

GORDONBROCK WEEKLY

FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

It has been another great week in school!

This week we have celebrated European Languages Day and Differences Week.

European Languages Day encompassed languages not only in Europe but the world. We celebrated the day, on Tuesday, holding two Key Stage Assemblies. The Assemblies emphasised the importance of communication, and how exciting and useful it is to be able to communicate in another language.

For our Differences Week, we focused on what makes us different even though we are the same. The theme was Neurodiversity this year so please do ask your children all about it. The children have really enjoyed the week. They have decorated their very own individual tote bags, each bag design promotes what is important to them and what makes them unique.

Next week sees the start of Black History Month and we are all looking forward to the many workshops and activities that have been planned.



Please can we remind everyone again 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

So far we have raised

£894

Gordonbrock Community you are amazing!

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

[www.justgiving](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gordonbrock-school)

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Black History Month October 2022

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.

In this month, we will be exploring and learning through storytelling and watching theatre productions, listening to a vast array of music styles in music assemblies, focusing on significant persons and events and reading books from various authors.

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



Nursery



This week in Nursery, we painted our self-portraits, played with Tap a Shape, practised our ICT skills with the interactive board and decorated our bags for Differences week.



Starting Applying to Start Primary School in September 2023

Children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st 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>

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>

Toileting Tips Drop-In

Mondays 12th September & 10th October

1.00pm - 2.00pm

Ladywell Children & Family Centre
30 Rushey Mead, SE4 1JJ

Wednesdays 28th September & 9th November

1.00pm - 2.00am

Evelyn Children & Family Centre
231 Grove Street, SE8 3PZ

Tuesday 1st November

1.00pm - 2.00pm

Bellingham Children & Family Centre
109 Randlesdown Road, SE6 3HB



Join us at these drop-in sessions to learn tips and techniques for successfully toilet training your child.

- . When to start
- . What are the key signs?
- . How to get started
- . Ten top tips
- . Moving on to dry nights
- . Your questions answered

For children aged 18 months to 5 years

Reception



This week in Topaz 3, we have been exploring 2D shapes and numbers through a variety of activities.

We have talked about seasonal changes and explored Autumn through printing leaf shapes in autumnal colours.

Topaz 3 have had a dinosaur invasion, too!



In Topaz 4, we have been on an outdoors autumn exploration making a list of all that we found around the playground.

We also enjoyed Languages Day by starting our morning routine five-a-day in a different language.

We explored the outdoor area using the tunnel and climbing frame. Topaz 4 also decorated their bags for Differences Week after discussing what makes us unique.



This week, Topaz 5 have enjoyed exploring shapes in the maths area, reading books about sea life and drawing our families in the writing area. For differences week we have been designing and decorating our very own tote bags that represent us. We shared our designs in a Topaz 5 Fashion show.....it was great fun!

We have had a fantastic week of learning.

Year 1



This week in RE, the children were exploring the natural world.

We went on a walk around the playground looking for natural things to draw!

It was Differences Week and we all designed our own bags with pictures and words that make us different!



ONLINE SAFETY : TIP OF THE WEEK

Don't respond to any online or text messages sent by cyberbullies. Don't be an accomplice by forwarding any of the messages to other kids. Save and print out all the messages as proof and evidence of cyberbullying.

If you are being bullied, tell an adult immediately to get help solving the problem.



Can you help?

- We are looking for volunteer class readers to come in on an afternoon and read with groups of children.
- Could you be one of our librarians and come in and help in our school library.

