun." - Paige

"We made a tableau as a washing machine. It was hard but I loved it!" - Michael

"It was useful to know the problems we could face at secondary school and how we could overcome them. It has made me very excited for secondary school." - Lizzie

Lewisham Leagues Award Ceremony

This day was the culmination of all the hard work that both of our football teams have put into this year. Much has been written by myself about the success and dedication of everyone involved with the Girls' and Boys' teams for this season. But it cannot be overstated just how well they have all done. Having both teams up there to collect their trophies and medals should set an example to everyone at Gordonbrock that you can achieve great things if you put in the hard work. And what achievements they are! League Champions in both leagues and Girls' Champions Cup winners. And so, for the last time this year, a massive congratulations to all the children in both teams!

Girls: Clemence (captain), Faith, Betty, Martha, Neva, Racheal, Alise, Bea, Lizzie, Isobel, Anna

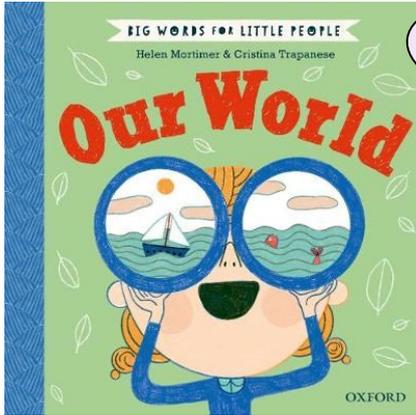
Boys: Toby (captain), Danny, Reuben, William, Sammy, Tyler-Jai, Faustino, Oliver, Luke, Ruben, Thomas



Dan Costello, PE Team Lead.



MRS WRIGHT'S READS OF THE WEEK



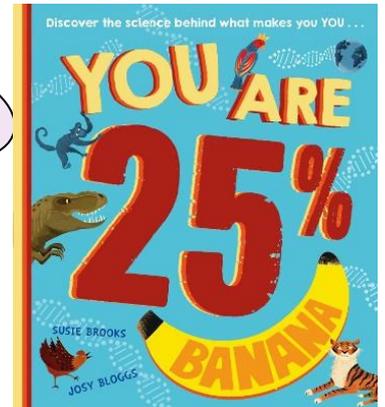
3-5
years olds

Big Words for Little People: Our World by Helen Mortimer & Cristina Trapanese

This little hardback book creates a moment to focus on our world. It encourages gentle conversations between grown ups and children about the planet, and how we look after it. The engaging art style, fun characters and picture book feel make it perfect to share and help children develop and grow.

You Are 25% Banana by Susie Brooks & Josy Bloggs

A brilliantly funny first guide to genetics that is perfect for children aged 5 years and over. This will boggle your brain with astonishing facts, as it shows how we're all related to every living thing on the planet. Did you know that a grain of rice has more genes than you? Or that you're related to dogs, dung beetles and even daffodils? Luckily, even though you're 99.9% like a chimpanzee, you're still 100% you! The extraordinary world of genetics has never been explained so simply.



6-8
years olds

Agent Asha: Mission Shark Bytes by Sophie Deen

9-11
years olds

Computer code just got dangerous in this action-packed spy adventure series. Asha Joshi has the perfect excuse not to finish her homework. She's just been recruited to join the top-secret Children's Spy Agency. Her first mission: save the world. Can she do it?

Asha's a coder so she should be able to hack into the biggest tech company in the world, fight deadly sharks and figure out why the Internet has stopped working. All before bedtime. Easy, right? The story is a great way to engage young readers in coding, critical-thinking and STEM.



Music

Articulation - Legato vs Staccato

Think of when you sing Baa Baa Black sheep, would you sing this smoothly or short?

Most of the time we would sing it smoothly.

Legato is Italian for 'linked together'. It means that notes should be played smoothly. Notes are joined by curved lines to show legato.

Staccato is Italian for 'detached'. It means that notes should be played short and sharp. It is shown by dots above or below the note.

The next time you listen to a piece of music is it smooth, legato or short, staccato?

Mr Prescott, Music Specialist.

ONLINE SAFETY : TIP OF THE WEEK



Online Safety Guides For Parents

The online world changes so quickly it's hard to keep up. The NSPCC selection of online safety guides help you navigate online risks - whether your kids are gaming, chatting, posting or streaming.

To access the guides visit:
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>



Lunches for children in Nursery & Years 3 - 6

Payments for school lunch must be made in advance via ParentPay. The cost of a school lunch is £2.30 per day.

The total for Summer Term 1 is £64.40 & the total for Summer Term 2 is £73.60. The overall total for Summer Term is £138.

UNIFORM

Please note that any orders placed will be sent to class for your child to take home.

Orders placed between Thursday 8.30am and Tuesday 8.30am will be delivered to class on Tuesday.

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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>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Mon 04.07	Reports Go Home
Mon 04.07	Year 1/2 Football Tournament @ Bellingham Leisure Centre
Tue 05.07	FOG AGM @3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wed 06.07	Open Morning
Thu 07.07	Parents' Evening
Fri 08.07	Year 6 Tenpin Bowling and Picnic
Mon 11.07	Nursery Trip to Horniman Museum
Tue 12.07	Year 4 visit the market for
Wed 13.07	Year 2 Freshwater Geo Workshop
Thu 14.07	Year 4 Caribbean Café for Parents/Carers
Thu 14.07	Football Team Bowling Trip
Fri 15.07	Year 3/4 Songfest @ Forest Hill School
Fri 15.07	Year 6 Disco @2pm
Fri 15.07	School Dance-a-Thon
Mon 18.07	Year 6 End of Year Production @6pm
Tue 19.07	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly @2pm
Wed 20.07	Last Day of School for Pupils
Thur 21.07	SCHOOL CLOSED - Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday (taken in lieu)
Fri 22.07	INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 25.07 - Wed 31.08	Summer Holidays
Thur 01.09	INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 02.09	INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 05.09	Children Return To School



BALLERS

Free Spaces Available !!

In partnership with Lewisham Council and the Department of Education

Who the spaces are for :

- Children eligible for and in receipt of free school meals.
- Children assessed as being in need.
- Children with EHC plan (education, health and care)

Aim of provision:

- To take part in engaging activities during the school holidays.
- Eat healthier and gain knowledge of healthy nutrition.
- Be more active, safe and not socially distanced.

WHEN: WEEK 1 - 01.08.22-04.08.22 WEEK 2 - 08.08.22-11.08.22
 WEEK 3 - 15.08.22-18.08.22 WEEK 4 - 22.08.22-25.08.22
 (MONDAY - THURSDAY)

TIME: 10:00AM - 3:00PM

WHERE: SYDENHAM SCHOOL, DARTMOUTH RD, SE26 4RD
(LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED)

For more information and to book your spot:



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