

GORDONBROCK WEEKLY

Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

What another great week it has been at Gordonbrock! I can't wait for you to read more about what your child's year group has been up to inside this edition of the Weekly. There's so much great learning going on across the school.

We've also got a report on the Year 5/6 football teams' brilliant efforts on Blackheath last weekend and the super Multi-skills Festival involving Year 2 children on Thursday. Well done to all involved!

Next week promises to be another exciting and engaging one. In addition to all the great learning opportunities planned for class, we've got a visit from Freshwater Theatre in Year 3, a final rehearsal for our Year 5 as they prepare for their Migration Stories Performance and our football teams will be back in action at Blackheath on Saturday 28 January.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Mrs Wright

SPORTING NEWS: *Year 2* MULTI SKILLS

Festival at Sydenham School

We arrived at Sydenham School to see the sports hall

set up with lots of different fun activities for the Gordonbrock Year 2

team to try. We met Graham, who runs these tournaments, and he reminded us that we were there to have fun and experience many different games. We started with running over hurdles and then moved on to activities such as bench-walking, beanbag throwing, speed bounce, dribbling with a football and many other team games. The children were given an opportunity to try them all. Each activity was led by a young leader from Sydenham School, who explained what the children had to do and made sure that all the children were safe and having fun. At the end of the festival, we were given a certificate for each child. This group were a pleasure to take to the festival and it was a treat to see their smiles as they tried each activity. Many spoke of how fun the activities were and wished we could have spent longer there!

Well done to all the children involved. Thank you, also, to Jason, our PE coach, for coming to the festival with us.



Mr Costello, PE Coordinator.

Reception

Reception have been continuing to have fun with their Space theme.

We have been reading the stories *Aliens Love Underpants* and *Whatever Next*. We wrote lists of things we would take to the moon with us if ever given a chance to visit, as well as descriptions of missing underpants and the aliens who have been taking them!

In maths, we have been building rockets with 3D shapes, learning the names and some properties of 3D shapes in the process. We have created a class rocket using boxes, too!



Year 2

Year 2 have been very busy this week. We are enjoying our computing topic *Robot Algorithms*, where we are learning to write algorithms to program BeeBots.



In Geography we have also started exploring and finding out information from an atlas. We are learning about the five oceans and seven continents.



	Indoor	Outdoor
S1	Thur	Fri
S2	Thur	Tue
S3	Mon	Tue
S4	Fri	Mon
S5	Tue	Thur
S6	Mon	Wed
E1	Fri	Tue
E2	Fri	Tue
E3	Tue	Thur
E4	Tue	Fri
E5	Thur	Fri
E6	Fri	Thur
A1	Mon	Tue
A2	Thur	Tue
A3	Mon	Wed
A4	Wed	Mon
A5	Mon	Wed
A6	Wed	Mon

PE Time Table & PE Kit

This term's PE Times for each class are outlined in the table on the left.

Your child should wear their PE kit to school on their PE day. *PE kit expectations are outlined in the table below.*

PE Kit	
Indoor PE	Outdoor PE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plain white, round neck short-sleeved t-shirt • plain navy/black shorts. <p><small>(Plain navy/black tracksuit bottoms or joggers & Gordonbrock school sweatshirt may be worn on top and then taken off before the lesson.)</small></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plain white, round neck short-sleeved t-shirt • plain navy/black tracksuit bottoms / joggers or shorts (depending on the weather) & Gordonbrock school sweatshirt • trainers

Year 4

This week, in Science, we sorted items into solid, liquids and gases. We noticed that some changes in form are reversible.



We used our Computing lesson to program an on-screen turtle using a range of algorithms.



Year 5

In Science, we have been continuing our learning about living things and their habitats. This week, we have looked at the lifecycle of plants, during which we looked at seed dispersal and the parts of a plant involved in reproduction by dissecting and labelling a flower.



Year 1

Year 1 had fun this week exploring household objects from the past. We learned that, in Victorian times, there was no electricity or central heating so people had to wash their clothes using a washboard and cloth, and dry them using a mangle before hanging them out to dry. We also learned that Victorians had no bathroom so they would have to fill up a tin bath by hand. This would take a long time so often a whole family would have to share the same bath water!



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.