If you are able to help please email:

admin@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk



Year 2

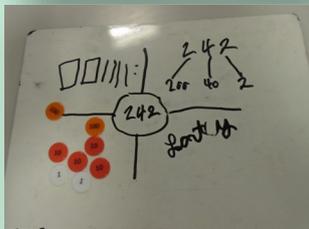
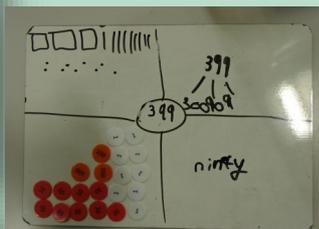
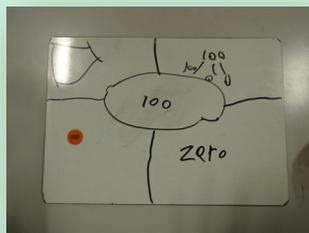


Year 2 really enjoyed decorating their bags for Differences Week. We thought about all the different ways that make us unique – including what we look like, the languages we speak, our links across the world, the challenges we face and likes and dislikes.

It was also fantastic to learn words and sentences in lots of different languages as we celebrated Languages Day, including German, Greek, Welsh, Somali, French, Tamil and Albanian.



Year 3



In Year 3 this week, we have continued to work on partitioning and representing three digit numbers. We were also adding ones, tens and hundreds to a number.



We celebrated Differences Week and made designs ready to transfer onto a special bag.



During our PE session, we enjoyed seated volleyball - again celebrating Differences Week!

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 2.00pm 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.

This also applies to any changes to pickup arrangements for the after school activity clubs (not TopMarks After School Club).

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.



Which Musical Element Am I?



This week we celebrated neurodivergent creatives in our music assembly as part of Differences Week focusing in on Billie Eilish, Mozart, Florence Welch from Florence & The Machine and Loyle Carner. With your parents & carers see if you can listen to any of them this week!

Our amazing Y5/Y6 Guitarists also performed Aura Lee made famous by Elvis Presley in our music assembly. After just three sessions to perform at a fast tempo (*allegro*), with dynamics (*forté*) and with confidence in front of the whole of KS2 they should all be incredibly proud of themselves. If you would like to perform at the start of our music assembly, please talk to me at break or lunchtime on Monday or Friday.

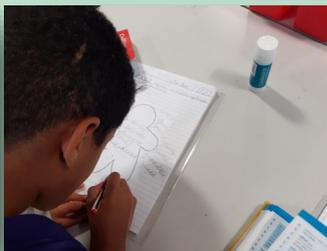
This week's musical term is below: can you guess what it is?

Sometimes I walk slowly. Sometimes I run as fast as I can. Sometimes I walk at a medium pace. Which musical element am I?

Mr Prescott



Year 4

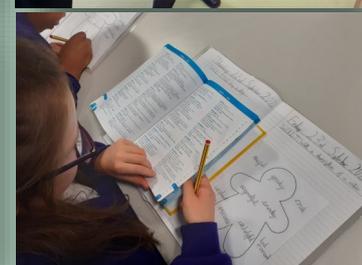
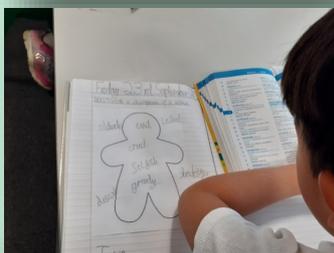


In Year 4 this week, we celebrated Differences Week.

We had a special visitor that shared information on neurodiversity. We learnt the links between ADHD and autism, and equality and equity.

We then designed a unique print for our bags that symbolised each member of our classes. In English we used a thesaurus to find words with the same meaning to describe our characters in our story.

Lots of descriptive vocabulary was found and used!



Dear 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 5



This week, as it was our annual Differences Week , we spent some time decorating tote bags with colours and designs that show our differences and to promote neurodiversity.

Year 5 Parents/ Carers...

Payment schedule for Marchants Hill School Residential Journey February 2023.

Payment plan: Full/Subsidised	
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

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 31st October 2022 (we recommend that you submit your online application by Monday 24th October 2022)

Year 6



In Year 6, we had a lot of fun engaging in a range of activities.

On European Languages Day Aquamarine 4 learned to sing 'Heads Shoulders Knees and Toes' in Spanish.



