



GORDONBROCK WEEKLY



FRIDAY 24TH JUNE 2022

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

It was great to see so many of our Parents/Carers on Monday at Sports Day. The children had an amazing day by showing great determination in individual events and team spirit while encouraging their friends and class. Well done children!

Our Year 5/6 choir were incredible at Lewisham's Hope 4 Justice at Mountsfield Park on Saturday and gave such a wonderful performance. Well done children for being such great ambassadors for the school.

We are all looking forward to welcoming you all to Open Morning on Wednesday 6th July and Parents' Evening on Thursday 7th July. I hope you have seen the Parents' Evening booking instructions that were emailed to you yesterday. As per the letter, please ensure book early to avoid disappointment.

Mrs Wright

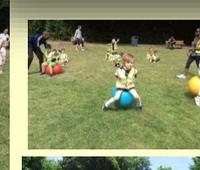
After the last few years, the chance to once again host our whole-school Sports Day was an amazing experience and displayed how important these events are. Our return to Ladywell Arena, with whom we have a strong history of successful Sports Days, was a welcoming one and allowed parents and carers the chance to experience this fantastic day.

The weather was perfect, the events were exciting and the children were exceptional. In my role as PE Team Leader, I had the great pleasure in being able to walk around the whole venue and engage with adults and children at all of the events and from all year groups. The overwhelming response was one of excitement and enjoyment, with a dash of healthy competitiveness, the perfect Sports Day mix!

A massive thank you to all the school staff, including TeachSport coaches, who supported the event and made sure it ran so smoothly, without all of their hard work these types of days would not be possible.

I sincerely hope everyone who attended enjoyed the day and roll on next year!

Dan Costello,
PE Team Leader.





Friends of Gordonbrock



NEWS

Gordonbrock

Summer Fair



Friday

1 July 2022

3:30pm – 5:30pm

Bouncy Castle, Didi Cars, Games, Arts and Crafts,
Smoothie Bike, Tombola, Face Painting,
Cake Stall, Hot Dogs, Drinks, Snacks,
Music, & more!

Please volunteer, or donate:

Teddies, Books, Toys, Games,
Chocolate and Sweets, Cakes and Biscuits for decorating.

Email FOG:

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Don't forget to bring in your summer fair donations!

Please donate preloved teddies for the Teddy Tombola, new or used toys, games and books in good condition, prosecco, chocolate or jars of sweets for the Sweet Treat Tombola.

Cake and biscuits for decorating should be brought in on 1 July 2022

Thank you

YEAR 6



This week in Year 6, we were lucky enough to have dance workshops led by Vivien from the world-famous dance and music conservatoire, Trinity Laban. The children enjoyed a 45 minute class in which they learned individual movements which they synchronised to different styles of music. This culminated in a final performance, putting all the moves together to create a dynamic and impressive final piece.

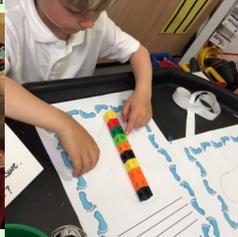


Reception

Topaz 3 children have been busy exploring dressing up for the topic of Let's Pretend and strategic games such as Jenga and Noughts and Crosses. Painting and chalk drawing their own Stormy Seas for the Take One Photo focus- Claude Joseph's Vernet Shipwreck.

Topaz 4 children have all been excited to get all dressed up in their favourite character costumes and have even put on a concert and played their favourite musical instruments to their spectators. They were also introduced to steelpans and have been using pots and pans to recreate steelpan sounds.

Topaz 5 have been measuring their feet with different non-standard units of measurement and comparing results with classmates. They also looked at the Take One Picture and recreated stormy skies by mixing colours and explored a shipwreck on the small world area. As well as making lots of monster numbers to practice number formation.



Trinity Laban's Hope 4 Justice

On Saturday, 18 June, our Year 5/6 choir took part in Trinity Laban's Hope 4 Justice event at Mountsfield Park. The event involved musicians, dancers and spoken-word performances from 26 Lewisham schools, Trinity Laban's Youth Dance Company, Bellingham Dances and Trinity Laban. Created and produced by Trinity Laban in collaboration with leading artists including Young Person's poet laureate Ceilia Knapp and composer, ESKA, the socially-engaged project was a key part of the Mayor's London Borough Culture 2022 celebrations.

