

3 May 2024

GORDONBROCK WEEKLY

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had a great week at Gordonbrock!

It was wonderful to see so many children visiting Mrs Wright on Wednesday to share their aspirations with her. If your child is talking about their aspirations at home, please encourage them to share this with their class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. If not, why not have a discussion this weekend? We'd love to hear about their hopes and dreams for the future.

A HUGE well done to the girls' football team who progress to the semi-finals after a fantastic performance last weekend. Read the match report below.

Our newly-formed orchestra had their debut performance at St Laurence Church in Catford on Tuesday night as part of Lewisham Music's Live Unplugged event. They were absolutely brilliant. Keep a look out for the next Arts Bulletin to read all about it!

Year 5's Parent Event on Thursday was a huge success! Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend. I hope you had as much fun as the children investigating chemical reactions in such a practical and fun way!

Mrs Wright

We hope you enjoy your bank holiday weekend. See you all on Tuesday!

Football - Girls' Team: Champions Cup

Due to the team's success in finishing 1st in their league, the girls' team qualified to take part in this year's Champion's Cup. This competition was a one-day event whereby the teams that finished in the top four in the two leagues faced off against each other, with the top two from both groups facing off in the semi-final. The first match was against Holbeach, a team that we should beat as we have been very successful against them in the past. However, the girls started slowly. In a game of not many clear chances and scrappy play, the team ended the game 0-0. Not an ideal start as we knew we had to now win both the remaining games to have a chance of progressing to out of the group stage. POTM was Indiya for her work ethic and determination.



The second fixture was against Stillness, one of our fiercest competitors and one that in three previous games had ended 0-0—though a draw here would be a disaster. In a complete reverse of the first game, the girls were in control from the start and played out of their skins with some fantastic defending and attacking moves. The game ended 2-0 to Gordonbrock with both goals coming from Dolly. POTM to Dolly.

The final group game was against John Ball. The girls delivered with a 3-0 win with two goals from Dolly and one from Giulia. The POTM was Giulia for her goal and providing assists for Dolly.

We finished the group top and were due to play Fairlawn in the semi-final straight away. But due to a communication error on their part, they had already gone home. That fixture will be played on the 11th of May at 9.30am.

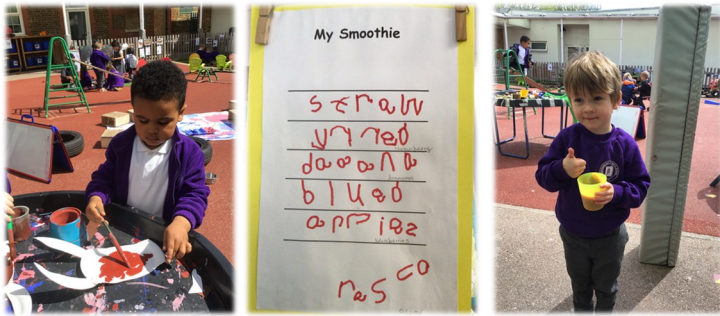
We had our season awards presentation with the winners of the Player's Player Of The Year going to Julie and the Manager's Player Of The Year going to Evie. This is the first year they've been introduced, the PPOTY goes to the player voted by the players themselves and the MPOTY is voted by Jason, Mr Stephen and myself.

A big thank you to Jason for coaching and the parents and carers for attending and supporting the team. And a special thank you to Iris and Michelle for stepping in at the last minute.



Nursery

This term, we have been learning about 'On The Farm'. The children have been talking about where our food comes from, what animals live on the farm and different types of farms around the world. We made smoothies using fruits, wrote smoothie ingredient lists, created animal masks from paper plates, did farm animal drawings, farm labels, farm maps and more!



Year 3

We have had a very exciting week in Year 3. On Thursday, we were visited by some rainforest animals. These included a snake, tree frog, millipede and tarantula. We learned about their diets, skeletons and which part of the rainforests they lived in. We were even able to hold some of them! Thank you very much to Emily from ZooLab for bringing the animals to see us.



