

GORDONBROCK WEEKLY

FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2022

What another great week at Gordonbrock.

Thank you to all the Year 6 parents/carers that attended the Secondary Transfer Meeting, last night, we hope you found it useful. The PowerPoint will be shared on the school website shortly.

Children across the school have been creating their very own portraits of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Please do ask your child what decade and artist inspired them.



Next week, we see the return of Differences Week - the theme will be Neurodiversity. To introduce Differences Week, Miss Long will be leading assemblies on Monday.

Please can we remind everyone that the weather has changed and that it is very important to bring appropriate outdoor wear to school in the morning.



Have a lovely weekend everyone and we'll see you next week.

Mrs Wright

Jeans For Genes Day



Today we marked Jeans for Genes Day.

The school community wore denim and donated a £1 to raise money for this worthwhile charity.

The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected.

If you have not donated and would still like to please visit:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gordonbrock-school

WEAR JEANS, CHANGE LIVES

Polio Booster Vaccine for Children Aged 1 to 9 Years

Children aged 1 to 9 years old in London are being offered a dose of polio vaccine. For some children, this may be an extra dose on top of their routine vaccinations. In other children, this may bring them up to date with their routine vaccinations. There are signs the virus may be spreading in London and the number of children vaccinated in London is lower than it should be. Boosting immunity in children should help protect them and reduce the risk of the virus continuing to spread in Lewisham and beyond.

Polio can be very serious, and the vaccine will boost children's protection. Lewisham Hospital is offering children the polio vaccine. Parents can book an appointment via the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/bde8m2z8>



Nursery

This week in Nursery, we had a go at letter formation, colour mixing, catching ducks and exploring the outside environment.



Starting Applying to Start Primary School in September 2023

Children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 are eligible to start Reception full-time in September 2023.

Parents and Carers of children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 will need to make plans for their admission to Reception in September 2023. Parents / Carers can apply for up to six mainstream state primary schools, which can be in or outside the Lewisham borough. Before deciding which schools you want to apply for, you should visit the school to meet the staff, see the facilities and opportunities available.

Applications can be made with Lewisham Council via the eadmissions website, from Thursday 1st September 2022 to Sunday 15th January 2023.

More information is available at: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school/how-to-apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

Contacting Us

The school office can be contacted via telephone number on **02086900704** or via email

info@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk - for all general enquires.

pickup@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk - for changes to pick-up arrangements for the day no later than 2.00pm. After 2pm please call the office and speak to a member of staff. If the lines are busy, please can we ask you to call back and not leave a message on the answerphone.

breakfastclub@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk - for any queries or requests for Breakfast Club.

lunch@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk - for the weeks meal choices that were booked in September.



Reception

This week, Topaz 3 have been exploring numbers and size by ordering and matching amounts to numerals. We have been exploring letter shapes by practising using whiteboards and pens. We are learning to look after our books in the book corner. We are making new friends by playing together.

Topaz 4 children have been exploring numbers using a variety of resources such as linking camels, numicons and counting rocks. We designed our autumn hedgehog and added our own colours. We have been building using our outdoor resources such as giant polydrons and wooden blocks. We also explored the mud kitchen which will show on our uniforms (sorry mums and dads!)

Topaz 5, have been exploring numbers to 20, making portraits of the Queen and decorating jean cut outs for Jeans for Genes Day.



REMINDER: Reception Parents/Carers, We have been asked by the School Health Service Screening Team to remind you to complete the Health Need Assessment form (HNA form) using their secure on-line link.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Health Needs Assessment (HNA) Link for –Gordonbrock Primary

The Lewisham & Greenwich NHS Trust School Health Service is committed to the health and improvement of children by promoting positive attitude towards good health and ensuring they have access to a dedicated and response service.

