GORDONBROCK WEEKLY

FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2022

REMINDER:

Deadline to book Christmas lunch for Wednesday 14th December 2022 using ParentPay is midday Monday 5th December 2022.

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Well Done Gordonbrock community! Together by wearing our spots and raising **£584.14** we have helped to change lives of children and young people that need help the most. If you have not donated to Children in Need yet and would like to please use https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=7849 this link will be available until Friday 2nd December.

Next week we are looking forward to Nursery kicking off our Christmas performances for 2022. Nursery Parents/Carers please bring tissues; I've seen them practising and I'm sure there will not be a dry eye anywhere that day!

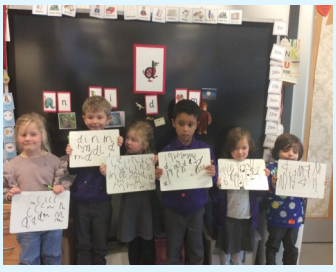
Have a restful weekend and we'll see you all on Monday.

Mrs Wright

Reception

Over the last two weeks, Reception have been excited to start learning phonics. We have been learning to match initial sounds to objects, as well as learning the letter formation rhymes.

We have been exploring the story of the Little Red Hen, using props and story maps to retell it. We had fun with playdough, kneading it and rolling it like the Little Red Hen did when making her bread. We have also been learning about positional language, placing our farm animals in/under/over/ in front/behind/next to and in between objects.



FOG'S Winter Fair

Friday 9 December 2022

3:30-5:30pm

Free entry for all!

On Friday 2 December please could you donate the following items to the school office:

- plain cupcakes and biscuits for decorating
- cakes
- small gifts for children
- books and toys (in good condition)
- pre-loved Christmas jumpers (children's sizes)
- pre-loved coats (all sizes)
- for the Tombola:
  - sweets and chocolates
  - clean jam jars for the sweet tombola
  - prizes for parents/carers

Please check out Patchwork:
https://patchworkit.com/45510/GordonbrockWinterFair2022
and let us know how you can help!

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Friends of Gordonbrock

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Starting primary school in 2023 - advice and support for Lewisham families

We are excited to announce that we are running a free informal event for parents to learn about the primary application process.

We will be offering friendly and supportive advice from Admissions, Family Information Service, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and Free School Meals teams.

This will be on Wednesday 14th December from 9.00am-6.00pm at Catford Library.

Book your slot on the 'starting primary school in 2023' event at Catford Library
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/starting-primary-school-in-2023-advice-and-support-for-lewisham-families-tickets-473208207487

Sign up for weekly emails about applying for a primary school place in 2023
https://r1.dotdigital-pages.com/p/402-118M

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

Current Nursery Parents/Carers of children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, please note that even though your child is currently attending Gordonbrock Nursery you still will have to apply for Primary School by the 15th January 2023.

Gordonbrock Open Morning
for Prospective Parents/Carers of children that will start in Reception in 2023 is on Wednesday 30th November 2022

Contacting Us

The school office can be contacted via telephone 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.

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 Link for –Gordonbrock Primary School

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 in Year One we have been completing lots of phonics and mental maths challenges. Alongside this we have been creating our own dragons and describing their features. We created a fact file for our dragons thinking about what it looks like, where it might live and its special powers. We also used lots of different materials to collage our dragons!

Year 1 enjoyed celebrating Interfaith week and learning about different religions. We discussed how everyone is different and that we all have the right to our own opinions and beliefs. We understand that this is what makes Gordonbrock, and our world, a special place. We made posters about treating everyone with kindness and respect as this an important aspect in every faith.

We thoroughly enjoyed Children in Need on Friday. We created our own Pudsey bears and we spoke about why we were fundraising. We spoke about what makes us special and the children created some wonderful bookmarks!

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!

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

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

Please note that payments for school lunch must be made in advance. All lunch payments are to be made using ParentPay. 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

ONLINE SAFETY : TIP OF THE WEEK

If you're using someone else's device or someone else might have access to yours, make sure you:
log out of any websites or apps when you're finished
don't save any passwords or log-in information
clear your internet history.

We have been asked to share the following with you by the School Health Immunisation Team about the FLU VACCINE:

NHS

Parents/Carers have the opportunity to get their children vaccinated outside of the school setting.

The flu vaccine is being offered to Lewisham school children between Reception and Year 9.

If your child hasn't had the vaccine, and would like to take up the offer the School Health Immunisation Team will be delivering catch up clinics at weekends. If your child is in Reception to Year 9 and did not get the FLU vaccination in a Lewisham school only, parents/carers can contact the Immunisation Team on the details below to book an appointment or simply walk-in.

