

GORDONBROCK WEEKLY

1 December 2023



Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 13 December 2023

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been filled with pride this week. We are so incredibly proud of how our Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 choirs represented us at the Turning of the Year Concert at Blackheath Halls on Tuesday. The children's performance and behaviour were exemplary. Maybe I'm a bit biased but the children at Gordonbrock really do sing their hearts out! A massive thank you to Mr. Prescott, Kelly, Mr. Ridler-Mayor and Miss Gibbons for their continued support and encouragement.

We ended this week with a musical medley from Nursery during their beautiful carol performance this afternoon. My favourite has got to be *Clip Clop*, these lyrics will be in my head all weekend... *Clip Clop...Don't Stop. Carry Mary all the way!* The Christmas season has officially started.

Finally, we are looking forward to seeing parents/carers of the Reception children on Monday afternoon. Have a lovely weekend, see you at the gates.

Mrs Wright





GORDONBROCK SCHOOL

WINTER FAIR 2023

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

3.30-5.30 P.M.



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WINTER FAIR 2023



Please donate:

- **School-age books, toys and games in excellent used condition**
- **Clean, sweet-filled jars for the Sweet Treat Tombola**
- **Plain Christmas biscuits for decorating**
- **Baked goods for cake stall**
- **Gifts for the themed hamper raffle:**



Nursery & Reception: Baking

Years 1 & 2: Arts & Crafts

Year 3: Pamper Hamper

Year 4: Festive Feast

Year 5: Saturday Night In

Year 6: Games Night



Donations gratefully accepted:

Monday 4th – Thursday 7th December

Friday 8th for biscuits and baked goods

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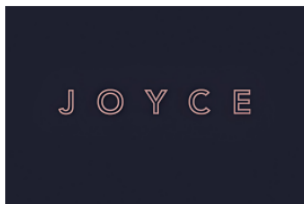
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Reception

Over the last two weeks, Reception has been exploring the traditional story of Little Red Hen. We have been re-telling the story, using the class story maps and using our phonics knowledge to write short captions alongside illustrations. We have also made our own playdough and role played making bread just like the Little Red Hen. We even created our own Little Red Hens using handprints! Why not watch *The Little Red Hen* together here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DvYhFbh3xU>



Cross hatching

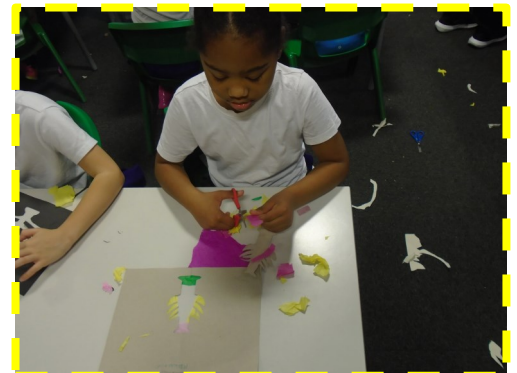
Line variation

Continuous line drawing

Year 4



Year 4 has been learning about the festival of Hanukkah in RE. We made stain glass menorahs out of card and tissue paper to represent this Festival of Lights. Find out more about Hanukkah from National Geographic Kids: <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/celebrations/article/>



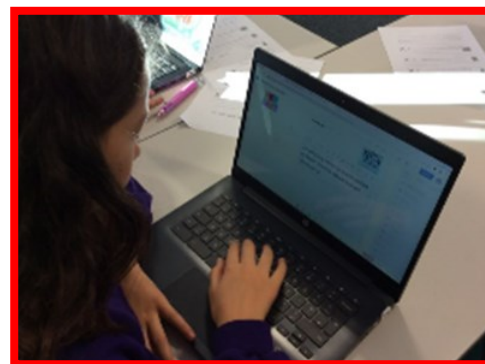
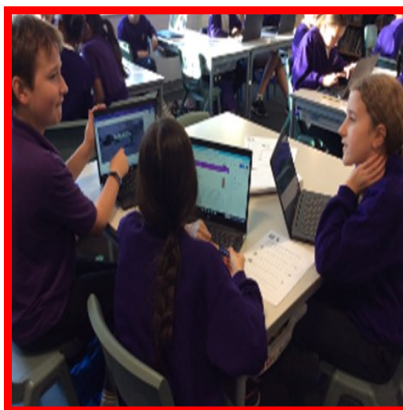
Year 6

It has been another fun and challenging week in Year 6 as we began assessment fortnight. The children have approached their assessments in a calm, mature way. In between assessments, we have been completing mindful activities such as pixel art, practising square breathing and staying calm and happy. During circle time, we have discussed strategies that we can use when we are worried.