We have secure on-line link that you can use to complete the health need assessment (HNA form) for your reception child. The questionnaire is an opportunity to have your child's health and development reviewed at school entry. We are now inviting parents/guardians to complete this questionnaire via this quick and easy process:

Please click on this link to access the HNA form: <http://qlink.uk/Lth155/100684>

Here's a video on how the HNA portal works: <https://vimeo.com/442663214>

Once you have completed the questionnaire you will be able to view and download your responses and identified helpful health messages and links to further information and guidance. A nurse will review the questionnaire and may contact you to offer health advice, information and support.

The School Health Services ensures that personal information relating to your child is kept securely and confidentially and will not be shared without your permission, except in exceptional circumstances.

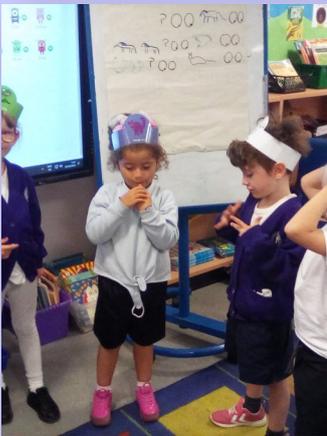
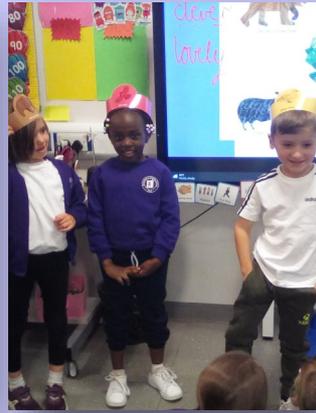
Please contact the Lewisham School Health Screening Team at Waldron Health Centre on 0203 049 3415 or lg.shsscreening@nhs.net if you require any further assistance.



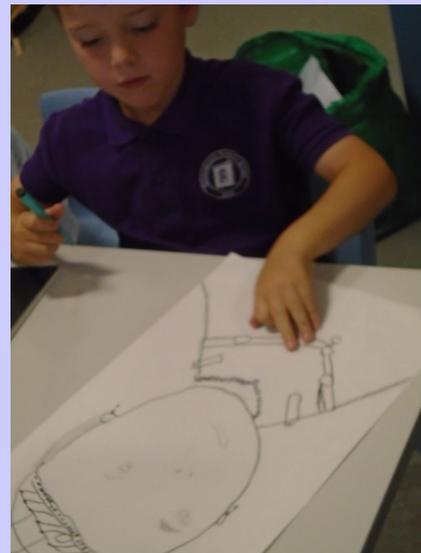
Year 1

This week, Year 1 have been comparing numbers 1 to 10.

In Literacy they have been retelling the story Brown Bear, Brown Bear What do you see? by Bill Martin Jr.



Year 2



Year 2 have enjoyed remembering Queen Elizabeth by painting portraits of her in the style of Julian Opie. The children were very keen to choose a portrait of The Queen to model their portrait on. Their careful observational portraits were a joy to see.

English has been fun, we have made puppets of the story of Hansel and Gretel and acted out the story. In maths we have been using equipment to partition numbers into tens and units.

Please can we remind everyone that although Amyruth Road is part of the School Street Scheme, vehicles that belong to residents of the road or vehicles that are exempt from the scheme can still be driven during the scheme times. Therefore, it is extremely important to exercise caution when crossing the road. For older children that arrive and leave school unaccompanied can we please ask Parents/Carers to discuss the dangers of not crossing safely and general road safety especially at this time when the days are getting shorter.

Also can we remind Parents/Carers that when collecting children at 4.30pm the School Street Scheme is not in operation at this time and children should not be allowed to play/run/scoot/bicycle ride/sit/stand in the road.



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 at

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

Year 3

Year 3 enjoyed learning how to draw an afro for World Afro Day.

There were many steps to follow . They also used their growth mindset and persevered. Emerald 1 enjoyed browsing books in the library.



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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gordonbrock/>



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When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help students master the times tables!



Game Types

- Garage - the questions will only come from the times tables the teacher has set for the week. It will include multiplication and division questions.
- Studio - the questions in the Studio can be anything from 1x1 up to 12x12.
- Soundcheck – When you play Soundcheck, you get 20 questions each with a 5-second time limit.

