

GORDONBROCK WEEKLY

FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER 2022

We had a snowy start to a very cold last week of term. It's been a brilliant week, though.

On Wednesday, we all enjoyed wearing our Christmas jumpers and having the delicious school Christmas lunch.



I hope you were able to come and see the children's performances over the last two weeks and enjoy their beautiful singing. Thank you to all the staff that helped to make this possible. A huge thank you to Mr Prescott for all his support and enthusiasm through out this term.



As always, thank you to our Gordonbrock community for all your continued support. All that remains to say is have a joyful, restful and peaceful Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you all back in 2023.

Mrs Wright

Year 1

Brrrrr.....the children in year 1 enjoyed playing in the snow on Monday. It was so much fun playing together, building snowmen and throwing snowballs.



Starting Primary School - September 2023: APPLICATION DEADLINE: 15th JANUARY 2022

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 of children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 will need to make plans for their admission to Reception in September 2023.

Lewisham Council coordinate applications for Reception class places in primary schools within the Lewisham Borough. To apply for a Reception class place for their child parents should apply online directly to your home Local Authority (the borough where you live and pay council tax) via www.eadmissions.org.uk.

Applications can be made, via the eadmissions website, from Thursday 1st September 2022 to Sunday 15th January 2023. Parents are advised to read the information from Lewisham Council, available via the following link [Applying To Start Primary School \(Lewisham Council Website\)](#)



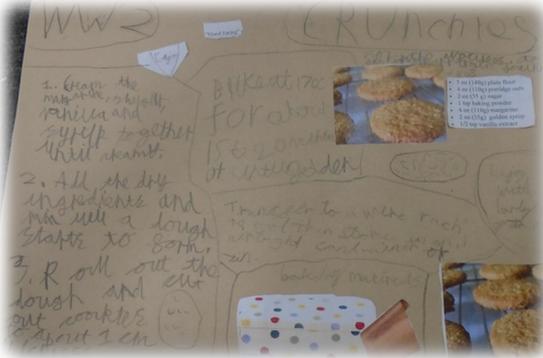
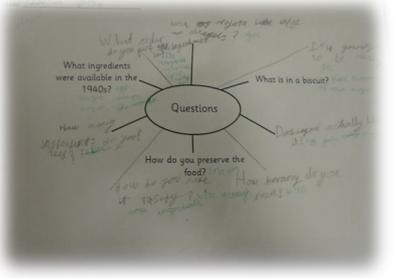
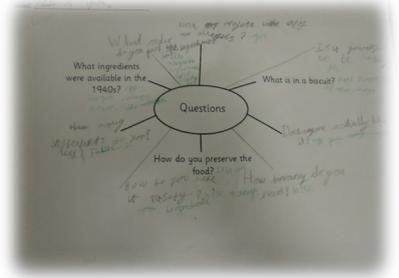
Year 2

Year 2 have had an exceedingly creative week! We have developed our drawing skills, with each class sketching their own still life and we have learnt about the meanings of different Christmas symbols in RE. The children made their own holly wreaths. Then the snow came and we had the best playtime ever!!



Year 3

In Year 3 this week, we have been having a great time with our D.T. project. Our aim is to design and make a biscuit suitable for evacuated children to take on their journey to the countryside. We generated questions that we would need to answer and then researched the solutions. After this, we created concept boards which included possible recipes and potential packaging design. We then baked the biscuits and evaluated them.

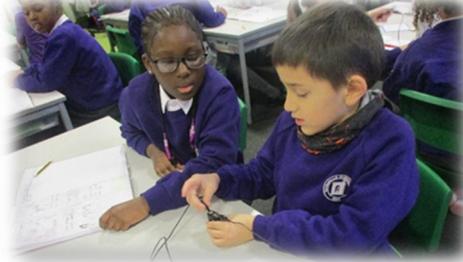


We have also been finishing off our English project based on 'The Jolly Christmas Postman.' We have written our own version of the famous story and created our own books, complete with envelopes that contain lots of little surprises. We had a lot of fun choosing which characters to write to and really enjoyed making the surprises



Year 4

We have been investigating how to create a circuit.



We also enjoyed a snowy Monday!



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 6

Preparations for Christmas have been in full swing in Year 6 this week. Our 'Once in David's City' choir sang their hearts out as we rehearsed in class.



We really enjoyed relaxing on Christmas Jumper Day and having a fantastic Christmas lunch.



We had an epic contest to create the longest paperchain. The children worked well together and result of the contest is still being debated.



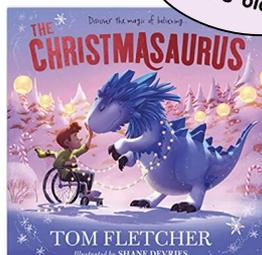
The whole of Upper Key Stage 2 capped off the festive week with a wonderful performance to parents. Having worked hard to learn seven songs with actions, the children sang beautifully with enthusiasm.