Saturday 26 November 2022 9.00am - 4.30pm
Kaleidoscope, 32 Rushey Green, SE6 4JF

Parents/Carers can contact the team by: Phone: 0203 0491897 or 07341888526

email: lg.shsimmunisation@nhs.net

Year 5 Parents/Carers...

Payment schedule for Marchants Hill February 2023.

Payment plan: Full/Subsidised

Friday 30th September - £55 / £19 non-refundable deposit
Friday 4th November - £65 / £15
Friday 2nd December - £65 / £15
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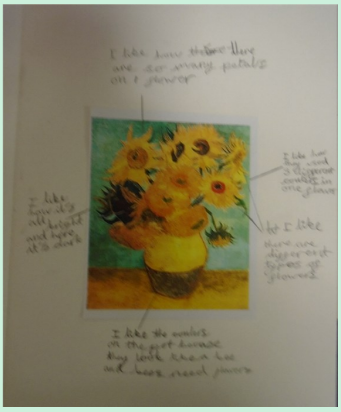
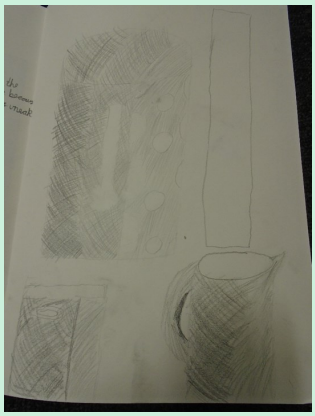
Year 3

In Year 3 this week, we have been publishing our diary entries and planning new ones based on characters from different stories we have read this year.



We have also begun our Art topic which, this term is 'Still Life.' So far, we have looked at the work of a range of different artists including Georgio Morandi, Henri Matisse and Vincent van Gogh.



We also started experimenting with different mediums.

This included sketching, where we used hatching and cross-hatching to create a 3D effect on our still life pictures.

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 1×1 up to 12×12.**
- **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.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/3584 and login using the details that have been sent home with your child.

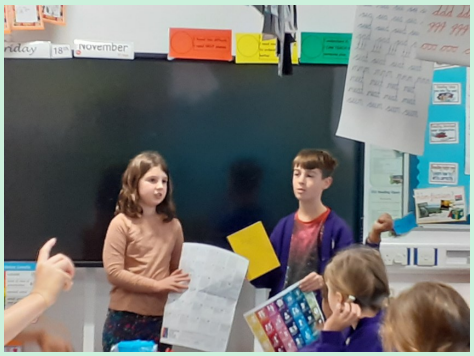
Stats

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

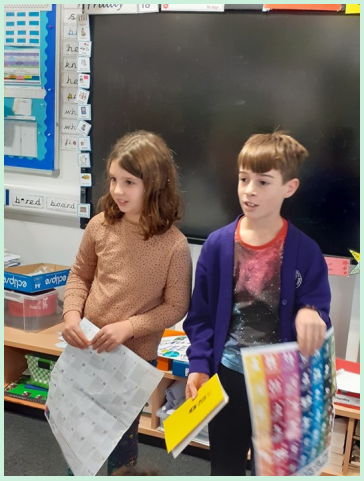
We made string telephones.

We discovered that a string telephone will work once the string is stretched out. When you talk into the cup the string vibrates, then the other person is able to hear!



During PE we formed a Roman turtle formation - Testudo Formation. Next week we will use our shields we created/ made!

Our school councillors attended their first meeting and shared important information with their class.



As part of Interfaith week we having been learning about different religions from each other and showing appreciation.

We looked at Celtic settlements and illustrated physical and natural features need for their daily lives.

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.

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

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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.

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.

Clubs Clubs Clubs...

The following clubs have now finished for this term:

Tuesday and Wednesday Lunchtime Chess Club

All Design Clubs; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Music

It's Christmas!!

Our music making this week has been rehearsing our Christmas songs ready for our performances in a few weeks' time. Please make sure to be practicing your words every single day, especially if you are in our choir for Turning Of The Year!

Mr Prescott's top tips when singing…

Big Banna open mouths

Clear diction

The correct pitching of notes and full energy on any actions

and THE of the most important one ENJOY IT!

How fast can you say these tongue twisters whilst keeping a big open mouth and clear words….

Toy Boat There's a chip shop in space selling space ship shape ships. Fluffy Floppy Puppy

Mr Prescott , Music Specialist.

Year 5 Parents/Carers...

Payment schedule for Marchants Hill School Residential Journey February 2023.

