

GORDONBROCK WEEKLY

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2022

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Gordonbrock has been filled with the sound of singing this week—even more so than in a typical Gordonbrock week! The children have been practising for their Christmas performances and are very much looking forward to sharing these with you. Today, we had the Nursery Christmas performance. They did a brilliant job kickstarting the festive season with their fabulous singing! A big well done to our Nursery children and staff!

Next week, we are looking forward to seeing the parents/carers at the Year 1 and Year 2 performances.

Our Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 choirs will be performing at the Turning of The Year concert at Blackheath Halls on Tuesday, next week. We can't wait for them to perform at this special event!

Also, we have our Winter Fair arranged by FOG on Friday, next week. Thank you to all the donations that have been brought in so far; FOG have already started going through everything and organising for the fair.

Please don't forget to book your child's Christmas lunch by midday on Monday 5th December via ParentPay. Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 14th December 2022 and is combined with Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day, too.

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

Mrs Wright

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!

Nursery

In Nursery this week, we went on a shape hunt around the school.

We walked around the playground and school building with an adult and looked for different shapes in the environment.

The children used clipboards and had a shape table sheet to colour in the shape they had found.

It was great fun!



Lewisham Pupil Climate Network Meeting



On Thursday 1st December, some members of the Eco Team were very lucky to participate in the Lewisham Pupil Climate Network Meet-up at Stillness Infant School. During the visit, we had the opportunity to tour the school grounds, which included outdoor learning areas, wildlife areas, a pond and some a dead wood habitat.



After the tour, we had the opportunity to make plastic-free Christmas baubles which we will use to decorate our Gordonbrock Christmas tree. Cllr Krupski (Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate) was there to explain what her role is within Lewisham Council and to listen to our ideas and concerns. It was very inspiring to meet children and adults from other schools and the borough who share our passion and commitment to the environment.



When we returned to school, we had a meeting with the rest of the Eco Team to feedback our ideas from the trip and to make an action plan for our school.

Mrs Barber, Eco Team Lead.



On the first of December the Gordonbrock eco team (me, plus miss Barber and Sam) went to a Stillness Infant School to attend a meeting of Lewisham eco teams. We first walked from Gordonbrock to a Stillness (because it was more eco-friendly) and when we got there we were allowed to eat biscuits and juice! Then the head of eco the Stillness eco team gave a speech about the stuff Stillness Infant School did to help the environment. They did clothes and book swaps at Christmas jumper day and world book day, took part in Lewisham council and did fundraisers for eco friendly charities. After that we did a tour, we saw their eco garden, and pond and their save the orangutans. Finally we went back to the hall and made plastic free baubles. Then we went back to school. It was a really fun trip and we brought back loads of helpful ideas!

By
Josh





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



From London Borough of Lewisham : 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>

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been asked to share with you the following by London Borough of Lewisham:

We know that there are families across Lewisham who are currently struggling with the rise in the cost of living. The Council has a new [Cost of Living Crisis Support](https://lewisham.gov.uk/support) web page with advice for Lewisham families and residents about what and where help is available.

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/support>



Please can we ask everyone...

to be mindful of our neighbours at drop-off and pick-up time.

We have had reports of parents/carers parking across driveways and preventing our neighbours from going to work and appointments.

Reception



This week in Reception, we have enjoyed exploring the traditional tale 'The Gingerbread Man'.

We have made playdough and used cutters to mould and shape our very own gingerbread men. We used buttons and pegs to add to our designs.



We have also worked hard at improving our cutting skills by safely using scissors to cut out gingerbread men and stick them together.

In the maths area, we have been subitising using dice and number pebbles and adding the corresponding numbers to our gingerbread men.

We have worked extremely hard this week in our learning and are proud peacocks!



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Find us on easyfundraising to start:

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



Shop with over 3,300 online stores



£20 Million raised

1.2 Million users

100,000 causes

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 week's meal choices that were booked in September.



Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day:



Wednesday 14th December 2022

No need to buy a new jumper. Why not decorate an old jumper or just wear a plain bright coloured jumper instead?

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.



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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/my services/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.

Year 1



This week in Year 1, we have been learning about timelines and what they are. We have made our own and ordered events from our own lives.

We also looked at different cars and teddy bears and placed them on the timeline, too.



We have been enjoying our trips to the school library and exploring lots of different books!

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!



ONLINE SAFETY : TIP OF THE WEEK

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.



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

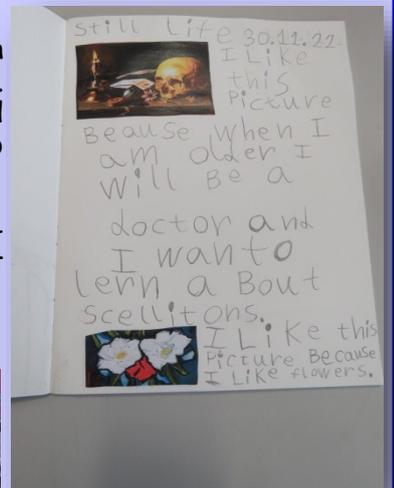
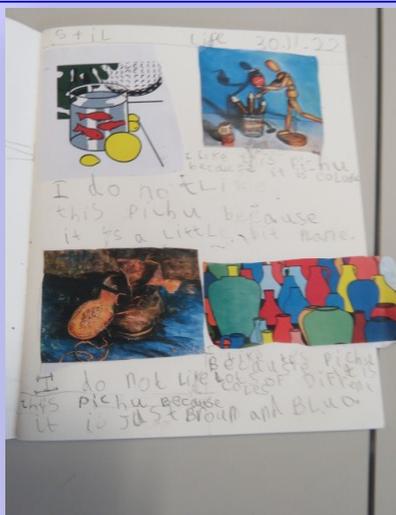
The total for Autumn Term 2 is £80.50

The total for Autumn Term is £158.70

Year 2

This term we are studying still life in Art. We began by looking at some examples of still-life paintings. In groups, we looked closely at the pictures to find similarities and differences between them and to spot the objects that different artists had painted.

After that, we chose three of our favourite still-life paintings and wrote about what we liked about them and how they made us feel.



Year 3

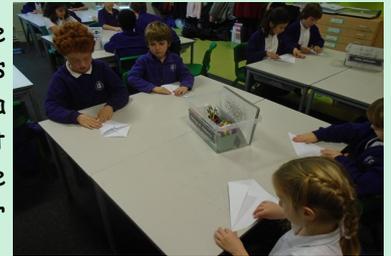


In Year 3 this week, we have been continuing with our Art unit of work. We have used oil pastels and water colours and considered the different effects created by each.

We have also continued with our R.E. topic of 'Peace.' This week, we have considered different symbols

for peace, including learning about the story of a thousand origami cranes. We then had a go at making our own. We needed to follow the instructions very precisely to make sure that our final result looked like it was supposed to!

In History, we have learned about our local area during the Second World War. We have looked at different maps showing us where the bombs were dropped during the Blitz. Some of them were very close to our school! We have also continued to share learning we have been completing at home about the Second World War. We are very excited to go on our trip around the local area next week!



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

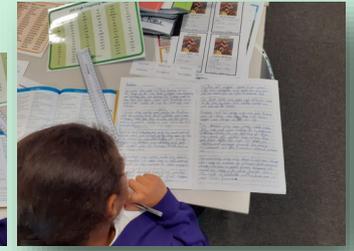
The children should go to <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/3584> and login using the details that have been sent home with your child.

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



In Year 4 this week, we wrote character descriptions. Once we had finished writing them, we had an opportunity to edit and improve our written work. We used a dictionary, a thesaurus and word / vocabulary lists.