The children performed brilliantly on the day, highlighting issues such as air quality, the 'throw-away' culture and housing inequality, Hope 4

Justice was an urgent and powerful call to action from local young people that looks to the future with hope.

Hope 4 Justice was supported by Arts Council England, Open Hand, Trinity Laban and the Albany for We Are Lewisham, the Mayor's London Borough of Culture.

Mark Ridler-Mayor
Deputy Headteacher for Curriculum and Assessment

"It made me happy to see so many people watching – listening and learning about our concerns for the planet."
- Cillian

"It was so powerful listening to the teenagers speak about their concerns for the planet and their hopes for the future. Having such a big audience made us feel really special. It was a once-in-a-life-time opportunity."
- Isabella and Ewa

"The event was so powerful. It was inspiring to hear all the young people speak, sing and dance to help save our planet."
- Ada

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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SAVE THE DATE

Open Morning - **Wednesday 6th July**

Parents' Evening - **Thursday 7th July**

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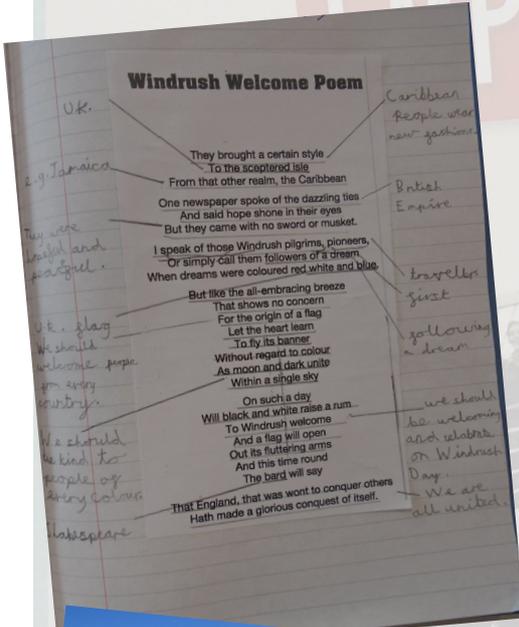
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All Aboard the EMPIRE WINDRUSH



Wednesday 22nd June was Windrush Day.

This date marks the day when, in 1948, Caribbean people were brought to England on a ship named the Windrush Empire. In the subsequent years, Britain encouraged many more Caribbean people to come to the country. On this day, we pay our respects to the important contribution these people and their children have made to the British economy and culture.



To mark the day, Gordonbrock engaged in lots of different activities to learn about the past.



Key Stage 2 children watched a Bigfoot theatre production called "The Empire Windrush" and had discussions about what it must have been like travelling, arriving in a strange land etc.

Children analysed a poem called 'Welcome Windrush' and talked about some of the key themes including unity, respect and peace.

Children also learnt about the Notting Hill Carnival and created masks.

Children made banners, learnt and wrote about the national heroes from Jamaica and Barbados and danced to music from the Caribbean!



Mark Ridler-Mayor, Deputy Headteacher for Curriculum and Assessment



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Summer Fair

Fri 1 July 2022 3:30pm – 5:30pm

YOU can HELP!

* **Please donate:** Clean, preloved teddies for the Teddy Tombola, new and used toys, games and books in good condition, biscuits for decorating, cakes, prosecco, chocolate or jars of sweets for the Sweet Treat Tombola to the school office by Friday the 24th of June.

* **Sign up to volunteer:**

-3:00pm – 5:30pm: Arts, crafts, & decorating; Snacks & drinks; Play supervisors; Games & entertainment

-Setup 1pm – 3pm, and breakdown 5:30pm – 6:30pm

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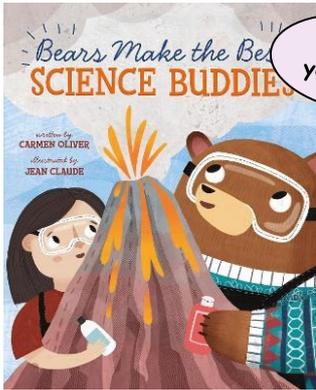
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CAN YOU HELP?

