



Georgian Gardens Primary School

Newsletter Friday 24th May 2024

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We have certainly had a mixed bag of weather this week but that hasn't stopped everyone from having a busy, enjoyable time in school. From pirate day in YR, circus skills in Y1 to bridge building in Y5 and top up swimming in Y6 there have been no dull moments! All classes have been busy practicing for **sports day** and are excited for the actual event on **Wednesday 5th June**. As a reminder, you are all welcome to cheer on your children on the day—KS1 will be in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon. Both will begin with the 'round robin' style games which we have had for the last few years followed by some traditional running races. The family **picnic lunch will be from 12pm—1:00pm** and all are welcome. Bring food, drinks (no alcohol), blanket or chair and enjoy spending time with your family and friends. The PTA will be selling some refreshments, too during lunchtime.

Planning for the annual summer fayre is also in full swing and as always, we need as many volunteers as possible to make it a success. Even if you have half an hour to offer, please do contact school, a member of the PTA or email pta@georgiangardens.co.uk

INSET days for next year 2024/2025:

Do not worry if you forgot to bring in the toiletries for non uniform day—we will happily receive any items after half term. Thank you.

Monday 2nd September, Tuesday 3rd September, Monday 4th November, Tuesday 22nd April 2025, Friday 13th June 2025

School timings from September: 8:45am—3:15pm all year groups. (Gates open 8:30—8:45am and 3:10pm)

Diary Dates:

Wed 5th June	Sports Day (Back up day is Thurs 6th June)	Family picnic 12pm—1pm
Fri 7th June	D-Day dress up (red/white/blue or wartime child)	
Mon 10th June	Open Classrooms 2:45pm—3:30pm	
Thurs 20th June	Y4 trip to Butser Farm	
Fri 21st June	Summer Fayre 3:15pm	Volunteers to help on stalls would be very much appreciated!
Tues 16th July / Wed 17th	Y6 Production 1:30pm	
Thurs 18th July	Y6 Production 6pm	
Mon 22nd July	Y6 Presentation Evening 6pm	

Mon 27th—Fri 31st May **Half Term** Mon 3rd June **INSET Day**
Tues 23rd July **Last day of term**

Non uniform Fridays for the summer fair: ~~24th May~~—toiletries—14th June—toys 21st June—bottles

This week's star of the week winners:

1LG	Rupert	1KD	Mazikeen
2CA	Rory	2EH	Noela
3ER	Kit	3KC	Stanley
4RD	Sienna	4TF	Libby
5HC	Amelia	5CT	Marley
6BA	Matvii	6HB	Thomas



Attendance:

The class with the highest attendance this week:

4RD 99% (they get the chance to have 15 minutes extra choice time next week).

The child with 100% attendance this week:

Theo B 3KC chosen by a random generator: —he gets to choose a book from Miss Bowers' selection of prize books.

Author Visit:

It is with great excitement that we have been offered a free visit from well-known author, **Vashti Hardy**. For an author of this calibre the cost would usually be several hundred pounds but, in collaboration with Steyning Bookshop, we have the chance for her to visit us free of charge. We are fortunate that she is promoting her new book, 'North and the Only One'.

Y5 and 6 children (the target audience for her books) will spend time listening to Vashti speak about her inspiration for writing, her likes and dislikes and how they influence her writing. The children will have the chance to pre-order her books—see below.

The Steyning Bookshop have organised this visit and offer you the chance to pre-order a SIGNED COPY of NORTH AND THE ONLY ONE for the special event price of £7 (RRP £7.99) (or one of Vashti's previous books) The books will be delivered to the school on the day of the visit and Vashti will personally name-dedicate and sign your child's copy.

There will also be books for sale on the day (cash only) while stocks last.

HOW TO PRE-ORDER YOUR BOOK VIA THE STEYNING BOOKSHOP ONLINE STORE

- 1) Go to <https://www.steyningbookshop.co.uk/product-category/signed-books/school-author-events/>
- 2) Add the VASHTI HARDY book/s to your shopping basket
- 3) Select 'LOCAL PICKUP' (No postage charge, books will be delivered to the school!)
- 4) Enter your Billing Address as normal. In ORDER NOTES add 'GEORGIAN GARDENS, CHILD'S NAME & CLASS. Alternatively, you can add these details in the shipping address field.
- 5) Proceed to payment (processed by Paypal but you don't need a Paypal account)
- 6) Books will be handed out to the children at school on Monday 10th June & signed by Vashti.
- 7) ORDER DEADLINE: SATURDAY 8th JUNE 4pm.

If you have problems ordering online, call the bookshop to order by phone on 01903 812062.





Great news from 'The Hive':

We are delighted that The Hive received a glowing report from their recent Ofsted visit which acknowledges the excellent care that is provided for our pupils that attend before and after school.