In science we used a range of materials to investigate the best material for sound proofing.



The speaker was wrapped with tissue paper



The speaker was placed in a box



We listened to detect if we could still hear the music...

The experiment was repeated with the following materials:



Foil



A thick scarf



A plastic bag

We concluded that the thick scarf was the best material for soundproofing.



During PE, we formed a Roman turtle formation - the Testudo formation. We used our shields - our home-made protective armour!

We marched together and maintained the formation!



We were exhausted after carrying out our routines. We took a well needed rest!



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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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.



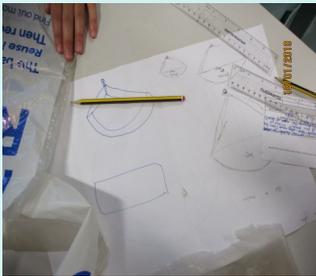
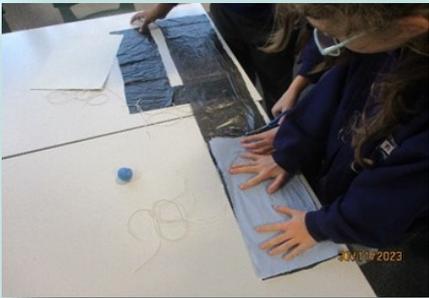
Please can we remind everyone that although Amyruth Road is part of the School Street Scheme, vehicles that belong to residents of the road or vehicles that are exempt from the scheme can still be driven during the scheme times. Therefore, it is extremely important to exercise caution when crossing the 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.



Year 5

This week in Science, we have been investigating air resistance in our Forces unit. We saw the effects of air resistance and experimented with different materials to create our own mini parachutes. Please be reassured, no 'skydivers' were harmed in this experiment!



Clubs Clubs Clubs...

The following clubs have now finished for this term:

- All Lunchtime Chess Clubs: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
- All Design Clubs; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Choir: Friday
- Teachsport Football: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- Teachsport Multiskills: Friday.
- Brass: Thursday
- Teachsport Basketball: Friday.
- Violin: Friday
- Guitar: Monday



Music



We are into our Christmas concert season! It was amazing to hear the Choir perform their songs for Turning Of The Year in singing assembly this week - we all cannot wait until our spectacular performance next Tuesday.

With more performances to come, please make sure you are practising all your Christmas songs on your Google Classroom account. Don't forget to use your word pack, too!

Mr Prescott's top tips when singing...

Big banana open mouths

Clear diction

The correct pitching of notes and full energy on any actions
and THE most important tip of all: ENJOY IT!

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

Rubber baby buggy bumpers.

Fresh flat dish

Krispy crackers keep your Granny grinning

Mr Prescott , Music Specialist.

Year 5 Parents/Carers...

Payment schedule for Marchants Hill School Residential Journey February 2023.

Payment plan: Full/Subsidised

- Friday 30th September - £55 / £19 non-refundable deposit
- Friday 4th November - £65 / £15
- Friday 2nd December - £65 / £15
- Friday 6th January - £65 / £15
- Friday 3rd February - £65 / £15



Year 6

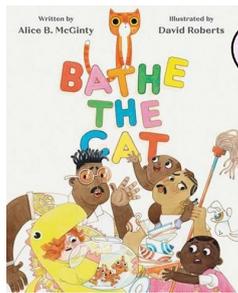


In Aquamarine 4, we have been learning about fractions, decimals and percentages as well as practising our arithmetic skills in Maths. In History, we have been getting into role as a person who is part of the crowd at the execution of Charles I and writing diary entries. In English, we have been finishing our waiting stories using pathos and precision language. In Samba, we have been discussing what makes effective team members and team leaders and in P.E we have been mastering our shooting and dribbling skills in basketball.



Aqua 5 spent a lovely afternoon in our newly re-organised school library. Our school librarians gave us a short talk about where we would find books for specific year groups. They pointed out which books could be borrowed, and which ones were there just for reference. We enjoyed listening to members of the class reading books that they had chosen. It was lovely to just sit and relax and enjoy a good book.

