

26 January 2024

GORDONBROCK WEEKLY

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a week it has been! The Children have been buzzing with excitement as their new learning has started to be showcased around the school. The children have been particularly pleased to see the new progression in portraiture display which we look forward to sharing with you during Open Morning and the next GB Arts Bulletin (it is stunning, if I might say so myself).



Next Thursday, 1 February, is the start of LGBT+ History Month. This year's focus is 'Medicine: Under the Scope,' celebrating LGBT+ peoples' contribution to the field of medicine and healthcare both historically and today.

Please keep a look out for information about Open Morning and Parents' Evening next week, include booking links to parent-teacher consultations. We look forward to inviting you into school in the final week of half-term.

We wish you a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you next week. And good luck to our football teams this weekend! Let's go, Purples!

Mrs Wright

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

**DON'T
MISS OUT!**

**SCHOOL
MATTERS**



Our assemblies have linked to the importance of effort and developing the children's understanding that **practise make progress**. Check out some top tips by clicking on the link below!

**HOW TO EMPOWER
Children When
They STRUGGLE**

- * **Practise**
- * ~~Makes PERFECT.~~
- * Makes **PROGRESS.**
- * Brings understanding of what **WORKS** and what ~~doesn't work.~~
- * UPs your **SKILL** level.
- * Creates new **HABITS**.
- * Builds **CONFIDENCE**.

Reception

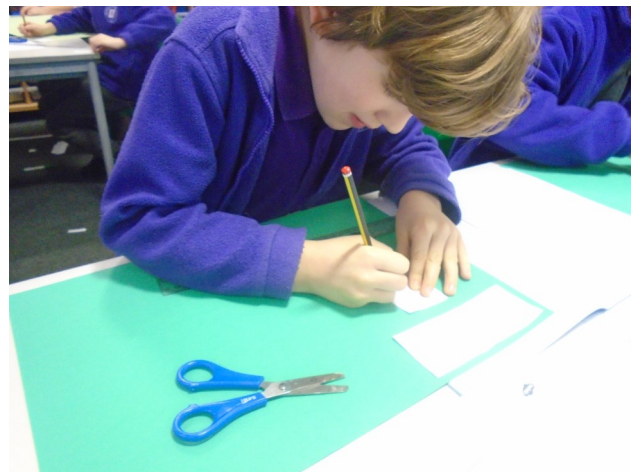
In Reception, we have had lots of fun exploring our new topic space! We have made our own rockets out of recycling, we have made 3D shape rockets looking at their properties and identifying the 2D shapes we can see within them. We have been printing planets using balloons and sponges. Some of us even wrote our own fact books about space!



Year 4



Year 4 have been working on their own Greek Myth comics in English. They have created their own hero and set them off on three trials. They have been spending time this week planning the layout of their comic books. We are excited to see how they turn out.



Year 5

This week, Year 5 took part in a workshop about Maya Architecture, building a version of a Mayan temple. The children used their mathematical knowledge, particularly identifying 2-D and 3-D shapes and worked together to build the columns and roof. We had a great time and were very proud of what we achieved.



This workshop is fun! I am enjoying helping build the structure! - Lily-Mae

We made tall towers with different sized sticks. It was fun working as a team and making cool creations! - Alfie

I thought it was massive, it took a long time to make, but it was worth it! Manha

I like working in my team, we are assigning roles as a group and enjoy seeing what we've made together. Cora

I learned that in temples the Mayans sacrificed animals and offered fruits. Our temple was really impressive! Molly



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 2 (non-discrimination) The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, sex, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.



PUPIL PREMIUM (Free School Meals)

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

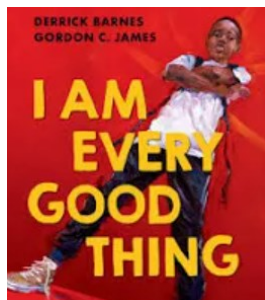
- ◆ Universal credit with an earnings threshold that does not exceed £7400
- ◆ Income support
- ◆ Income based job seekers allowance
- ◆ Income related employment and support allowance
- ◆ Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to working tax credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC that does not exceed £16,190

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/my services/education/student-pupil-support/free-school-meals-and-extra->

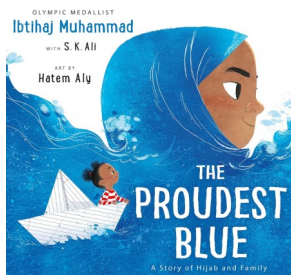


Mrs Wright's Recommend Reads

Step inside the mind of the confident narrator of this book. He is proud of everything that makes him who he is. He's got big plans, and will see them through. He's creative, adventurous, smart, funny. Sometimes he falls, but he always gets back up. And other times he's afraid, because he's often misunderstood. So, slow own, *look and listen as he shows you who he really is ...*



Age 3-8



Age 8-10

Asiya's hijab is like the ocean and the sky, no line between them, saying hello with a loud wave. It's Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab – made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, will Faizah find new ways to be strong?



Self-Care & Mental Health for Kids

- Share your own feelings to **encourage** self-awareness.
- Find social groups that help them feel like they **belong**.
- Set aside time for **low-stress** or solo activities.
- Practice **self-care** for yourself to set the standard.
- Focus on articulating **feelings**. "I am angry." "I am sad."
- Encourage **journaling** and diaries.
- Encourage your child to focus on the **moment**.
- Establish a **self-care** routine.
- Recognize **toxic stress** events.
- BlessingManifesting
- Cultivate interests and **hobbies**.

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 123 hours and 32 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/
or call **Bellingham CFC** 07513 727793



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IMPORTANT DATES

wb 29/01/24	Year 5 Bikeability
wb 29/01/24	Buddy Week
February	LGBT+ History Month
wb. 05/02/24	Children's Mental Health Week
07/02/24	Open Morning
08/02/24	Parents' Evening
09/02/24	Cake and Fruit Day
12/02/24 - 16/02/24	Half-Term
19/02/24	First Day of Spring Term 2
wb. 26/02/24	Year 5 School Journey (Residential Trip)
05/03/24	Year 4 Assembly
07/03/24	World Book Day
22/03/24	FOG Spring Disco
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)