As part of Differences Week Aquamarine 5 learned how difficult it can be to play games that we know when we are blindfolded, we also designed our own tote bags. In English, we have been choosing words with precision in order to paint a picture for our audience.



In Aquamarine 6, we have been working on place value in Maths. We have been solving problems that require systematic working and logic. Descriptive writing and sentence construction have been the main focus of English. In preparation for an art project, we have been honing our skills in shading by looking at light values and controlling the pressure we apply to the paper with our pencil.



PE Kit REMINDER:

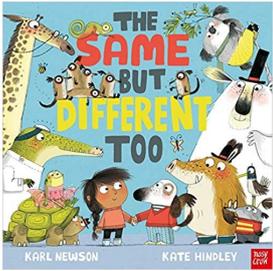
Parents/Carers please remember to send your child(ren) to school wearing their PE kit on the day they have PE.

Please could you also ensure that they are wearing the correct PE kit.

- Plain black tracksuit bottoms
- Plain white round neck tshirt
- Plain black shorts for indoor PE (these can be worn under plain black tracksuit bottoms in colder weather)
- Purple school sweatshirt
- Trainers



MRS WRIGHT'S READS OF THE WEEK



The Same But Different Too

by Karl Newson (Author) and Kate Hindley (Illustrator)

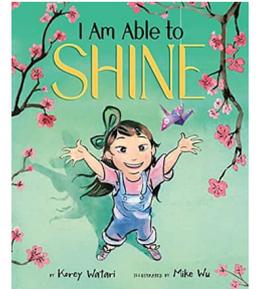
3-5
years olds

These children and animals are all very different to each other. Some are big, some are small. Some are gentle, some are rough. Everyone is playful, but who's the best at hiding? One thing's certain: they all love a good bedtime story!

5-7
years
olds

I Am Able to Shine

by Korey Watari (Author) and Mike Wu (Illustrator)



Each night Keiko whispers to her crane, "I wish to change the world." She is kind, and she has big dreams. But at times she feels invisible; she knows some people misjudge her. Keiko is also loved, so she perseveres and stands strong. Over time, her confidence grows, she shares more of herself, and she helps lift up others—and eventually lead them. She understands that no matter what, she can shine.

What Stars Are Made Of

by Sarah Allen (Author)

8-12
years olds



12-year-old Libby was born with Turner syndrome, which can make some things difficult. But with her family and friends supporting her, Libby knows she will achieve her dream of becoming a scientist, just like her hero Cecilia Payne. When her big sister Nonny needs her help, Libby hatches a plan to help the sister who has always been there for her. But will the plan work and will the stars align for them?

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!



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.



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

10/10/22 - 14/10/22	Buddy Week
19/10/22	Open Morning
20/10/22	Parents' Evening
21/10/22	Show Racism The Red Card
21/10/22	Cake & Fruit Day
24/10/22 - 28/10/22	Autumn Half Term
31/10/22	DEADLINE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL ONLINE APPLICATIONS
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
14/12/22	Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Lunch 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

LEWISHAM

AUTISM SUPPORT

Support for families of children with a diagnosis of autism living in
Lewisham

What we offer:

- 1-hour clinic appointment with experienced Family Support Coordinators who provide support for parents/carers in:
 - Understanding more about autism.
 - Information about accessing local services and benefits.
- For families resident in Lewisham, access to ongoing support (Comeback Service).

How to access our service:

- Paediatricians and other Kaleidoscope diagnosing teams can automatically refer families after diagnosis. This includes families diagnosed at Kaleidoscope but living in other boroughs. These families will receive an initial 1-hour clinic only.
- We accept referrals from other professionals working with diagnosed children living in the borough.
- Families of diagnosed children can also self-refer.

Contact details:

- **Tel:** 020 8699 3066
- **Email:** lewisham.familysupport@nas.org.uk