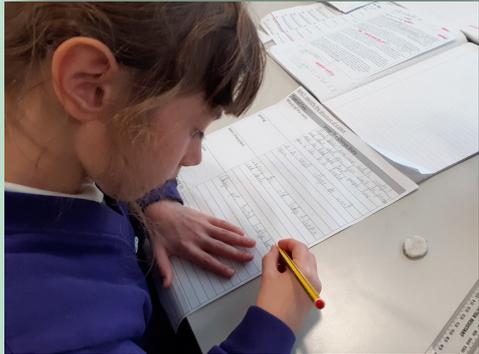
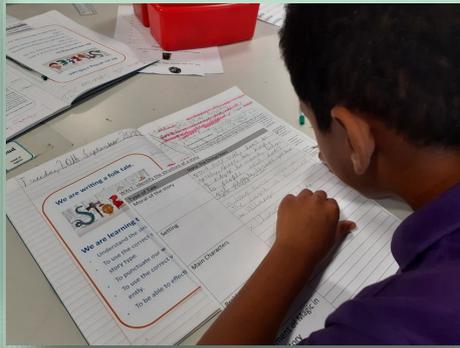
Logging In

The children should go to <https://play.trockstars.com/auth/school/student/3584> and login using the details that have been sent home with your child.

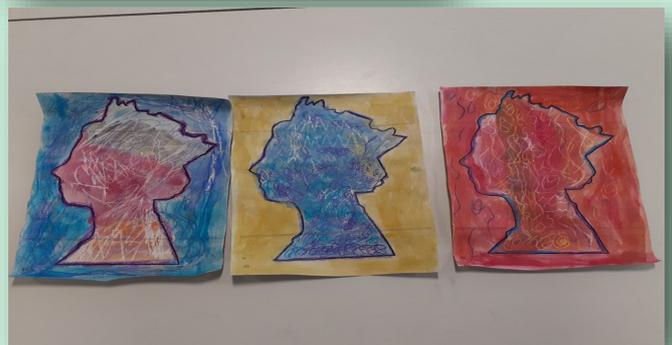
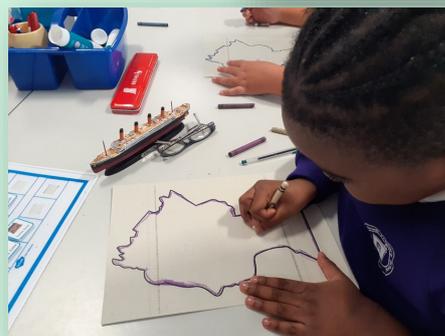
Stats

If you click on your avatar icon in the top right of the screen and then click My Stats, a heatmap like the one below will load. It shows how successful your child is at each of the facts.

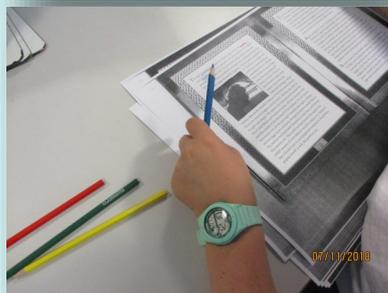
Year 4



In Year 4 this week, we have been using folk tale features to map out a traditional story. We used our knowledge of settings, villains and endings to guide us. We have also been practicing spelling each day! In art we commemorated The Queen by using and exploring a range of colour to produce our unique first class stamp! We used crayons and poster paint.



Year 5



This week, Aquamarine 1 and 2 have been reading the Anglo-Saxon story of Beowulf and how he defeated the monster Grendel.

We have enjoyed the descriptions of the hero Beowulf and the evil monster Grendel.

Aquamarine 3 continued reading our new class book "The Unforgotten Coat" by Frank Cottrell-Boyce.



ONLINE SAFETY : TIP OF THE WEEK

Always check with your parents before downloading or installing software or doing anything that could possibly hurt your computer or mobile device or jeopardize your family's privacy.



Year 5 Parents/ Carers...

