

9 February 2024

SCHOOL MATTERS

GORDONBROCK WEEKLY

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a couple of weeks it has been! The Children have been buzzing with excitement as their new learning has started to be showcased around the school. Buddy classes have also had the opportunity to meet over the last two weeks and have fun reading and playing together.



This week has been Children's Mental Health Week. The theme was: My Voice Matters. The children looked at ways to promote positive mental health in class. Today ended the week with a combination of **Cake and Fruit Day with Be Kind to Yourself Day**. Why not give yourselves a challenge this weekend or over the holiday —play at least one board game as a family! Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing you bright and early on the 19

February!

Mrs Wright

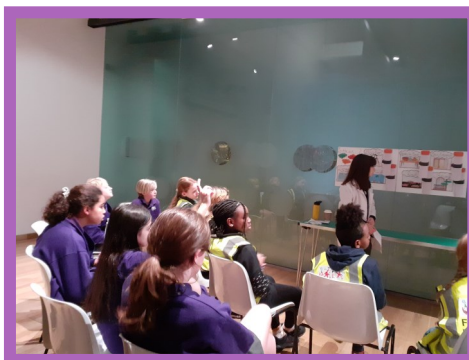




ECO Team



The eco team had the fantastic opportunity to participate in the Big Schools Eco Event at the Horniman Museum on Tuesday. The day was organised by Lewisham council and we got to meet eco teams from a variety of other Lewisham schools. We were placed into a group with Fairlawn and Brindishe Green schools. During the morning we took part in a variety of workshops including coral conservation, air quality, composting and drama. In the afternoon we participated in a Dragon's Den where each school was able to pitch for funding to carry out an environmental project at school. Our children did a fantastic pitch and we are very proud to announce that Gordonbrock was awarded the funding of £450 to start our own gardening club. The Eco Team children will be busy organising this before the summer term.





Last weekend's fixtures were set against a cold but bright morning on Blackheath Common. With both teams riding high in their subsequent leagues, this weekend's results could go a long way to determining their success at the end of the season.

The matches were alternate between the two teams, with the boys starting first against All Saints who were battling it out at the top of the table with our boys. The first half had our players looking nervous and allowed All Saints to create several chances, thanks to safe hands by Sean and some good last-ditch defending by Cassius and Alfie, we went into half time at 0-0. The second half we started playing much better and two great goals from Leonardo and Sam clinched a well-earned 2-0. Leonardo earned our Player of the Match (POTM).

The girls had the second game against Edmund Waller, another challenger pushing the girls' team at the top of the league. The game followed a very similar pattern to the boys' first game. Gordonbrock were in charge of this game from the start, but it wasn't until the second half when the team starting showing their quality and controlled the half with a hattrick from Dolly and one from Julie. The game ended 4-0 and the girls showed why they are dominating the league this year. The POTM for this game went to Julie.

Up next was the boy's second game against Good Shepherd. This was supposed to be an easier game, however the team laboured throughout top create many chances. We didn't look too much in danger of conceding, but this game was heading for a stalemate until Jeremy popped up on a corner and finished accurately to earn us the 1-0 win. The goal and overall quality and effort throughout the game earned Jeremy the POTM.

The final game of the weekend was the girls against Baring, this game was billed as a friendly due to fixture decisions. It was a chance for the girls to once again show off their abilities and team work and they ran out a comfortable 3-0 win with goals coming from Dolly, Giulia and a brilliant freekick from Bonnie. POTM goes to Maya for being the lynchpin in midfield, combining her defensive awareness with a great eye for a pass to set off our attackers she was also very unlucky not to get herself a goal or two.

Teamsheet:

Boys: Leonardo (Captain), Cassius, Shaun, Shalomon, Alfie, Jeremy, Sam, Toby, Sean

Girls: Bonnie (captain), Giulia, Maya, Evie, Dolly, Julie, Lila, Margot

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

Mr Costello



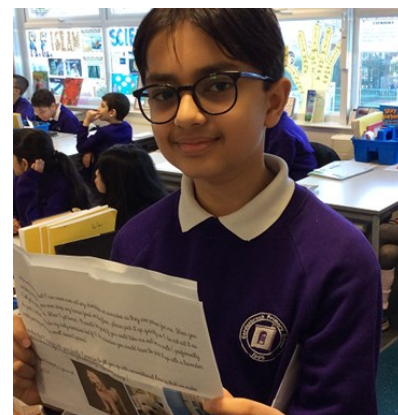
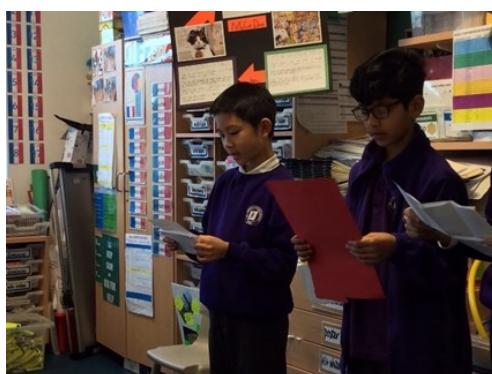
Year 6

We have been very busy in Y6 this week. In English, we have started imagining our own creatures in order to write a bestiary of the Whispering Woods. The children have been learning about concepts including anthropomorphism and formality. We took our inspiration from the picture book "The Errand". We have been learning percentages, function machines, area and perimeter in Maths.

