

8 March 2024



# GORDONBROCK WEEKLY

Dear Parents/Carers,

The excitement has been building all week as creations across the school began to appear. Staff and children have worked together to re-create the front covers of exciting books! All day, these magical doorways led our children to new adventures as each class walked the school to explore everyone's designs. We have seen many creative outfits today and we love how you all get into the spirit—well done to you all!

This year, we started the celebrations for International Women's Day early with assemblies over the last week delivered by myself and the deputies looking at the reasons why International Women's Day was started and shared some fantastic stories written by women across the world.

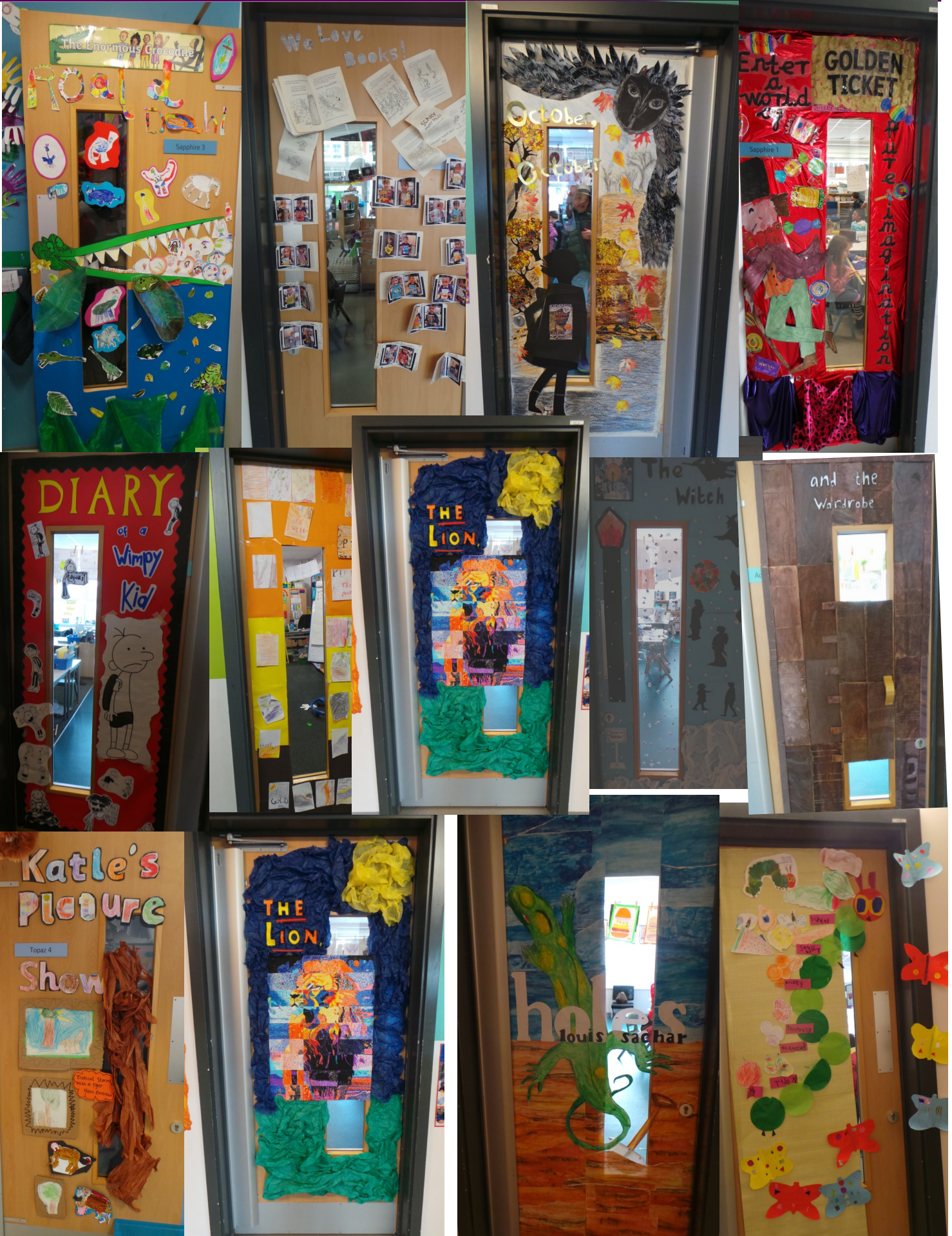
The excitement doesn't stop there, Gordonbrock! Red Nose Day is back! It's that time of year when incredible cake-bakers, joke-makers, telly-watchers, t shirt-wearers, Red Nose-buyers and laugh-til-you-cryers, do something to fight poverty through humour and fun, for communities here in the UK and around the world. Next Friday, 15 March, we invite children to wear red with a £1 donation to this great cause. Please bring £1 on the day.

