

GORDONBROCK WEEKLY

FRIDAY 27th May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Wow—what a way to end the half term! Today, we have spent the day celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and London History Day. The day began with a Jubilee Wake and Shake and ended with afternoon tea.

It was fantastic to see such creative costumes representing fashion from a decade of the Queen's reign or a famous historical figure from the same period. It has been a wonderful day enjoyed by all!

We have been overwhelmed with your generosity today. We have never had so many cakes and such a variety of fruits for the children (and staff) to enjoy. For some of our children, this was their first ever experience of Cake and Fruit Day and it was an amazing day! We cannot thank F.O.G and all the parents enough for giving up their time to run the sale throughout the day.

Please do check the Weekly (page 4) for more information on our upcoming singing performances for parents of KS1 and KS2 children next half term.

Another date for your diary is Sports Day, which is scheduled for Monday 20th June.

Finally, a huge congratulations to the girls' football team, who won the entire tournament at Macaroni Woods last weekend. We are very proud of them.

Have a fabulous half term everyone. See you on Tuesday 7th June.

Mrs Wright

2022-23:

1 Sept: INSET

2 Sept: INSET

5 Sept: Children start back

Walk To School Week

16th—20th May 2022



Once again, we had a very successful Walk to School week. The whole school community took on the challenge and throughout the week the children completed a total of **2207** walking, bike or scooter journeys. Well done, everyone!

In school, the children discussed the many benefits of regular daily exercise, such as walking to school, including improving focus and concentration, and instilling a sense of physical and mental wellbeing.

Year Group	Total No of Walking, Bike & Scooter Journeys
Nursery	96
Reception	341
Year 1	326
Year 2	243
Year 3	364
Year 4	226
Year 5	300
Year 6	311
TOTAL	2207

YEAR 1

In Science, we have been continuing our plants topic. This week, we learned the meanings of deciduous and evergreen. Then, in groups, we sorted trees into groups depending on if they were deciduous or evergreen!

On our walk to the church, Olivia pointed at the holly and said, "Oh look, there's an evergreen tree."

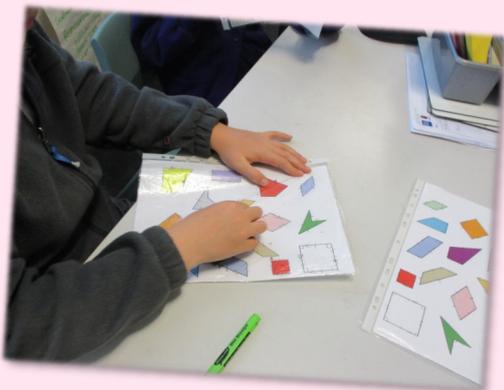
"Our trees in the playground are deciduous because they lose their leaves."

Circe S2



YEAR 5

In Maths, this week, Year 5 have been looking at shapes. We classified and ordered shapes based on their properties. We also worked on deepening our understanding of angles.



SPORTING NEWS:

Macaroni Woods - Healthy Girls Football Project

What a fun-filled fabulous weekend of football!

Six lucky girls from the Gordonbrock football team got the opportunity to attend a weekend football tournament run by Dalmain Athletic Girls' Football Club (DAGs). They were joined by DAGs, Rathfern School and Beecroft Garden School. After a long journey, the weekend kicked off with a penalty shoot-out with all girls competing against each other. All our girls did well: Faith was a runner-up, and the title was won by Martha P (representing DAGs). The next morning was the 3-a-side tournament. The teams were randomly chosen from all four schools, which allowed the girls to work in a different team and get to know the other footballers. It also gave us the opportunity to check out the other players and see who might be our fiercest competition.

Both Lizzie and Maja (representing DAGs) were on the winning team and came home with a trophy. After lunch, we readied for the 6-a-side school tournament. Each team had to play each other once in the first round, then play-offs for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place. There were a few outstanding players from the other teams, but the Gordonbrock girls had clear tactics. They played excellent football, coming together as a team, communicated well on the pitch and knew their positions. Their football skills and teamwork was impeccable, although I will say, I was most proud of their behaviour. Every adult commented on their kindness and support of all the other players. They watched every match and cheered on the other teams as well as congratulating their successes. This included the 3 girls from Gordonbrock who represented DAGs.