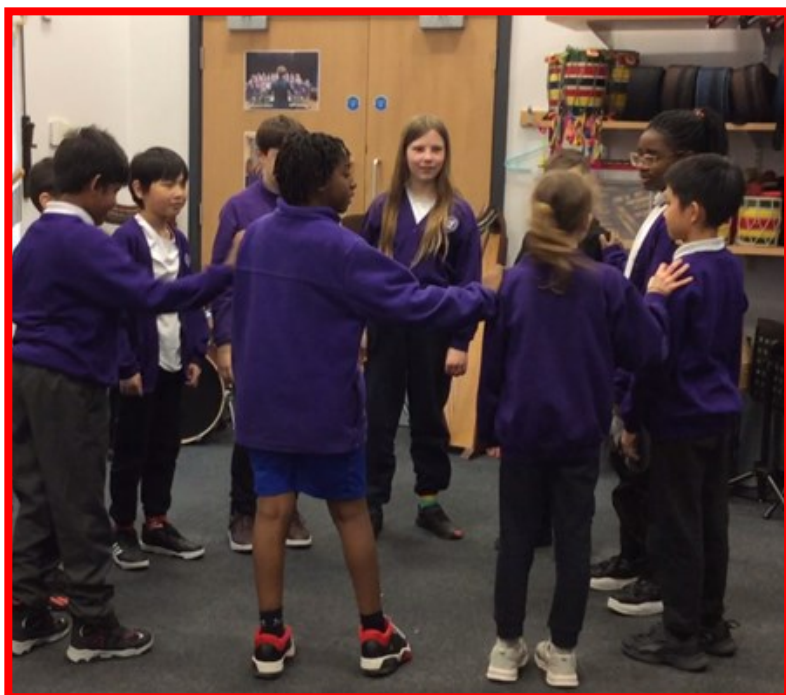
In Science, we have been finishing off our "Light" topic, as well as beginning our new topic, "Electricity". We have learnt about what electricity is and what dangers it can pose to us.



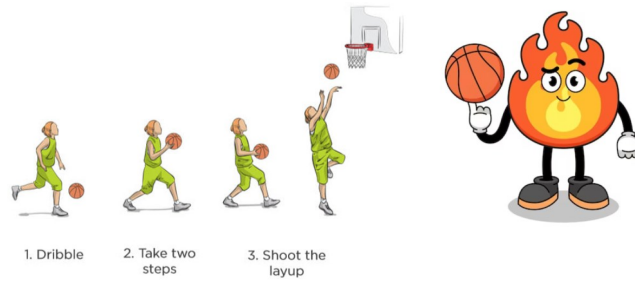
In Computing, we have been learning about websites and have continued to build our own, ensuring we have a good understanding of copyright rules.



In Music, our samba teacher, Mac, has continued to set us team challenges. We are now working in much bigger groups. We had 10 minutes in which to create a piece of music based on the use of body and vocal percussion. We performed the piece to our classmates who then gave us verbal feedback.