To our families that are observing Ramadam from Monday, if your child is fasting, please can you let their class teacher know so we can support your child in school. Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you on Monday.

*Mrs Wright*



Happy International Women's Day 2024 from all at Gordonbrock Primary School



## Nursery

This week in Nursery, the children have been exploring the topic 'In the garden' and have been learning about what plants need to grow. We have planted cress seeds, bulbs, and bean seeds. We have enjoyed reading the story of *Jack and the beanstalk* and re-enacting the story. We have also been making beanstalks using construction toys and playing in our garden centre role play area.

Why not try and plant some cress seeds at home? Here's a recipe for a cress potato-head:

<https://www.bannistersfarm.co.uk/blog/potato-cress-head/>



### Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have been continuing to learn about the five pillars of Islam. Our focus this week was 'Salah' or prayer. We thought about things that we might wish or pray for - for our family, our community, our country and for the whole world.

In History, and as part of LGBT+ History Month, we have been learning about the tomb of two Ancient Egyptian men who worked as manicurists at the court of the pharaoh. We found out about their lives by decoding the hieroglyphics from inside their tomb. It was very challenging, particularly when the hieroglyphics could represent a few different letters or sounds!



### WRITE YOUR NAME IN HIEROGLYPHICS

A	B	C	D
Arm	Foot	Basket	Hand
E	F	G	H
Vulture	Horned Viper	Pot Stand	Shelter
I	J	K	L
Reed	Snake	Basket	Lion
M	N	O	P
Owl	Water	Lasso	Stool
Q	R	S	T
Hill	Mouth	Folded Fabric	Bread Loaf
U	V	W	X
Quail Chick	Horned Viper	Quail Chick	Basket and Folded Fabric
Y	Z	<b>TEACH BESIDE ME</b>	
Reed	Door Bolt		

# SPRING DISCO

**FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**

4.30-5.45 PM RECEPTION, YEARS 1 & 2

6-7.30 PM YEARS 3, 4, 5, 6

TICKETS **£3.50** PER PERSON

ADULT AND CHILD TICKETS, INCLUDING SIBLINGS ARE £3.50 EACH.  
(BABIES UNDER 1 YEAR-OLD ARE FREE).

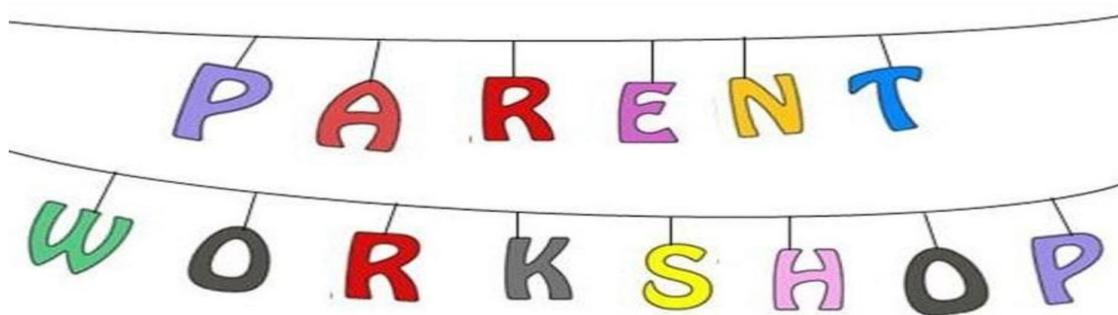
BUY TICKETS IN BOTH PLAYGROUNDS  
FROM MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



Lexia Superstars: Well done to all of the children who have been on the Lexia programme over the past week.