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Year 6

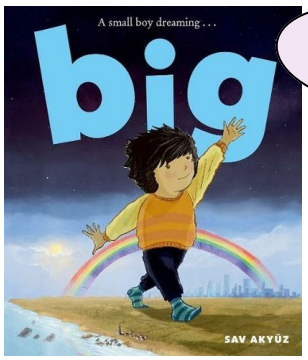
In Aquamarine 4, we have been learning about fractions, decimals and percentages as well as practising our arithmetic skills in Maths. In Science, we have been investigating the behaviour of shadows and learning how to write up our science investigation. In English, we have been focusing on different clause structures and pathos in attempt to make our teacher cry with the sadness of our narratives. We also enjoyed some library time and worked on team building in P.E.

This week in Aquamarine 5, we have been exploring the tools on Google Sites. This is software that is used to create your own web pages and websites. We have started to plan what our own web pages will look like. Some of us are linking our web pages to our current home learning projects.

In Maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of fractions by folding paper, predicting how many pieces there would be when it was opened and then making general statements about what happens to the size of a fraction as the denominator increases. The visual model of a fraction wall has helped us to understand and explain what happens when you generate equivalent fractions and when you simplify fractions.

In Aquamarine 6, we have been learning about, decimals and percentages as well as practising our arithmetic skills in Maths. In art, we have been turning our hand to drawing upside down in an attempt to train ourselves to see shapes and not things when sketching. In history, we have been looking at the English Civil War and the execution of Charles I with a goal of writing in role about the execution. In English, we have been focussing on pathos and drama. We also worked on team building in P.E.

MRS WRIGHT'S READS OF THE WEEK



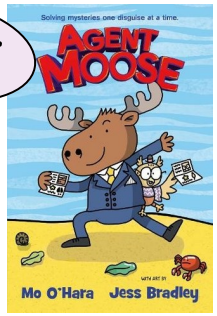
4-5 year olds

Big by Sav Akyuz (Author

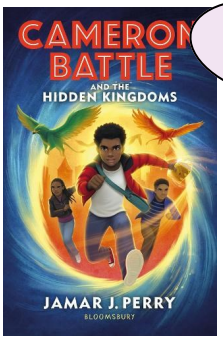
After watching his big brother having all the fun, a young boy wishes that he was BIG, too. When his wish comes true, he goes on a joyful adventure with the city as his playground. But as he keeps gets bigger and bigger, he soon outgrows his teddy, his home, and even Earth - until he reaches for the comforting arms of his parent, and realises that sometimes it's good to be small.

8-9 year olds

Agent Moose by Mo O'Hara (Author) and Jess Bradley (Illustrator)



Agent Moose, the best (worst) secret agent in the Big Forest, and his slightly-more-intelligent sidekick Owlfred are on the case in this new full colour graphic novel series.
Something fishy is going on at the South Shore. Folks just disappear and are never seen again. But when Agent Moose learns that a key witness has gone missing, he and Owlfred ride to the rescue. Will they find the missing turtle before time runs out? Perfect for fans of Dog Man and Bunny vs Monkey. Laughs on every page!



10-11 year olds

Cameron battle and the Hidden Kingdoms by Jamar J. Perry

Cameron Battle grew up reading The Book of Chidani, cherishing stories about the fabled kingdom that cut itself off from the world to save the Igbo people from danger. Passed down over generations, the Book is Cameron's only connection to his parents, who disappeared one fateful night two years ago. Ever since, his grandmother has kept the Book locked away, but it calls to Cameron. When he and his best friends, Zion and Aliyah, decide to open it again, they are magically transported to Chidani. Instead of a land of beauty and wonder, they find a kingdom in extreme danger...

Important Dates

30/11/22	Open Morning for Prospective Parents/Carers of children starting Reception in 2023 ONLY
2/12/22	Nursery Christmas Performance, Nursery playground @2.15pm
5/12/22	Year 2 Christmas Performance Main Hall @2.15pm
6/12/22	Year 1 Toy Workshop
6/12/22	Year 1 Christmas Performance Main Hall @2.15pm
6/12/22	Choir Club perform at Blackheath Halls : TOTY 2022
09/12/22	No Pens Day
9/12/22	Winter Fair
12/12/22	Year 3/4 Christmas Performance KS2 playground @9.15am
12/12/22	Reception Christmas Performance Main Hall @2.15pm
14/12/22	Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Lunch Day
15/12/22	Year 5/6 Christmas Performance KS2 playground @9.15am
19/12/22 - 02/01/23	Christmas Holidays
3/01/23	Children return to school for Spring Term 1
23/01/23—27/03/23	Buddy Week

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.

Ages: 5-9 10-14

Lewisham

WHEN: 19.12.22 - 22.12.22

TIME: 10:00AM - 2:00PM
(LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED)

WHERE: NEW WOODLANDS SCHOOL, 49 SHROFFOLD ROAD, DOWNHAM, BROMLEY, KENT, BR1 5PD

For more information and to book your spot:

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