Payment schedule for Marchants Hill School Residential Journey February 2023.

| Payment plan: Full/Subsidised | |
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| Friday 30 September | - £55 / £19 non-refundable deposit |
| Friday 4 November | - £65 / £15 |
| Friday 2 December | - £65 / £15 |
| Friday 6 January | - £65 / £15 |
| Friday 3 February | - £65 / £15 |

Dear Parents/Carers of children in Topaz 2 and Years 3-6....

Please note that payments for school lunch must be made in advance.

The cost of a school lunch is £2.30 per day.

The total for Autumn Term 1 is £78.20

The total for Autumn Term 2 is £80.50

The total for Autumn Term is £158.70

All lunch payments are to be made using ParentPay.

Year 6



In Year 6, we empathised with the main character in our English text. We imagined what it would feel like to be in their shoes. One very brave class member volunteered to be 'hot-seated' and took on the role of the main character. We asked questions about how the character was feeling and why. Then we all had a go at being in role as the main character with our partners. It really made us think.



We have been working on place value in Maths and have been solving problems that require systematic working and logic.



We have started a new art project which looks at portraits and focused on expanded noun phrases and pronouns in Grammar. We have also been using drama to understand a character and write a diary entry in role.



Year 6 Secondary Transfer

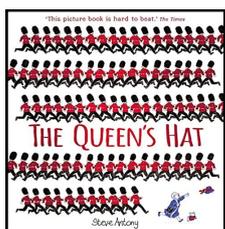
Children in Year 6 (born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012) will be transferring to Secondary School in September 2023

You will have already received a copy of the 'Bright Futures Applying To Start Secondary School brochure at the end of the last academic year. We would encourage all parents to read this information carefully as it provides important information about the transfer process and Lewisham secondary schools. A digital version of the brochure as well as all of the important Secondary Transfer dates and information on the application process is available at:

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school/before-you-apply>

Closing date for applications: Monday 31 October 2022 (we recommend that you submit your online application by Monday 24 October 2022)

MRS WRIGHT'S READS OF THE WEEK



The Queen's Hat by Steve Antony

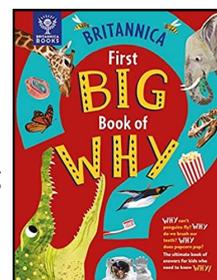
A sudden gust of wind sets of a marvellous London adventure for the Queen, the Queen's men and one very special hat. So let's follow one determined, dare-devil queen through London Zoo, over Tower Bridge and up Big Ben ... just where will that hat land?

3-6 years olds

7-10 years olds

Britannica First Big Book of Why by Sally Symes, Stephanie Drimmer, Britannica Group and illustrated by Kate Slater.

Britannica's huge, authoritative and lavishly illustrated question and answer book will satisfy even the most curious children, with over 100 questions verified by Britannica experts. Spanning a range of topics including animals, the body, machines, space and more, this book provides clear and accessible explanations – and even explores some of the mysteries that experts are still trying to solve!



9-11 years olds

The Wonder Garden by Jenny Broom and illustrated by Kristijana S Williams



Open the gates of the Wonder Garden to explore five of Earth's most extraordinary habitats, each filled with incredible creatures and epic scenery. Trek through the Amazon Rainforest, travel to the Chihuahuan Desert, dive in the Great Barrier Reef, delve deep into the Black Forest and stand on the roof of the world – the Himalayan Mountains – to see nature at its wildest. Breathtaking, engraved illustrations bring to life Earth's spectacular Wonder Garden in this stunning book which takes you on an adventure around the world. A must for all young nature lovers!

REMINDER: FRUIT SNACKS IN CLASS



EYFS and KS1 children are provided with a mid morning fruit snack everyday.



KS2 children are welcome to bring in an apple, pear, banana or orange as their mid morning snack everyday.



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Lexia Superstars

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

Special congratulations to the following children who completed a level this week!



Which Musical Element Am I?



Welcome back to 'Guess the musical term' and congratulations if you said Pulse for last week's answer! This week...