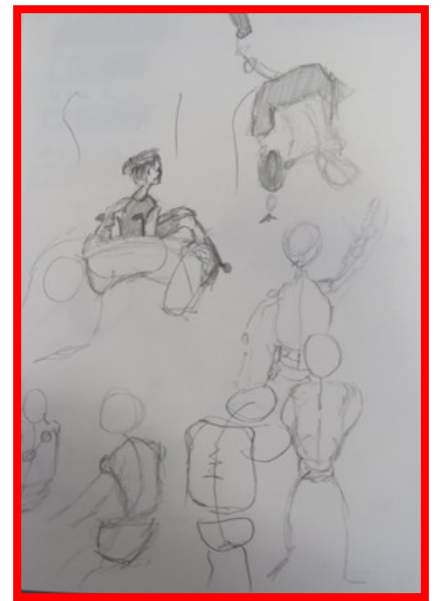
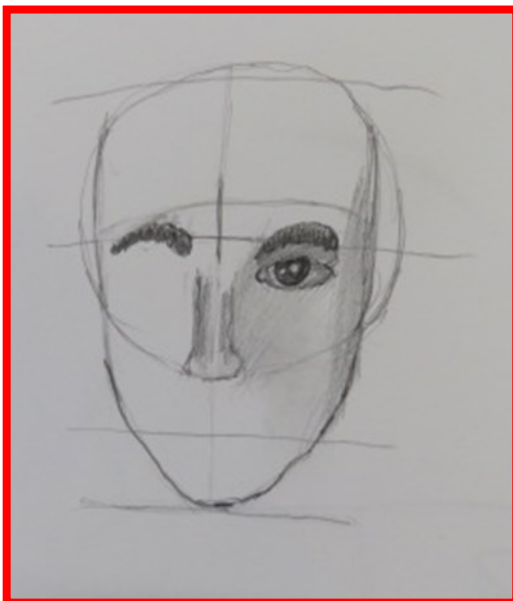


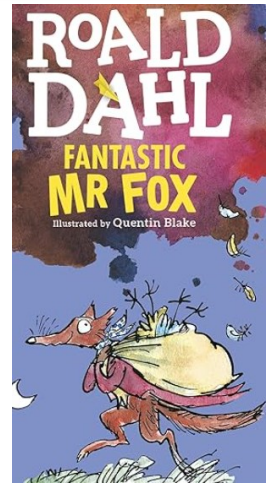
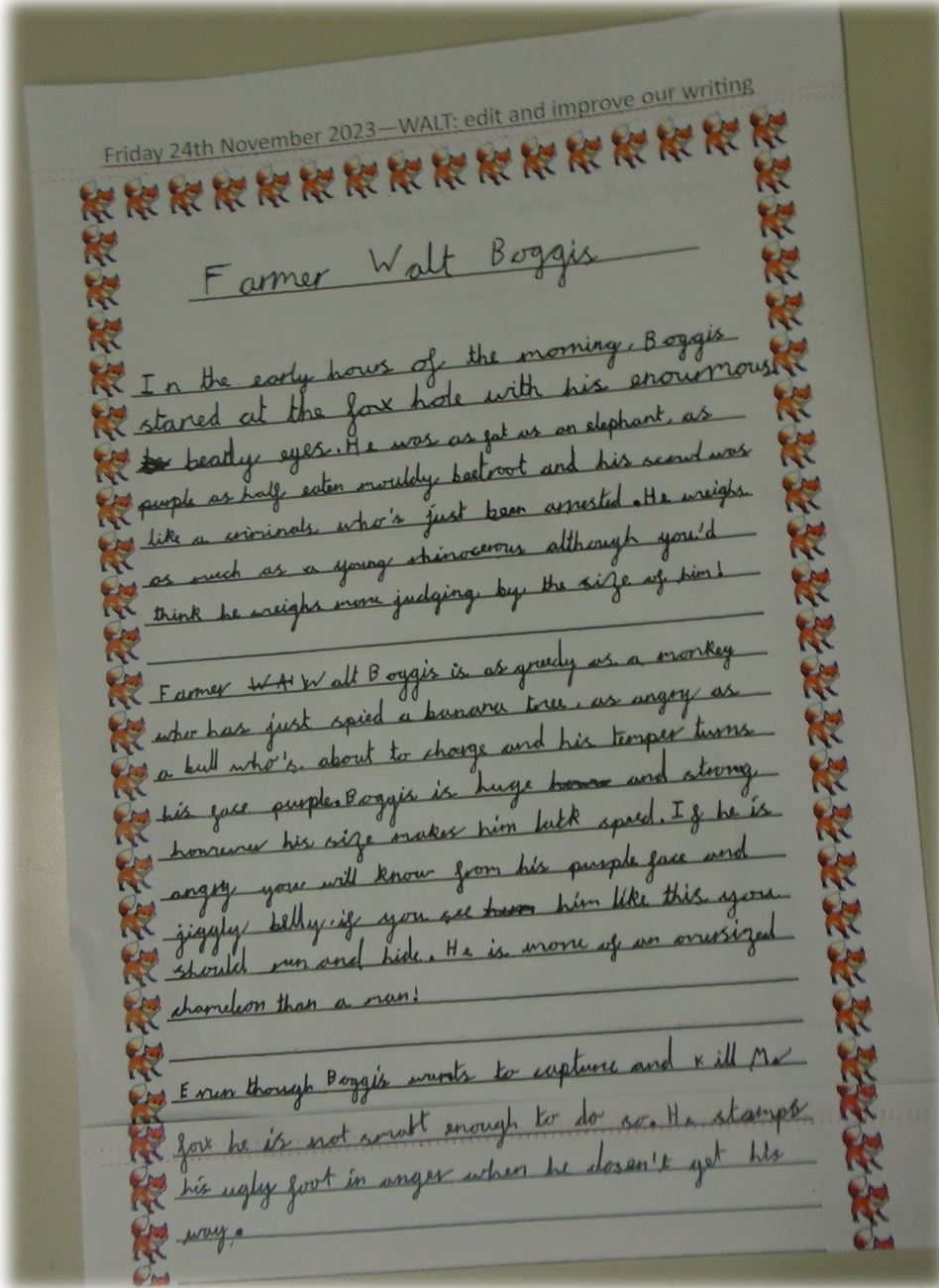
In P.E., we have had great fun being challenged to continue to develop our basketball skills, including lay-ups, passing, shooting and dribbling.