After a long day full of football, the girls reached the final against DAGs. DAGs, a community football club, had a strong team who sailed to the final and put up a valiant fight against Gordonbrock. However, the Gordonbrock girls held fast and won the game giving them the pleasure of lifting the winner's trophy.

Congratulations to the Gordonbrock team: Martha. B, Betty, Anna, Lizzie, Faith and Clemence.

Magic Moment Trophy: Betty

Player of the Tournament: Clemence

Runner up Penalty Shoot-out: Faith

Winner of Penalty Shoot-out: Martha. P

Winning team 3-on-3: Lizzie & Maja

Congratulations also to Maja, Iris and Martha P who played for DAGs and were runners up in the tournament.

A big thank you to all adults who helped support all the players who went to the tournament and especially Jason for coaching the Gordonbrock team and Ms. Crosbie for accompanying the team to Macaroni Woods.

Mr Costello, PE Cordinator



YEAR 6

This week, the Year 6 children had great fun attempting the Hula Hoop challenge. Some children surprised their classmates, teachers ... and themselves with how skilful they were.



London
History
Day

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

&

London History Day



We invite parents and carers to enjoy our performances from today's London History Day and Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on the following dates:

Year 1/2

17th June at 2.50pm
in KS1 playground

Year 5/6

24th June at 9:05am
in KS2 playground

Year 3/4

24th June at 2.50pm
in KS2 playground



YEAR 3

Year 3 took part in a Bollywood dance workshop last Friday. We learned different Bollywood steps as well as lots about India and different Hindu celebrations including Diwali and Holi.



YEAR 4

In Year 4, we enjoyed our cricket session with the coaches from Platform Cricket. We got to practise some of our existing skills but also learned new skills.

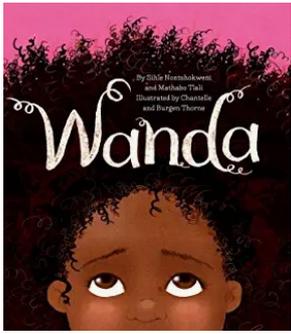


In maths, we used Chromebooks to practise our times tables.



MRS WRIGHT'S READS OF THE WEEK

3-6
years olds

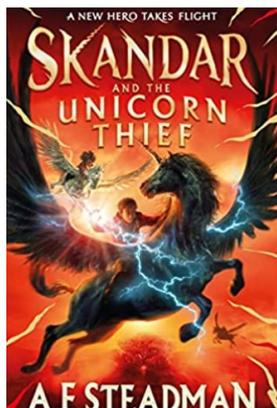


The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle

Meet Wanda, with her beautiful head full of hair. She is brave and strong, but she's unhappy because of the endless teasing by the boys at school for her thorn bush and thunderstorm cloud. Through Grandma Makhulu's hair secrets and stories she finds the courage to face her fears and learn to appreciate that her hair is a crown' not a burden' and it is something to be proud of. This book is about identity and beauty, celebrating how cultural pride is learned and passed on over generations.

Dragon Legend (Dragon Realm) written by Katie Tsang & Kevin Tsang

Billy Chan and his friends are not having a very relaxing summer. Their friend, Dylan, has been kidnapped by the evil Dragon of Death and it's up to them to travel through time, back to the dangerous Dragon Realm, in order to save him. Luckily they have their own dragons on side, but they'll need to collect eight magical pearls if they're to amass enough power to destroy the Dragon of Death and her followers for good. So begins an epic quest that will take them to the depths of the Frozen Wasteland and the imperial palaces of Ancient China. But can good triumph evil...?