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

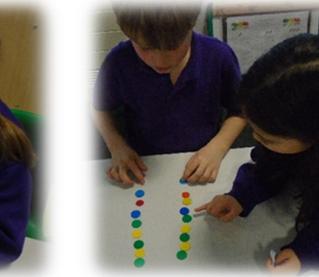
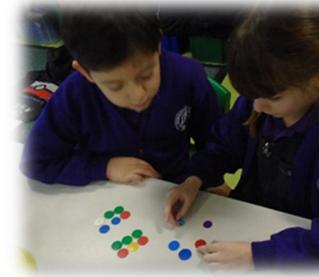
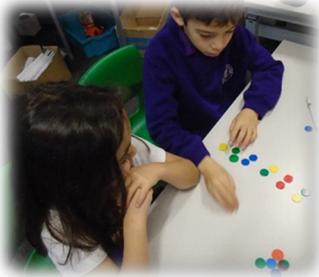
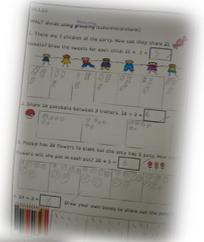
Apply online at <https://schools.lewisham.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx>

Year 3

In Year 3 this week, we learned why the River Nile was so important in Ancient Egypt. We then had a go at making our very own River Nile using tissue paper, card and paper. It was great fun thinking about what jobs our Nile would have supported and looking at how an Ancient Egyptian shaduf would have worked. Perhaps as an extra challenge, you could try making a shaduf at home!



We have also enjoyed our new division topic looking at division as sharing and division on a number line.



Year 6

In Year 6, we have been working on problem solving involving fractions, ratios and proportions in Maths. In English, we have continued to focus on “painting with words” to add detail and descriptions to our autobiographies. Our Big Samba project has been in full swing, with our class elected leaders taking control of the lessons. We have started our Gymnastics unit with jumps and leaps while practising safe landing and balance.



SPORTING NEWS: FOOTBALL

Our 2023 fixtures kicked off with a windy and wet day up at Blackheath. Luckily, the weather wasn't so bad that our games were cancelled, so we had our full four fixtures on Saturday morning.



As usual, the matches alternated between the two teams, with the boys starting first against Holbeach. A new year and a new outlook from the team, as they showed great balance between attacking threat and solid defending. Two goals, from Gabriel and Kelvin respectively, secured a 2-0 win and showed everyone the beginnings of a strong team. Kelvin received our Player of the Match (POTM) for a dominant display of attacking talent.

The girls played in the second game, against Stillness. They put on a show of complete control and excelled in every area. Goals from Poppy (2), Alise and Izzy saw the game end 4-1 to Gordonbrock. The POTM for this game went to Poppy for giving a captain's performance to be proud of.

Up next was the boy's second game against Good Shephard. If any neutrals were watching the game, this would've been a great one to watch. We quickly fell behind, unluckily one might say. It was 2-0 to our opponents, but the boys found the rhythm that saw them cruise through the first game. Two goals from Kelvin, including a powerful rocket of a finish, drew us level in the closing minutes. As their players became frustrated and started turning on each other, our players came together and showed the grit and determination that can turn a game. And so, it proved to be when Luther had a freekick some 15-20 yards from goal. He stepped up and powered it through a packed box to nestle straight into the side netting! A fantastic winning goal. The game ended 3-2 to Gordonbrock and the boys had secured their two wins from two. Luther earned the POTM after his display—sometimes it seemed like there were three of him all over the pitch!

The final game of the weekend was the girls against Rangefield. With both teams winning all their games so far, the pressure was on the girls to deliver. And wow did they—completely demolishing their opposition 4-0 with goals from Rosa, Poppy, Giulia and Alise. A fantastic end to a very successful morning. POTM was awarded to Alise for her work rate and determination. Special mention needs to go to Lily, for performing great in goal, in the absence of Aisla. She conceded only one goal and made some important saves.

A big thank you to Jason for coaching, and to the parents and carers for attending and supporting the team.



Teamsheet:

Boys: Luther (captain), Tyler-Jai, Faustino, Oliver, Luke, Sammy, Wilf, Gabriel, Samuel, Cassius, Kelvin

Girls: Poppy (captain), Alise, Isobel, Lily, Rose, Bonnie, Giulia, Maya, Evie, Aisla, Rosa

Mr Costello, PE Coordinator



ONLINE SAFETY :

TIP OF THE WEEK

HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS: The news you see online or on social media isn't always going to be accurate. And it can be hard to tell what's real and what's fake.

Some websites will report fake news or things that aren't completely true. They might do it because they want to scare you or make you do something. Or because they make money from people going to their site.

Fake news can look real, but there are ways to help you spot it.

- **CHECK THE SOURCE** Check the name of the website and its web address to see if it looks real. Some sites will try to look like other websites so you think they're genuine.
- **LOOK FOR EVIDENCE:** Find out whether it's being reported on other sites that you know and trust. If it's only being reported on websites you've never heard of then it might not be true.
- **DON'T DECIDE STRAIGHT AWAY:** Sometimes headlines or stories are designed to scare or interest you. Read what's in the article carefully, ask yourself whether it seems true and why they're saying it.
- **ASK SOMEONE YOU TRUST:** Try asking an adult you trust to see what they think. If you're worried about something you've seen online, you can always talk to a Childline counsellor.