In History, we have continued to learn about the British Monarchy in order to be able to answer our enquiry question – “Who has the power?” This week, some of us have found about The Reformation and how Henry VIII became even more powerful. Some of us have compared a modern monarch to a Tudor monarch to see how the role, power and qualities required had changed over time.

We have continued our work on drawing skills (gesture drawing and Loomis method) in preparation for creating our own self-portraits.





In E5, we have been writing character descriptions of the farmers in *Fantastic Mr Fox* by Roald Dahl. We have used a number of techniques to make our writing engaging to the reader such as: similes, fronted adverbial phrases, adventurous language, show not tell, alliteration and expanded noun phrases. We wrote three paragraphs describing the farmer's appearance, behaviour and his goals. We hope you enjoy reading our descriptive writing.



Friday 24th November 2023 — WALT: edit and improve our writing

Farmer Frank Bean

One horrible farm day, Boggis, Bunce and Bean the horrible mean and unbelindy sleepy farmers. Bean can do $35+36+37=108$ Very fast. Boggis the chicken farmer. Bunce has chickens as well. He is a dwarf. Bunce eats donuts filled with yucky stuff. Bean the scariest one he is also a chicken farmer but has apple cider.

Bean is very angry all the time he's never happy.

He's the cleverest out of Boggis and Bunce. He is tall but skinny. He gets angry very easily all the time.

When he goes to bed he explodes. Bean is as smart as a smart computer.

Bean wants to capture fantastic Mr Gax and wear his tail. Bean got his crew ready to kill fantastic Mr Gax. Farmer Bean is a very mean person when he tries to capture Mr Gax he has a beastly laugh.



Freehand writing

Cross hatching

Line variations



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Frangh Bean The Farmer

Farmer Frangh Bean, is tall, mean and lean
 He is as wrinkled as a un-worned sock.
 Bean has bags under his eyes big ugly to be
 site-cures. As you know Bean is clever and smart
 but when things don't go his way he gets as grumpy
 as a moody teenager that didn't complete the last
 level on his x-box! When Bean sees at you he
 sends a shiver down your spine. He wags Mr
 Fox's tail as if he was taking a medal around
 his neck.

Frangh Bean, is as smart as a human AI he also
 has a strong temper. Bently Bean is the bossiest
 out of all the farmers and he doesn't care about
 who he up-sets because his words cut like knives.
 In addition, he would never give-up even if he
 tried a hundred times and only when his finished
 beads of sweat will trickle down his broad red face.

Even though, Frangh Bean is very clever he doesn't
 achieve his goal. When Mr fox escapes his eyes
 open wide and he clenches his fists tightly. All
 He wants is, to kill Mr fox who took all his
 sides and testys.



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REMINDER CLASS BIRTHDAY TREATS

Whilst it is a very kind gesture, please note we do not accept any treats to share with the class in celebration of birthdays.



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.

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



Lateness

Arriving late into school can affect your child's attendance.