MRS WRIGHT'S READS OF THE WEEK



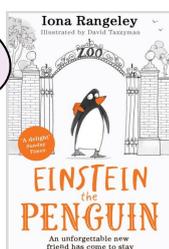
Bathe The Cat by Alice B. McGinty (Author) and David Roberts (Illustrator)

4-5 year olds

It's cleaning day, but the family cat will do anything to avoid getting a bath. So instead of mopping the floor or feeding the fish, the family is soon busy rocking the rug, vacuuming the lawn, and sweeping the dishes. Bouncy rhyme carries the story headlong into the growing hilarity, until finally Dad restores some kind of order—but will the cat avoid getting his whiskers wet?

Einstein The Penguin by Iona Rangeley (Author) and David Tazzyman (Illustrator)

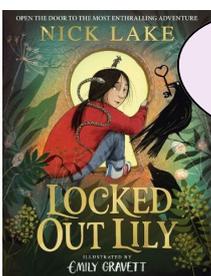
6-7 year olds



When the Stewarts spend a sunny, frosty December day at London Zoo, they're enchanted by one small penguin. At the delight of young Imogen and Arthur, Mrs Stewart insists the penguin "must come and stay with them whenever he likes."

But not one Stewart expects the penguin to turn up at their door that evening, rucksack labelled "Einstein" on his back...

The family's new feathered friend helps Arthur to come out of his shell and makes massive demands on Imogen's amateur sleuthing. But together they must find out why Einstein came to them and they must keep away from the mysterious white-coat man. And Einstein can't stay forever, can he...?



Locked out Lily by Nick Lake (Author) and Emily Gravett (Illustrator)

10-11 year olds

Lily just wants things to go back to the way they were: before she got sick, before her parents decided to have another baby.

So when she's sent away to stay with her grandmother while her mum has the baby, Lily is determined to go home. But she doesn't expect to find people in her house - people who look like her parents, but definitely aren't ... Together with some unlikely animal companions, Lily must face her fears and summon the courage to break into her own house, and defeat 'The Replacements' before the night is out.

Important Dates

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
03/01/23	Children return to school for Spring Term 1
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
10/02/23	Cake & Fruit Day
13/02/23 - 17/02/23	Spring Half Term
21/02/23	Safer Internet Day



SKIPZ PRODUCTIONS
PRESENTS

Come and join us for an
Christmas
Holidays and Food programme

"Santa, Snowmans and Snowflakes" themed performing Arts Art and Crafts and Outdoor Activities

Plays and Drama Activities | Arts and Crafts | Singalongs and Dance | Nutrition Education Activities | Parent Workshops and Families Support | Visit from Santa Claus | Mystery Pass the Parcel | Stocking Filling Activities | Live Christmas Theatre Show | Best dressed Christmas Competition

10 am-2 pm
Torridon Primary School, Hazelbank Road, London, SE6 1TG

Monday 19th December - Thursday 22nd December
For more information and to register please visit the website
<https://www.skipzproductions.org>
If you require further assistance please email us at
skipzhaflewisham@gmail.com
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ATHELNEY CHRISTMAS CAMP

Free Spaces Available !!

In partnership with Lewisham Council and the Department of Education

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)

When: 19.12.22 - 22.12.22

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

Where: ATHELNEY PRIMARY SCHOOL, ATHELNEY STREET, SE6 3LD

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.

For more information and to book your spot:
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Ages: 5-9, 10-14
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MIDDAY MEAL ASSISTANTS

Dear Parents/Carers,

We currently have midday meal assistant vacancies at Gordonbrock.

If you or anyone that you know is interested please visit the Lewisham Council website for further details.

<https://lewisham.referrals.selectmind.com/Schools/jobs/search/1259892>



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