"Children are excited to arrive at the after-school club and see the activities available. They are pleased to see the friendly staff team. Staff give the children a warm welcome, they ask them about their day and check in to see how they are feeling." Ofsted May 2024

To read the full report: [50247369 \(ofsted.gov.uk\)](https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/publications/50247369)

We are pleased to let you know that The Hive will be expanding their places from September as they will be using the hall space every day (Don't worry we are making arrangements for all our other amazing clubs to carry on as well!). With this expansion there may be the opportunity to extend the number of staff at the Hive. If you have previous experience and qualifications in child care and may be interested in being part of this development please do contact Jenny on



Sports News:

Yet another busy week of sports fixtures for GG! Both the Year 3/4's and Year 5/6's both made the Quad Kids Final this week. With the competition on another level, GG did their absolute best and gave their all, producing some better scores than in the last event. The Year 3/4 team came 7th overall and the Year 5/6 team came 8th, a great result against some tough competition.

This week also saw some children from Year 5 and 6 compete in a Handball event. GG demonstrated how the skills they learn in school are transferable into other games. They dominated every single game they played and worked incredibly well as a team, with everyone scoring at least one goal! We came out as winners! Well done to those who took part!

This week has also been a week of top up swimming, at Windlesham House School. Some of the children were quite nervous at the beginning of the week, but progressed incredibly well and you could see the pride in their faces by the end of the week to what they have accomplished. For others, they were more confident, but needed more technical support. Through being guided and taught these skills, these children made it to swimming more than 25m of the pool.

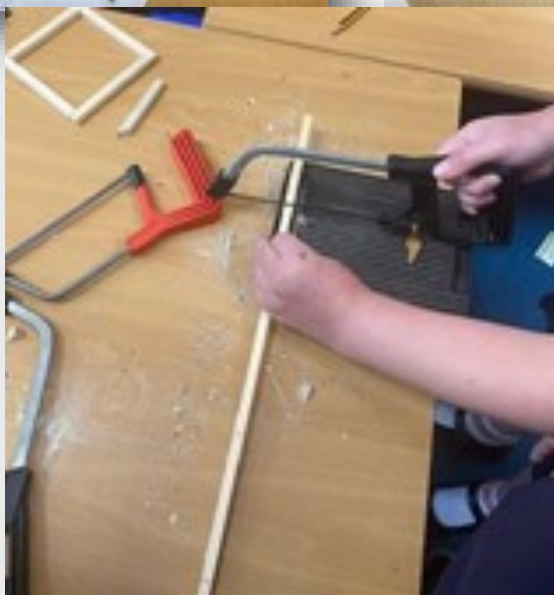
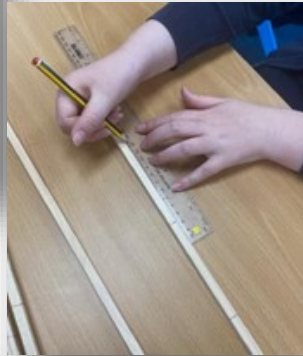


Y1 Circus Skills:



Y5 Bridge Building:

Y5 have been planning, design and creating bridges this week as part of their DT work. STEAM in action once again!





Pirate Day in YR:

All of the children and staff looked fantastic dressed as pirates on Thursday. What a lovely way to end their topic.



50% Off at Out of Bounds on the INSET day 3/6/24

At Out of Bounds, we love seeing children have as much fun as you do! We recognise the importance of families spending time together and the associated costs of days out.



We've noticed that you have an **INSET Day coming up on Monday 3rd June**. We'd love to offer your families a **50% discount** on a 'first come, first booked' basis. This makes tickets an amazing £17 per person for a whole day of fun!

What is included in the Day ticket?

- **1 x Adventure Nets session**
- **1 x Round of Adventure Golf on our 18-hole safari-themed course**
- **1 x Game of Bowling**
- **1 x Clip 'n Climb session**

All parents and carers need to do is go to our website: <https://out-of-bounds.co.uk/> and book their places, using the unique discount code for this day: **INSET030624**. We recommend booking early as tickets are limited at this amazing price and the code is for this day only. If you have any questions, please do let us know. We would love to see lots more smiley faces! For further details, please do not hesitate to contact us at bookings@oofb.co.uk or call 01903-788588 (option 1).

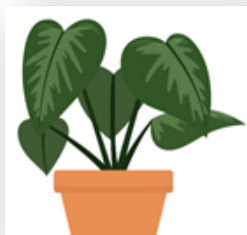
With thanks and very best wishes,

Charlotte

Group Events Co-ordinator Please note, these codes will only work for the exact dates, up to our maximum capacity. If the weather isn't cheerful, please dress appropriately as outdoor activities still continue in inclement weather.

Summer Fair:

As you hopefully already know, our summer fair is fast approaching (21st June). If you are lucky enough to have 'green fingers' or know of anyone who has, could you please see if they have any spare cuttings/plants which could be donated to the school plant sale. Now is a great time to be dividing plants in the garden and growing seedlings. If between now and the summer fair you could drop them off outside y4 it would be greatly appreciated. Any questions - please ask Mrs Fookes in Year 4.



Grateful Thanks:

As you know, we are always extremely grateful for any offers of help, sponsorship, donations. Recently, we were gifted 2 donation buckets with security features. Thank you to Angal.co.uk—a local company, who



gave us the buckets. All gifted items mean more of our PTA profit goes to items which benefit the children.