In Science, we have continued our Evolution and Inheritance topic by learning how an animal's offspring vary from their parents.

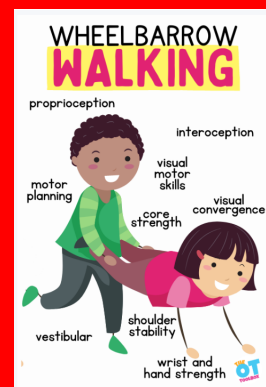
We also had an interesting and informative workshop by Talk Consent about consent and boundaries in friendships.

In Indoor P.E., we have been focusing on core strength, leaps, jumps and travelling.



Try to vary your workouts this half term

1. Wheelbarrows
2. Twisters
3. Leg Scissors
4. Military Crawls




WRITER OF THE WEEK

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 Thursday 1st February 2024 NAME: Kallan
 WALT: edit and improve writing
Daisy the Sock Monster
Appearance
 Daisy the Sock monster is a beautiful sock. She always smells like perfume. She has big glossy lips and has a fluffy coat. Have you ever looked this?
personality
 Look out! If you don't like Daisy she'll walk away because if you don't like her she won't like you. However, if you like her she'll be your BFF for life because if you like her she'll like you.
Likes and dislikes
 Even know Daisy likes being your BFF. She also likes sweets, lemon, cherry ice cream, and chocolate. Daisy doesn't like some things, she doesn't like not being your BFF for life! She also doesn't like vegetables and cleaning.
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In Year 3, we have been writing about our own sock monsters! A few weeks ago, we used some old, unwanted socks and transformed them into some weird and wonderful creatures with personalities and likes and dislikes of their own. This week, we published our final non-chronological reports about our sock monster characters.



Thursday 1st February 2024 NAME: Idid
 WACE: edit and improve writing

Sir Jonathan Bronze the Snake monster

Appearance
 Sir Jonathan Bronze is a cold monster as he looks a little bit hard. He has a long, hunched body covered with a spiky blue skin. Furthermore he has a one large, bad eye and one tiny eye. Also he wears an dusty tea making his brother to the surprise. But he likes the same things as his brother. Have you ever seen this peculiar monster walking around on the street?

Personality
 Look out! If you make him up to work every day he'll eat you with his yellow teeth because he'll think you're a bad egg! On the other hand if you give him junk food he'll lick you with his thick pink tongue and that's great because it shows you his true spirit! Also he'll do what ever you tell him to do and he'll share his junk food with you. Sir Jonathan Bronze is a friendly and happy monster.

Likes and Dislikes
 Although Sir Jonathan Bronze enjoys eating junk food with his brother Sir Jonathan Gold he hates to eat vegetables! This is because they don't taste good from shops and restaurants. Unfortunately he hates going to work but he enjoys it when Sir Jonathan Gold his brother is there. He also loves hanging out with his brother.

Freebies

Cross hatching

Line variations

Continuous line drawing



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 15. Setting up or joining groups
Children can join or set up groups or organisations, and they can meet with others, as long as this does not harm other people.

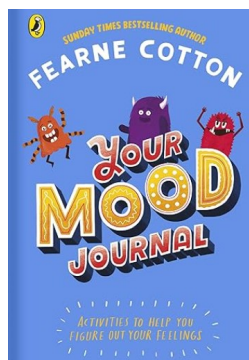


Mrs Wright's Recommend Reads

One day, Colour Monster wakes up feeling very confused. His emotions are all over the place; he feels angry, happy, calm, sad and scared all at once. To help him, a little girl shows him what each feeling means through colour. What is the Colour Monster feeling? And can you help him feel a little less mixed up?



Age 3-8



Age 8-10

It's okay to experience emotions! Get a pen, pencil and colouring pens at the ready, and prepare to **become great friends with your emotions**. After all, they are great! In fact, **they're AWE-SOME**. They make life one **big adventure** as you try new things, learn, grow and **discover who you are**.

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/my services/education/student-pupil-support/free-school-meals-and-extra-support-for-your-child>

Stuck for what to do this half term?

Then click on the picture below for lots of ideas.



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.



Lateness

Arriving late into school can affect your child's attendance. Since September there have been 140 hours and 12 minutes lost to lateness.

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.



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/ssq/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.

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.





Explorers for Young Mums

If you are aged 16 to 25
come and join us at our
new stay & play session
for babies and children
aged 0-5 years.



starts on 10th November

Fridays

1.00pm - 2.00pm

Bellingham Children & Family Centre

109 Randlesdown Road,
SE6 3HB



To book your place go to
www.lewishamcfc.org.uk/booking-form/
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Ages 3-16

Location

Charter School East
Dulwich - 117 East Dulwich
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COMMUNITY
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IMPORTANT DATES

February	LGBT+ History Month
19/02/24	First Day of Spring Term 2
20/02/24	E3 Ancient Egypt Trip to Horniman
21/02/24	E2 Ancient Egypt Trip to Horniman
23/02/24	E1 Ancient Egypt Trip to Horniman
wb. 26/02/24	Year 5 School Journey (Residential Trip)
26/02/24	Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament (select children only)
05/03/24	Year 4 Assembly
08/03/24	World Book Day and International Women's Day
13/03/24	Reception Trip to Battersea Zoo
22/03/24	FOG Spring Disco
28/03/24	INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)
29/03/24 - 12/04/24	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 (school closed to pupils)
25/07/24	Last Day of Term - INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)