We have also continued to enjoy our Library time this week and have had lots of fun in other subjects, too. This includes Science where we have been making models of biceps and triceps. We used elastic bands and split pins to imitate joints and muscles, while pieces of card took the place of bones.

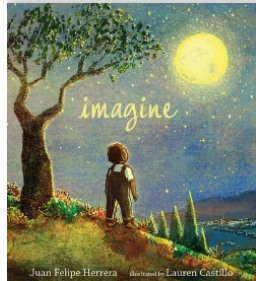
Mrs Wright's Recommend Reads



Imagine

**Written by Juan Felipe Herrera,
illustrated by Lauren Castillo**

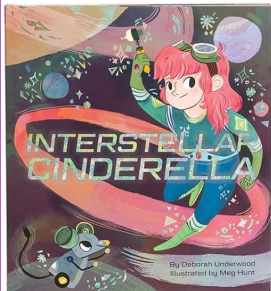
Poet Juan Felipe Herrera encourages little ones to imagine what they can be — citing that if he taught himself to read and write and ended up as the United States Poet Laureate, anything is possible. This uplifting — and at times, magical — poem is accompanied by stunning illustrations from Caldecott Honoree Lauren Castillo.



Age 5-9

Interstellar Cinderella

**Written by Deborah Underwood
and Meg Hunt**



Once upon a planetoid, amid her tools and sprockets, a girl named Cinderella dreamed of fixing fancy rockets. With a little help from her fairy godrobot, Cinderella is going to the ball. But when the prince's ship has mechanical trouble, someone will have to zoom to the rescue! Readers will thank their lucky stars for this irrepressible fairy tale retelling, its independent heroine and its stellar happy ending.

Age 4-9

Fly Me Home

Written by Polly Ho-Yen

Feeling lost and alone in a strange new city, Leelu wishes she could fly away back home — her real home where her dad is, thousands of miles away.

London is cold and grey and the neighbours are noisy and there's concrete everywhere.

But Leelu is not alone; someone is leaving her gifts outside her house — wonders which give her curious magical powers.

Powers which might help her find her way home . . .



Age 9-11



UN Convention on the Right of the Child

Article of the Week

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 focusing different articles of the convention in each newsletter so that our families can explore the rights and meanings together.

As we shared with you last week, this term, Mrs Wright assemblies will focus on the Gordonbrock vision.

This week, we have been looking at representation and integration; we watched a video called The Color of Space, where we learn about the importance to see yourself, to **DREAM BIG**—linked to our vision statement: We are highly aspirational for all our children and we do whatever it take us to enable them to overcome barriers to their learning.

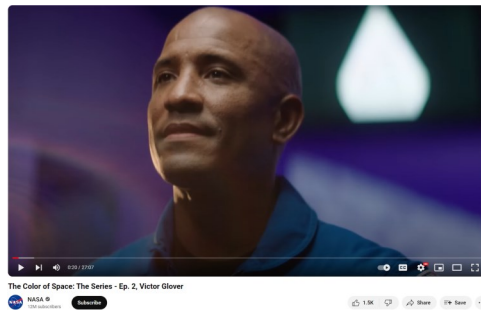
This linked to the Article 5 where we, parents and educators, set up the best guidance and environments for them to become their best self.

Article 5: Family Guidance as Children Develop

Governments should let families and communities guide their children so that, as they grow up, they learn to use their rights in the best way. The more children grow, the less guidance they will need.



Why not watch the video again at home.....



Video Link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sgp_2OBxKeM

Victor Glover will be the first Black astronaut to travel around the Moon for NASA's Artemis II mission. Victor's journey as a Black NASA astronaut offers inspiration to a new generation, reflecting a legacy of resilience and tenacity —the power of representation and the strength of family.



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.