What is it called when singers hold a long note for a VERY long time it still stays on the same note and sounds clear with projection. Sometimes you might even sneak a breath in whilst someone else is singing? We use this singing technique in our singing assembly song 'Consider Yourself'. What am I?

If you think you have the answer let your friends and me know next week!

Mr Prescott

Pulse

UNIFORM

School uniform can be ordered on ParentPay.

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

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All orders will be sent to class for your child to take home.

REMINDER CLASS BIRTHDAY TREATS

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



LATE COLLECTION & CHARGING POLICY

Please note that any child not collected on time will be taken to the school office and their name will be recorded in the late-collection book.



If your child is collected late on more than **three occasions during a school term**, then we have a charging policy which will mean that you will be charged **£5 for every 15 minutes for each child**.

We endeavour to be a

NUT-FREE SCHOOL

Please help us to achieve this aim by not sending any nuts or nut containing products into school, This extends to sesame seeds too. **Thank you for your support in this matter.**

Important Dates

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| 26/09/22 - 30/09/22 | Differences Week |
| 10/10/22 - 14/10/22 | Buddy Week |
| 24/10/22 - 28/10/22 | Autumn Half Term |
| 19/10/22 | Open Morning |
| 20/10/22 | Parents' Evening |
| 21/10/22 | Show Racism The Red Card |
| 21/10/22 | Cake & Fruit Day |
| 07/11/22 - 11/11/22 | Anti-Bullying Week |
| 11/11/22 | Remembrance Day |
| 14/11/22 | Reception & Y6 - Height and Weight Measurement Program |
| 18/11/22 | Children In Need |
| 09/12/22 | No Pens Day |
| 19/12/22 - 02/01/23 | Christmas Holidays |
| 23/01/23—27/03/23 | Buddy Week |
| 06/02/23 - 10/02/23 | Children's Mental Health Week |
| 08/02/23 | Open Morning |
| 09/02/23 | Parents' Evening |
| 13/02/23 - 17/02/23 | Spring Half Term |
| 21/02/23 | Safer Internet Day |
| 27/02/23—03/03/23 | Year 5 School Journey |
| 02/03/23 | World Book Day |
| 08/03/23 | International Womens' Day |
| 03/04/23 - 14/04/23 | Easter Holidays |
| 29/05/23 - 02/06/23 | Summer Half Term |
| 08/05/23 - 12/05/23 | KS2 SATs Week |
| 05/06/23 & 21/07/23 | INSET Days (School Closed) |



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LEWISHAM SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-23

AS AGREED BY MAYOR AND CABINET

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| AUTUMN TERM 1 2022 | Thursday 1 st September – Friday 21 October |
| Half Term Break | Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October |
| AUTUMN TERM 2 2022 | Monday 31 st October – Friday 16 th December |

End Of Term Holiday **Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January 2023**

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| SPRING TERM 1 2023 | Tuesday 3 rd January – Friday 10 th February |
| Half term break | Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February |
| SPRING TERM 2 2023 | Monday 20 th February – Friday 31 st March |

End Of Term Holiday **Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April**

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| SUMMER TERM 1 2023 | Monday 17 th April – Friday 26 th May <i>(the early May Bank Holiday will be taken on 1 May)</i> |
| Half Term Break | Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June |
| SUMMER TERM 3 2023 | Monday 5 th June – Friday 21 st July |

The school will be closed to pupils on the following dates:

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| Thursday 1st September 2022 | Inset Day |
| Friday 2nd September 2022 | Inset Day |
| Monday 5th June 2023 | Inset Day |
| Friday 21st July 2023 | Inset Day |
| TBC | Inset Day |

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| Bank Holidays | Christmas Day Boxing Day New Year's Day Good Friday Easter Monday May Bank Holiday Spring Bank Holiday Summer Bank Holiday | Tuesday 27 December 2022 Monday 26 December 2022 Monday 2 January 2023 Friday 7 April 2023 Monday 10 April 2023 Monday 1 May 2023 Monday 29 May 2023 Monday 28 August 2023 |
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