So far this term 74 hours and 15 minutes learning time has been lost due to lateness with children arriving late on 184 occasions.

Lateness = lost learning (Figures below are calculated over a school year)	
5 mins late each day	3 days lost!
10 mins late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 mins late each day	10 days lost!
20 mins late each day	13 days lost!
30 mins late each day	19 days lost!

Don't let your child miss out!

Get your child to school on time. If they are late they have a bad start to the day. If your child arrives late for class:

- They miss out on important learning.
- They don't have the social time to settle into class.
- It can be embarrassing for them.
- It may disrupt the learning of the rest of the class.

What you can do:

- Have a regular routine for the start of each day.
- Help your child get their clothes and bag ready before they go to bed.
- Set a reasonable bed time to make sure they get enough sleep.



Article of the Week

UN Convention on the Right of the Child

We are very proud to be a Unicef Rights Respecting School, having achieved the **Unicef UK Silver - Rights Aware Award**.

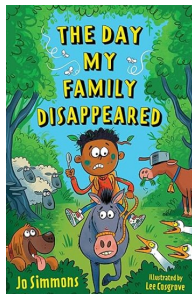
To help children carry on the discussion at home, we will be focussing different articles of the convention in each newsletter so that our families can explore the rights and meanings together.

Article 4: Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.

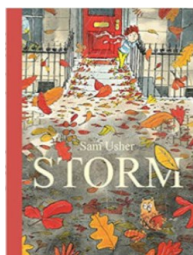


Mrs Wright's Recommended Reads

Bob Bunyon is fed up. In a family full of artists and performers, he's the one with no talent, the one bypassed by the creativity gene – and his four siblings just won't let him forget it. Finally sick of being taunted for being so "normal", Bob wishes that his family would all just disappear, but he doesn't really expect his wish to come true ... When he wakes the next day to find everyone gone, Bob's initial delight quickly turns to worry. Does he have supernatural powers? Is he the only survivor of a or an alien invasion? Gathering all his courage, and employing survival skills learned from TV endurance shows, Bob sets out to find his missing family ...



Age 9–12



Age 3-5

It's blowing up a storm, and a boy and his grandad decide it's the perfect weather for kite-flying. There's just one problem - first they have to find the kite. Their search brings up lots of wonderful memories of previous adventures together, but when they finally make it outside, their adventure really takes off!

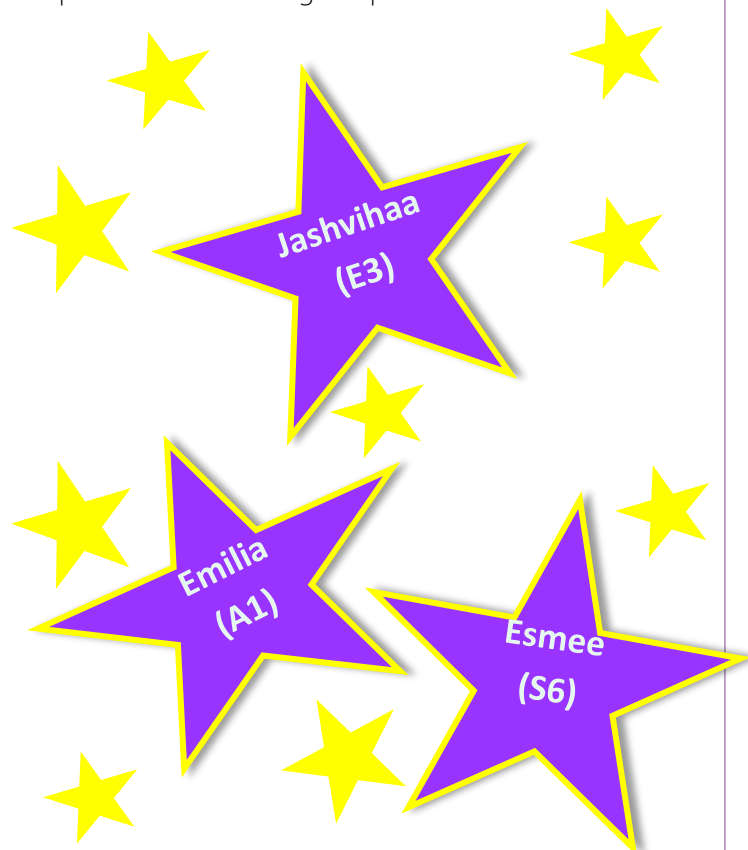
PUPIL PREMIUM (Free School Meals)

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

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/student-pupil-support/free-school-meals-and-extra-support-for-your-child>

Lexia Superstars: Well done to all of the children who have been on the Lexia programme over the past week. Special congratulations to the following children who completed a level during the past two weeks!





