

23 February 2024

GORDONBROCK WEEKLY

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had some great news from FOG - we've raised £480.34 from Cake and Fruit Day! Thank you so much for your generosity, and thank you to those that supported behind the scenes and on the day. What an amazing first week back! The children have returned enthusiastic, energised and ready to learn. The children welcomed a harpist into school today and enjoyed a live showcase in assembly.



Next week, we start the week focussing on LGBT+ History Month during KS1 and KS2 assemblies. This year the theme is: Medicine - Under the scope. The spotlight on this month is part of our continued strong commitment to further diversifying our curriculum.

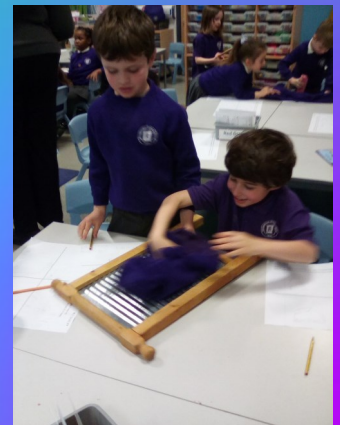
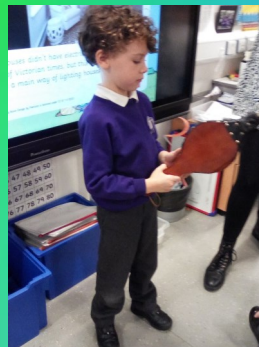
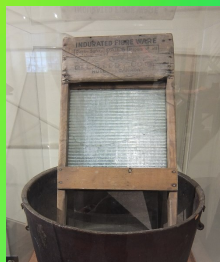
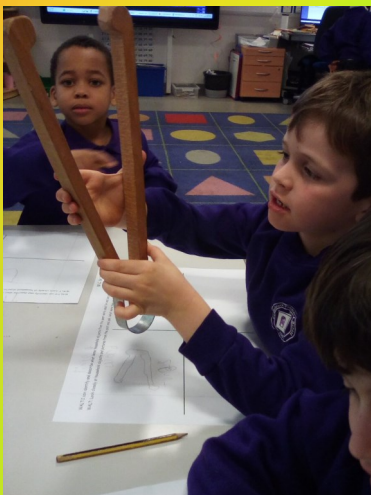
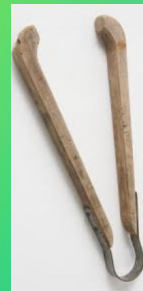
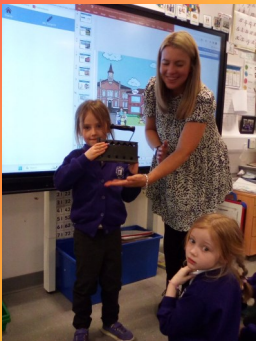


An important date for your diaries - we are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8 March. We can't wait to see all of your fantastic costumes! Friday 8 March also co-insides with International Women's day! We will be focusing on some influential women's authors and sharing some our favourite books.

Attendance and punctuality has improved this week—let's keep that up!

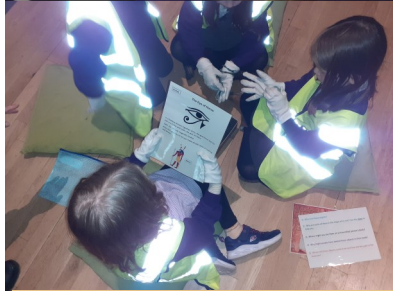
Mrs Wright

Year 1 have had fun this week exploring household objects that were used in the past. We tried to guess what the objects were used for and compared them to what we use today. We were surprised to find out that homes in the past did not have a toilet inside and that, because it had to be filled with hot water from the stove, most families would only have a bath once a week!

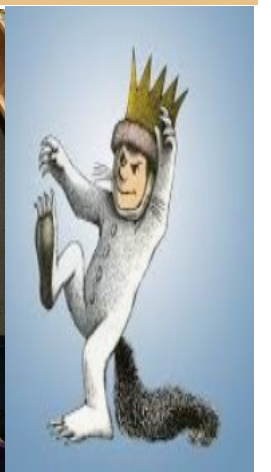




This week in Year 3, we visited the Hornman Museum. Our main focus was our Ancient Egypt topic. We found lots of different artefacts in different galleries and even tried to spot some papyrus in the gardens. Unfortunately, it hadn't started growing yet! We also took part in an Ancient Egyptian workshop where we were able to hold some real artefacts. Some of these were over 1000 years old! We also explored skeletons in the Natural History gallery in preparation for our new Science topic this half term. We are very grateful to all the parents and carers who come to help on the day. Things. We are going to continue exploring this wonderful world next week.