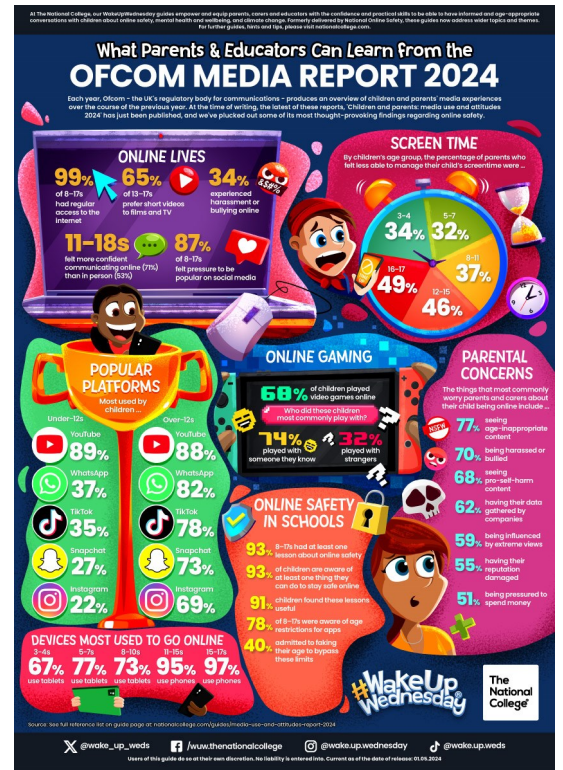
On 19 April 2024, Ofcom released their annual Media Use and Attitudes Report, detailing the findings of several surveys and their implications for parents, children and young people in the UK. These statistics often include plenty of thought-provoking information relating to online safety.

The report itself is extremely extensive, so instead we've provided a bespoke selection of data gathered by Ofcom about children and young people's experiences on social media, video games and the like. Check our guide for a thorough breakdown of the headline findings.

To the full guide is accessible at:

<https://www.gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024.pdf>

Our online safety information is taken from The National College #wakeupwednesdaycampaign. For more information about the campaign visit: <https://nationalcollege.com/news/wakeupwednesday>



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 <https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/>



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.



Pupils and parents can access over 1000 levelled ebooks at home with the Big Cat ebook 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/sso/login?service=https%3A//ebooks.collinsopenpage.com/wr/index.html&eulogin=true>

IMPORTANT DATES

06/05/24	Bank Holiday (school closed to pupils)
06/05/24	Year 1: Reading Morning
07/05/24	Reception: Hearing & Vision Screening
07/05/24	Reception: Reading Morning
13/05/24—17/05/24	KS2 SATs Week
13/05/24	Year 1: Reading Morning
14/05/24	Reception: Reading Morning
03/06/24	First Day of Summer Term 2— INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)
20/05/24	Year 1: Reading Morning
21/05/24	Year 5: Gurdwara Trip
21/05/24	Reception: Reading Morning
22/05/24	Reception: Assembly
22/05/24	Eco Team: Trip to Pupil Climate Network
24/05/24	London History Day
27/05/2024 - 31/05/24	Half - Term
03/06/24	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
04/06/24	Year 6: Knife Crime Workshop
04/06/24	Reception: Reading Morning
05/06/24—06/06/24	Class Photos
07/06/24	Year 6: Urban Synergy Workshop
07/06/24	Year 3: Trip to Kew Gardens
11/06/24	Boys' Football Team Champ Cup Group, Semifinal (Blackheath Common)
13/06/24	KS2 SATs Week

Cake and Fruit Day!

Friday 24th May 2024



£1 Suggested donation on the day

CAKE AND FRUIT DONATIONS NEEDED!

Please label with your child's name and class and drop off on the day to either playground.

Please bring a Tupperware or reusable bag to carry cakes and fruit home.

Any cakes brought in specifically for children with allergies should be taken directly to the child's classroom.

IMPORTANT
NO NUTS,
PEANUT BUTTER,
NUT FLOURS,
SESAME AND NO
BAKEWELLS!

IF YOU'RE ABLE TO HELP IN
ADVANCE OR ON THE DAY, PLEASE EMAIL:
FRIENDSOFGORDONBROCK@GMAIL.COM



Lateness

This year so far there has been **10,881 minutes lost learning** due to lateness. Please support us by getting your child into school on time.

Unfortunately some children continue to arrive late into school and we will be writing to Parents/Careers where lateness has become a concern.

Being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school!