Skandar and the Unicorn Thief by A.F. Steadman

Thirteen-year-old Skandar Smith has only ever wanted to be a unicorn rider. To be one of the lucky few selected to hatch a unicorn. To bond with it for life; to train together and race for glory; to be a hero.

But just as Skandar's dream is about to come true, things start to take a more dangerous turn than he could ever have imagined. A dark and twisted enemy has stolen the Island's most powerful unicorn – and as the threat grows ever closer, Skandar discovers a secret that could blow apart his world forever . . .

9-11
years olds

Lexia Superstars

Special congratulations to the superstars 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.

Phillip (E3)

Ayaan (S5)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The date for this year's Gordonbrock Sports Day is **Monday 20 June**. Please make a note of this date in your diary and keep a look out for more information after the half-term break.

ONLINE SAFETY : TIP OF THE WEEK



Watch out for phishing and scams

Phishing is when someone tries to trick you into giving them information, like your password. Someone might also try to trick you by saying they can make you famous or that they're from a talent agency. Never click links from emails or messages that ask you to log in or share your details, even if you think they might be genuine. If you're asked to log into a website, go to the app or site directly instead.

Mon 30.05 - Fri 03.06	Summer Half Term Break
Mon 06.06	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Mon 13.06	Year 3 ZooLab Workshop
Mon 20.06	SPORTS DAY
Mon 27.06 - Fri 01.07	London Maths Week
Fri 01.07	GB Summer Fair
Mon 04.07	Reports Go Home
Tue 05.07	FOG AGM
Mon 11.07	Nursery Trip to Horniman Museum
Fri 15.07	School Dance-a-thon
Wed 20.07	Last Day of School for Pupils
Thurs 21.07	SCHOOL CLOSED - Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday (taken in lieu)
Fri 22.07	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET Day

Ways to Wellbeing - From A – Z

Developing resilience and wellbeing one letter at a time!

Z is for Zebra



A zebra is an animal that looks a bit like a white horse with black stripes. Did you know that the stripes on every zebra are different from all the other zebras? The zebra in the picture is having a little problem with his stripes. Sometimes being different can be a bit difficult for us, and like the zebra we need to remember it's OK to be different.

Think: Do I like things to be the same, or do I like things to be different?

Say: "I am special because I am different from everyone else in the universe. It's okay to be different!"

Do:

- Think about one of your friends and write or draw as many differences as you can think of between you and your friend
- Design a poster to show all the things that make you who you are, the things that make you different



Friends of Gordonbrock

NEWS

**THANKS, AS EVER
FOR ALL YOUR
BRILLIANT
SUPPORT!**

SUMMER FAIR FRIDAY 1 JULY 3:15-5:30PM

Next term sees the return of the Gordonbrock Summer Fair, which we'll be holding after school for the first time. Please save the date!

We are looking forward to all coming together to celebrate our wonderful community and raise money for the school and would love to hear from any parents or carers who would like to help make it our best fair ever. We will need volunteers to help set up earlier that afternoon, run stalls and games, serve hot dogs and ice cream, or Pimms and fizz. We are also looking for a professional (or keen amateur) face-painter to help on the day. Kids are welcome to help at the fair (apart from in the kitchen).

Whether you'd like to help with planning or on the day, please get in touch with FOG via email to : friendsofgordonbrock@gmail.com.

FRIENDS OF GORDONBROCK AGM TUESDAY 5 JULY, 3-15PM

We would like to invite two parents/carers from every class to come along to the FOG AGM. This will be a chance to feed in your ideas for next year and help shape our calendar of social and fundraising events. It's been an odd couple of year working under covid, but now things have opened up again, what kind of events would you like to see? There are some exciting projects to fundraise for including the revamping of the school library, so it's an exciting time to get involved. Attendees will also have a chance to help decide how the money we raise is spent. Childcare will be provided for school age children. We look forward to seeing lots of new faces!

SCHOOL DANCE-A-THON! FRIDAY 15 JULY

The sponsored Dance-a-thon is back to celebrate the end of the school year. It's not too early to start practicing your dance moves!