MRS WRIGHT'S READS OF THE WEEK

2-6
years olds



The Christmasaurus by written Tom Fletcher & illustrated Shane Devries

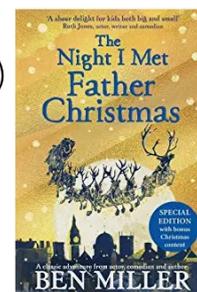
The Christmasaurus wants more than anything to be able to fly, and help pull Santa's sleigh across the sky on Christmas Eve. But flying turns out to be much harder than he thought, even with Santa's help! One special Christmas, however, he falls down a chimney and meets a dinosaur-obsessed little boy who teaches him the magic of believing . . .

The Night I Met Father Christmas by Ben Miller

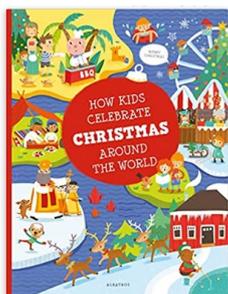
Jackson knows all about the flying reindeer, he knows about the elves and the secret North Pole workshop, he knows about the magic that allows Father Christmas to deliver presents around the world in just one night, but there's one thing he doesn't know . . . how did Father Christmas become Father Christmas?

That all changes when, one Christmas Eve, Jackson meets Father Christmas and hears his incredible story.

7-12
years olds



How Kids Celebrate Christmas Around The World written by Pavla Hanackova, Karolina Medkova and illustrated by Maria Neradova



Who brings Christmas presents in Italy? Where can we sunbathe on the beach on Christmas Day? Why do Russians celebrate Christmas in January?

Everyone loves Christmas! But have you ever considered that Christmas might be celebrated elsewhere in the world in another way? What is the typical Christmas dish in Japan? Would you like to spend Christmas day in Ethiopia? Which goodies are always present on festive tables in Greece? On our journey together you'll learn lots of interesting things about the year's most beautiful holiday.

6-9
years
olds

7-12
years olds



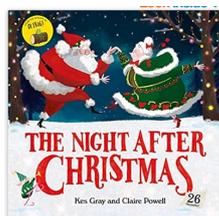
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Ebenezer Scrooge is a mean, miserable, bitter old man with no friends. One cold Christmas Eve, three ghosts take him on a scary journey to show him the error of his nasty ways. By visiting his past, present and future, Scrooge learns to love Christmas and the people all around him.

The Night the Reindeer Saved Christmas written by Raj Kaur and illustrated by Nowowiejska

It's almost Christmas Eve and the rockets on Mr Claus's sleigh have exploded! With just hours to go, Mr Claus sets out to find a creature that can help him deliver Christmas gifts across the world.

3-5
years
olds



The Night After Christmas Written by Kes Gray and Illustrated by Claire Powell

Phew! Now that the presents are all delivered, Santa and his elves can enjoy their own festive fun! With crackers and presents, dance-offs and light shows, Santa's Boxing-night party is the North Pole's biggest event of the year!

2-6
years olds





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.

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 names 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.

Contacting Us

The school office can be contacted via telephone number on **02086900704** or via email to the email addresses below:

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.

Important Dates

19/12/22 - 02/01/23	Christmas Holidays
03/01/23	Children return to school
11/01/23	Y6 Freshwater Theatre Workshop
23/01/23 - 27/03/23	Buddy Week
26/01/23	Y3 Freshwater Theatre Workshop
06/02/23 - 10/02/23	Children's Mental Health Week
08/02/23	Open Morning
09/02/23	Parents Evening
10/02/23	FOG Cake & Fruit Day
13/02/23 - 17/02/23	Spring Half Term
21/02/23	Safer Internet Day
27/02/23 - 03/03/23	Y5 School Journey
02/03/23	World Book Day
08/03/23	International Women's Day
03/04/23 - 14/04/23	Easter Holidays
01/05/23	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
08/05/23	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
09/05/23 - 12/05/23	KS2 SATs Week
29/05/23 - 02/06/23	Summer Half Term
05/06/23	INSET Day (School Closed)
14/07/23	Danceathon
21/07/23	INSET Day (School Closed)



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
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LEWISHAM COUNCIL

Free School Meals



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

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

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>

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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)

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.

WHEN: 19.12.22 - 22.12.22

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

WHERE: ATHELNEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
ATHELNEY STREET, SE6 3LD

For more information and to book your spot:

☎ 0207 1013 652

✉ info@ballerssportscoaching.com

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49 SHROFFOLD ROAD, DOWNHAM,
BROMLEY, KENT, BR1 5PD

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19th Dec - 22nd Dec

Free Activities

Activities include:

- Ball Sports
- Bouncy Castle
- Team Games
- Dance
- Science Experiments
- Arts & Craft
- Circus Workshops

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