Free Christmas Events in London: Things to do with the children

Throughout December 2023

See the Christmas Lights at the following places

- Oxford Street, including Selfridges Window displays
- St. Christopher's Place
- Covent Garden
- Carnaby Street
- Regent Street
- Glasshouse Street, Swallow Street and Quadrant Arcade—new Christmas installations
- Belgravia
- Marylebone

Go walking with the Snowman in Fleet Street: <https://wildinart.co.uk/events/walking-with-the-snowman-at-fleet-street-quarter/>

02.12.23

Christmas Video Game Dance Party at the V and A at South Kensington: <https://www.vam.ac.uk/event/4AKv70RWNZ6/digital-kids-december-2023>

09.12.23

Christmas Early Explorer Morning (ASC friendly): <https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/whats-on/family-events/christmas-early-explorer-morning>

09.12.23

SouthBank Centre—Youth Voices: <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/family-young-people/southbank-centre-youth-voices-winter-song>

09.12.23

Time Travel Club: Festive Fun om Richmond: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/time-travel-club-festive-fun-day-tickets-737143976477>

09.12.23

Family Day at Westminster Abbey: <https://www.westminster-abbey.org/abbey-events/family/2023/december/family-day-christmas-at-the-abbey-1>

10.12.23

Christmas Cracker making at Old Royal Naval College: <https://ornc.org/whats-on/family-sundays/>

10.12.23

SouthBank Centre—Warriors: <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/gigs/tomorrows-warriors-extraordinary-winter-showcase?eventId=969572>

See Museum Mum for more ideas: <https://museummum.com/2023/11/14/free-christmas-london/>





New technologies inspire children to be creative, communicate and learn. However, while the internet is a great resource, it is important that children and young people are protected from the risks they may encounter.



Pupils and parents can access over 1000 levelled e-books at home with the Big Cat e-book library. perfect for children to practise reading books at the right level at home. To login in to the Collins Big Cat library use the link below and enter your child's username and password <https://ops.collinsopenpage.com/ss0/login?service=https%3A//ebooks.collinsopenpage.com/wr/index.html&eulogin=true>

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!



The children should go to <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/3584> and login using their login details.

Little and Often: In order to get the best out of Times Tables Rock Stars children should regularly play for short bursts so we would ask you to allow your child to play for 5-10 minutes at a time.

If your child cannot remember their login details please contact the school office who will be able to send a reminder home.

A ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



A three part series to developing children's awareness of fake news, is something fact or is it fake and how to fact check. Click on the link below to take part in this family quiz for under 11s. <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/fake-news-and-misinformation-advice-hub/find-the-fake/choose-quiz/>

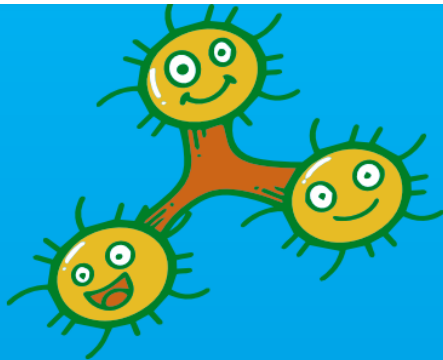
Has someone done something online that has made you or a child or young person you know, feel worried or unsafe? Make a report to one of CEOP's experienced Child Protection Advisors by clicking on the 'Click CEOP button'.



We endeavour to be a NUT AND SESAME-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.





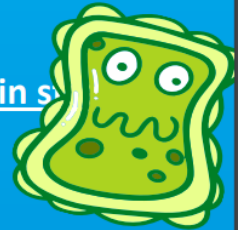
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Get your child vaccinated against FLU 2023-24

We are running Afterschool clinics for children attending Lewisham main s Schools:



- Rec -Year 11 who did not get the flu vaccination at school.