More online safety information can be found at: <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>

Important Dates

26/01/23	Y3 Freshwater Theatre Workshop
28/01/23	Y5/6 Boys and Girls football matches at Blackheath
31/01/23	Y5 Lewisham Migration Stories: A Place For Me Performance
01/02/23 - 28/02/23	The LGBTQ History Month
06/02/23 - 10/02/23	Children's Mental Health Week
06/02/23 - 10/02/23	Buddy 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
06/03/23 - 10/03/23	British Science Week
08/03/23	International Women's Day
10/03/23	World Mental Health Day
17/03/23	Red Nose 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	Dance-a-Thon
21/07/23	INSET Day (School Closed)

Children's Mental Health Week & Buddy Week 06/02/23 - 10/02/23

The theme for this year's Children's Mental Health Week is **Let's Connect**. It will encourage children to look at how we can make meaningful connections.

With that in mind, we have moved our buddy week to coincide with Children's Mental Health Week so that the children can connect with their buddy classes.





MRS WRIGHT'S READS OF THE WEEK



4-5 years olds

Small's Big Dream written by Manjeet Mann and illustrated by Amanda Quartey

In Small's world, everything is small – her shoes, her bed, everything. But her dreams are big. And Small discovers that when you dream big, anything – and everything – can happen.

Mike Falls Up written by Candy Gourlay and illustrated by Carles Ballesteros

Mike and his dog Bowow are relaxing in the Chocolate Hills when the ground starts to tremble and the next moment a gaping hole appears. Before Mike can stop him, Bowow jumps into the hole. Then a note floats up...

Party. Come now. Just fall up.

There's no time to wonder what it means – Mike jumps in and falls into the most topsy-turvy of adventures.

6-7 years olds



Ollie Spark and the Accidental Adventure written by Gillian Cross and illustrated by Alan Snow

Ollie Spark loves mending machines and solving mysteries. But he gets more than he bargained for when fixing Aunt Caz's van throws him into a real-life spy adventure!

Ollie is whisked away to a mysterious city with strange plants, an unknown language and suspicious people round every corner. With the help of Gasket, his new dog best friend, he sets off on a mission to save the city - and Aunt Caz - from disaster.

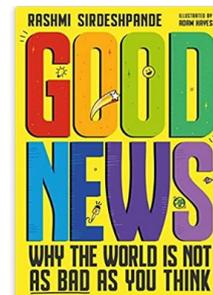
Can Ollie fix things before it's too late?!

Good News: Why the World is Not as Bad as You Think written by Rashmi Sirdeshpande and illustrated by Adam Hayes

Pandemics, war, terror, natural disasters - the world seems to be full of bad news and it can all feel, well, a little bit scary. But this is just part of the story. There are in fact tons of great things happening, from robots improving health care and trees healing the planet, to everyday people helping their community with acts of kindness and the businesses fighting for good in the world.

In Good News, children will learn to become fake news detectives, sussing out what's real and what isn't. They'll discover the good news - the amazing anecdotes, case studies and figures around the globe that are making a difference. And they'll learn that if we all continue to work together, things can only keep getting better and better.

10-11 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

BIRTHDAY TREATS

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

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.



Music with Mr Prescott:

Each week, we will be travelling around the world through genres and time to look at inspirational musicians that have shaped the music we hear today.



Week 3: LANG LANG

Hello, everyone. This week has shown another incredible range of music making from all year groups. Whether it is Year 4 playing a two part harmony Gamelan piece, Y5 playing a melodic ostinato to Taylor Swifts Shake it Off only after two sessions or everyone's incredible commitment and energy to our singing assembly songs this term.

This week we showcase the outstanding pianist Lang Lang.

Lang Lang was born in China and his name means 'Brilliance of the sky' He was inspired to learn the piano at the age two when he heard 'The Cat Concerto' on an episode of Tom and Jerry. Lang Lang's first ever concert was when he was only five years old and since then he has played for royalty and US presidents!

He is currently 40 years old and has set up the Lang Lang Music Foundation in New York to help young people pursue their dream of becoming a musician. If you like playing music or enjoy listening to music, then maybe you could be just like Lang Lang!

See if you can listen to some of his music this weekend!



Lexia provides targeted practice and instruction students need to develop their reading skills.

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!



cake and fruit day!

Friday 10th February 2023
£1 Suggested donation

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS OF FRUIT OR CAKE ON THE DAY
(HOMEMADE OR SHOP BOUGHT)
& TUPPERWARE FOR CHILDREN TO BRING CAKES HOME

**IMPORTANT: NO NUTS, NO PEANUT BUTTER,
NO NUT FLOURS, NO SESAME AND NO BAKEWELLS!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP ON THE DAY
PLEASE CONTACT
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