We still need a Face Painter (professional or amateur)

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MRS WRIGHT'S READS OF THE WEEK



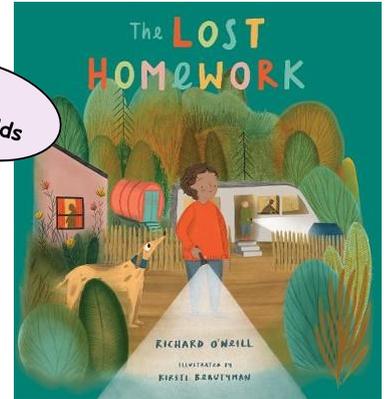
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years olds

Bears Make the Best Science Buddies by Carmen Oliver

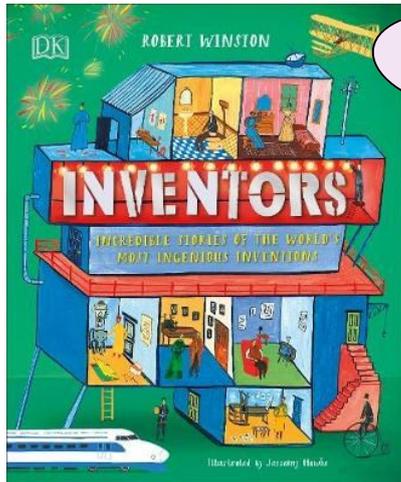
It's time for the first science experiment, but nobody can agree on which one to do. But why pick just one when Bear is around? Bears make the best science buddies, and Bear proves it by helping each group use the scientific method for its special experiment.

The Lost Homework by Richard O'Neill

In this new addition to our 'Travellers' Tales' series, Sonny devotes his weekend to helping his neighbours and fellow Travellers with a variety of tasks. He uses many skills, from telling a story at a wedding, to restoring a caravan. In fact, the only thing he doesn't do over the weekend is his homework - his workbook is missing!



6-8
years olds



9-11
years olds

Inventors: Incredible stories of the world's most ingenious inventions by Robert Winston

Meet the masterminds behind the greatest inventions in history. The stories are as unusual as they are unique. From Mr. Kellogg, who accidentally created cornflakes after leaving grains boiling for too long to Sarah E. Goode's fold-up bed space-saving solution—the inventors of this book have all used tons of creativity to find ways to improve our world.

Lexia Superstars

Special congratulations to the superstar who completed a level this week!

Well done to all of the children who have been on the Lexia programme this week.

Children benefit most from sessions of 15/20 minutes on a regular basis. This means at least 3 x per week.

Remember your child can log in at home too if they do Lexia at school.

Jason (E2)

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>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Mon 27.06 - Fri 01.07	London Maths Week
Tue 28.06	Big Foot Theatre Transition Workshop for Year 6
Thurs 30.06	Year 1 Trip to Horniman Gardens
Thurs 30.06	Year 4 Caribbean Dance Workshop
Thu 30.06	Nursery Children transitioning to Reception 2022 meeting @9.15am
Thu 30.06	Children New To Gordonbrock Reception 2022 meeting @3.30pm
Fri 01.07	Summer Fair
Mon 04.07	Reports Go Home
Tue 05.07	FOG AGM
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 2 Freshwater Geo Workshop
Fri 15.07	School Dance-a-Thon
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

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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>



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.

MEASLES

Don't let your child catch it
– get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

Measles symptoms include: high fever; sore, red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.

The number of young people catching measles has risen. It's never too late to be vaccinated. You need two doses of MMR one month apart to be fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella.

It's time to make measles a disease of the past.

If you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. **STAY AWAY** from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others.

 **immunisation**

the safest way to protect your child

For more information contact your local GP surgery or visit: www.nhs.uk/mmr