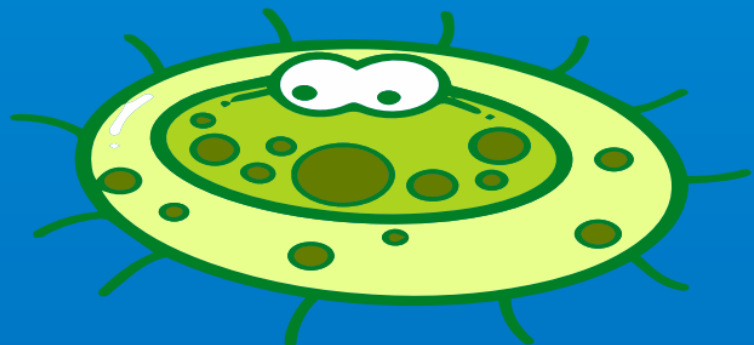
Daily clinics - NOV- Dec 15th 2023

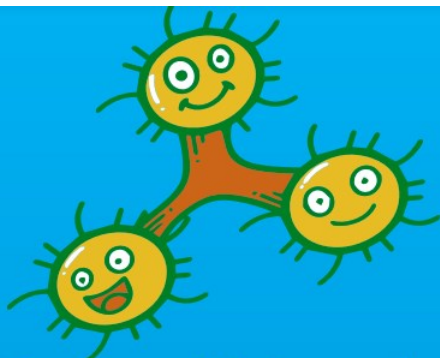
15:30pm – 17.00pm

➤ Downham Health Centre BR1 53P 1st Floor (ROOM 6)

You can book an appointment or just walk in

For more information call
02030492600/07341888526





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Saturday 2nd Dec- 2023

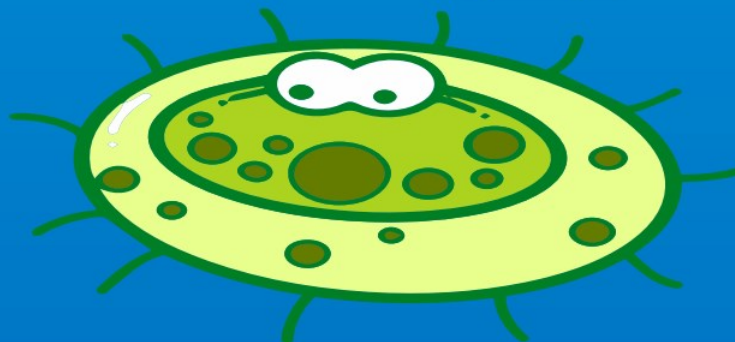
Saturday 9th Dec -2023

9am – 4.30pm

- Kaleidoscope, 32 Rushey Green SE6 4JF
- Waldron Health Centre New cross SE14 6LD
1st Floor -Clifton rise Suite 2
- Downham Health Centre BR1 5EP 1ST Floor

You can book an appointment or just walk in

For more information call
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**IMPORTANT DATES**

01/12/23—31/12/23	Disability History Month
01/12/23	Nursery Singing Performance 2:45pm
04/12/23	Reception Christmas Performance 2:15pm
08/11/23	FOG Winter Fair 3:30pm — 5:30pm
12/12/23	KS1 Christmas Performance
13/12/23	Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day
15/12/23	KS1 Christmas Performance
18/12/23	Year 5 & 6 Indoor Performance 2:15pm
19/12/23	Year 3 & 4 Indoor Performance 2:15pm
20/12/23	Last Day of Autumn Term 2
21/12/23—05/01/24	Christmas Holidays
08/01/24	First Day of Spring Term 1
05/02/24—11/02/23	Children's Mental Health Week
07/02/23	Opening Morning
08/02/23	Parents' Evening
09/02/23	Cake and Fruit Day
12/02/24 - 16/02/24	Half-Term
19/02/24	First Day of Spring Term 2
29/03/24 - 12/04/23	Easter Holidays
15/04/24	First Day of Summer Term 1
06/05/24	Bank Holiday (school closed to pupils)
27/05/2024 - 31/05/24	Half - Term
03/06/24	First Day of Summer Term 2 — INSET DAY
25/07/24	Last Day of Term - INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)