Special congratulations to this week's Lexia Superstar who completed a level during the past two weeks!

**PRACTISE**  
makes  
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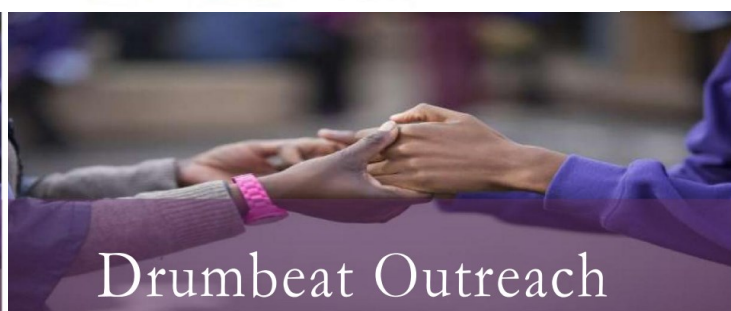
Session 1 – Theory  
Session 2 – Practical

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 –  
10-11.30am

This session will be held at:

Clyde Nursery School and Family Hub,  
Alverton Street, Deptford, SE8 5NH.

Please email [outreach.admin@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:outreach.admin@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk) or telephone  
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# 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 32 - Child Labour

Governments must protect children from economic exploitation and work that is dangerous or might harm their health, development or education. Governments must set a minimum age for children to work and ensure that work conditions are safe and appropriate.



### 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 Recommended Reads

**Best Eid Ever** written by Sufiya Ahmed and illustrated by Hazem Asif



As a child in Pakistan, Malala made a wish for a magic pencil. She would use it to make everyone happy, to erase the smell of garbage from her city, to sleep an extra hour in the morning. But as she grew older, Malala saw that there were more important things to wish for. She

Age 6-8

saw a world that needed fixing. And even if she never found a magic pencil, Malala realized that she could still work hard every day to make her wishes come true.



**Once Upon an Eid: Stories of Hope and Joy by 15 Muslim Voices** written by Various Authors

Amy Miller is a very positive person and she is fully prepared to be the star of the school Comedy Show. But when Harry is put in charge, he stops her from performing or writing or doing anything fun. Amy can't understand what's happening until her sister tells her: Harry is being sexist, and Amy must take a stand. Armed only with killer one-liners, Amy goes into battle to fight for her right to make

Age 9-12

# Childcare Choices

## What does Tax-Free Childcare mean for me?

Tax-Free Childcare is a UK wide offer. Eligible parents with children under 12 can get up to £2,000 per child, per year, towards their childcare costs (or up to £4,000 for disabled children under 17).

For more information and eight-need-to-knows, please check out the website below:

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/tax-free-childcare/>



## 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 142 hours and 8 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**

13/03/24	Reception Trip to Battersea Zoo
14/03/24	Phonics Event for Reception Parents only
14/03/24	Red Nose Day
21/03/24	Year 4 Buddhist Temple Trip (Emerald 6)
22/03/24	Year 4 Buddhist Temple Trip (Emerald 4 and 5)
22/03/24	FOG Spring Disco
26/03/24	Year 3 Parent Event
27/03/24	Last day of Spring term for pupils
<b>28/03/24</b>	<b>INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)</b>
29/03/24 - 12/04/24	Easter Holidays
<b>15/04/24</b>	<b>First Day of Summer Term 1</b>
18/04/24	Year 2 Assembly
<b>06/05/24</b>	<b>Bank Holiday (school closed to pupils)</b>
27/05/2024 - 31/05/24	Half -Term
<b>03/06/24</b>	<b>First Day of Summer Term 2 — INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)</b>
<b>25/07/24</b>	<b>Last Day of Term - INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)</b>