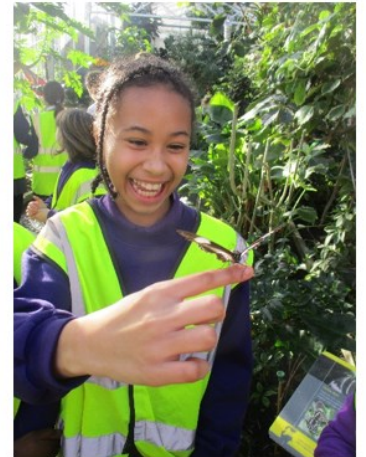


Back in the classroom, we have been diving into the world of the Wild Things from the story, 'Where The Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. So far, we have been thinking about technical vocabulary for their appearance and considered what qualities you might need to have to become a prince or princess of the Wild Things. We are going to continue exploring this wonderful world next week.



SCIENCE TRIP – Horniman Museum

For our Living Things and Their Habitats Science unit, we visited the Horniman Museum. We took part in a workshop that explained various animals, their features and their habitats. They allowed us to touch and look at many amazing taxidermized animals such as puffer fish, owl and badger! We also visited the butterfly house and saw many species flying around, as well as some that were still in their cocoons.



SCIENCE TRIP – Horniman Museum – A1



SCIENCE TRIP – Horniman Museum – A2



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!



Explorers Plus

This group is for parents and carers, with a child aged 0-5, who would like support with their child's development. **Jointly run with the Portage Team.**

Tuesdays
10.00am - 11.30am
Bellingham Children & Family Centre
109 Randlesdown Road, SE6 3HB

Are you concerned your child is not meeting their milestones?

- Learn strategies to help develop your child's skills
- Come and talk to experienced practitioners to get advice and support
- Meet other parents & carers and share information
- Explore sensory and discovery play
- Help your child learn through play using indoor & outdoor environments



To book your place go to www.lewishamcfc.org.uk/booking-form or call **Bellingham Children and Family Centre** on 07513 727793



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Lewisham Services

Family Support Service:

The Family Support Service provides intensive, practical support to families in their own homes as part of a six-month programme that aims to help them:

- Build resilience
- Set achievable goals
- Develop positive relationships

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/socialcare/health/parenting/being-a-parent/support-for-parents-and-carers>

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 21– Children who are adopted.

When children are adopted, the most important thing is to do what is best for them. If a child cannot be properly looked after in their own country – for example by living with another family – then they might be adopted in another country.



PUPIL PREMIUM (Free School Meals)

If any of the following applies to you, you can apply for free school meals for your child.

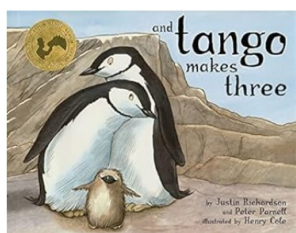
- ◆ Universal credit with an earnings threshold that does not exceed £7400
- ◆ Income support
- ◆ Income based job seekers allowance
- ◆ Income related employment and support allowance
- ◆ Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to working tax credit and have an annual income, as assessed by 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>



Mrs Wright's Recommend Reads

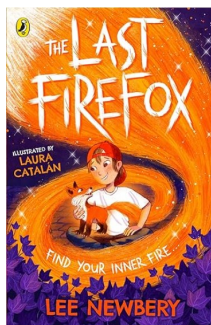
And Tango Makes Three is the bestselling, heart-warming true story of two penguins.



At the penguin house at the Central Park Zoo, two penguins named Roy and Silo were a little bit different from the others. But their desire for a family was the same. And with the help of a kindly zookeeper, Roy and Silo get the chance to welcome a baby penguin of their very own.

Age 3-8

Winner of the Wales Book of the Year People's Choice Award! A heart-warming story about family, friendship and finding your inner fire.



Between bullies at school and changes at home with his two dads, Charlie Challinor finds life a bit scary. And when he's made guardian of a furry fox cub called Cadno, things get a whole lot scarier.

Age 9-11



Family Information Service

Family Information Service is currently conducting a parent survey regarding the national wraparound childcare program.

They have reported to us that parents should expect to see an expansion in the availability of wraparound care from September 2024.

They have asked us to share this link with the community to help better understand the needs of the children in Lewisham:

<https://forms.office.com/e/dEyxVG9zwF>

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey in advance.

Lewisham parent/carer wraparound childcare survey



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 141 hours and 5 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.
- Help your child get their clothes and bag



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.



**IMPORTANT DATES**

February	LGBT+ History Month
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
14/03/24	Phonics Event for Reception Parents only
14/03/24	Red Nose Day
22/03/24	FOG Spring Disco
26/03/24	Year 3 Parent Event
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
18/04/24	Year 2 Assembly
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)

