



Georgian Gardens Primary School

Newsletter Friday 28th January 2022

<https://www.georgiangardens.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

Thank you to all our families for supporting the school with the challenges we are currently facing with the number of our school community testing positive for Covid 19. Due to your continued support in lateral flow testing your children, we are pleased that the numbers in the school community seem to be dropping. If this continues and we have no further rapid increase in cases over the weekend, then we hope to return to a more normal school next week, including the return of clubs for KS1 and KS2. We will confirm via School Ping on Monday if these are able to go ahead. We really appreciate all of your co- operation in trying to keep our school community safe.

If your child is unwell over the weekend, please email the school or leave a message on the school phone. Please do not use Facebook messenger as we can not guarantee that the account will be monitored.

Sport

Well done to all the children who took part in the Angmering Mile. It was cold but you all did an amazing job!

Girls

Alyssia 5th (Year 5)

Ruby 8th (Year 3)

Abigail 9th (Year 6)

Ruby M 19th (Year 6)

Out of 36 runners!

Boys

Zack 10th (Year 6)

Hugo 16th (Year 4)

Frankie 25th (Year 5)

Eli 28th (Year 3)

Corey 31st (Year 5)

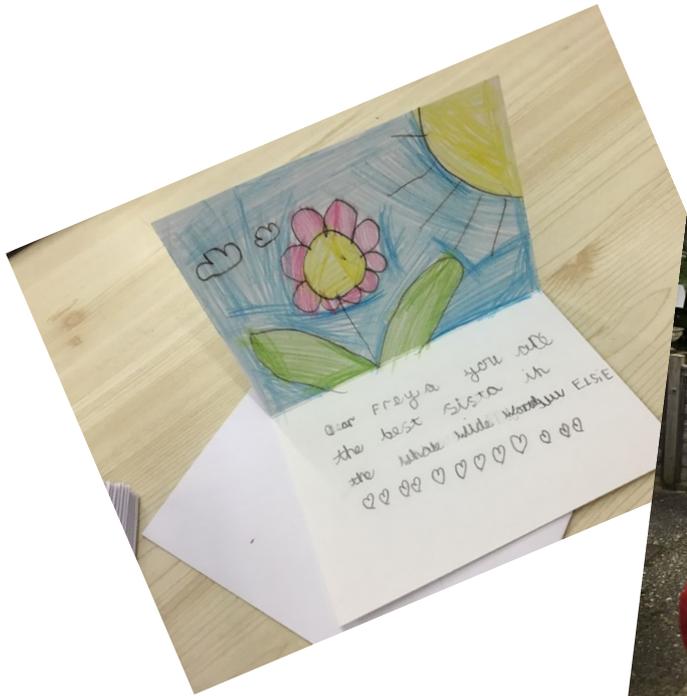
Richard 35th (Year 6)

Out of 49 runners.



Year 1

This week, Year 1 have been making non-fiction booklets all about the Royal Mail. The children wrote letters home and then walked to the nearest post box to post them. They are hoping to find out how long it will take for them to be delivered by using second-class stamps. Next week they will be finding out what happens to the letters once they have been collected.



Absences

If your child is unwell or will be absent from school, then please contact the school office on 01903 771555 before 9am and leave a message on the absence line. Please include your child's name, class and reason for absence. If you know of your child's absence in advance, for example a holiday request, then please collect and complete an absence request form from the school office.



Sickness and Diarrhoea

If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea, please make sure you keep them off for 48 hours after the last episode. This is to help stop the spread.



Threadworms

There is no reason to keep a child off school or nursery as long as the child is treated and the general hygiene measures outlined below are followed.

Threadworms are a very common problem, particularly in children. It is estimated that almost half of all children below the age of 10 years get threadworm at some time, but not all will have the "itching" symptoms. The most common sign is scratching around the bottom, particularly at night. This may be associated with disturbed sleep and irritability. The threadworms may be seen in the stools and around the bottom. Some children show no symptoms at all. Threadworm eggs may be found in house dust; they stick to clothing, carpets, towels and bed linen; they can also be picked up in garden soil, on unwashed vegetable and salads, or from contact with someone who already has worms. Because the eggs are so small and so widespread it is easy for them to be swallowed. When swallowed, the eggs pass into the bowel where they hatch into worms. The female threadworm lays her eggs at night around the bottom which causes itching. Bottom scratching means eggs stick under fingernails which can then be transferred to the mouth by nail biting. Eggs can be spread to other members of the family by direct contact or via food, towels and bed linen.

Make sure you tell the school that your child may have threadworms. Effective treatment is available from your pharmacist. It is important to treat the whole family if one person develops symptoms. To help prevent spreading threadworms please see the following:

Keep children's nails short • Remind children not to bite nails or suck fingers

- Ensure your child wears pyjamas or underpants in bed to prevent scratching
- Bathe daily, preferably in the morning, washing thoroughly around the bottom, and keep separate towels for each family member
- Change clothes and bed linen regularly Make sure everyone in the family is treated at the same time
- Wash hands after each visit to the toilet, before eating and before handling food
- Clean the toilet seat, toilet handle and door handle regularly
- Vacuum and dust bedrooms thoroughly Remember, threadworms are very common and are easily treated.



Headlice

While lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they can be allowed to spread.

To check your child's hair, please use a proper detection comb to trap head lice.

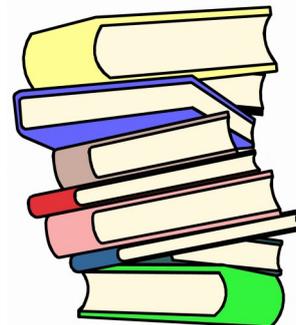
- If head lice are spotted, take a close look at the hair of all the family.
- If lice are found please treat your child with a clinically proven treatment.
- Leave the treatment on for the recommended time for maximum effect.
- Repeat the treatment for a second time seven days after the original treatment to kill any eggs that may hatch after the first treatment.
- Check that all head lice have gone within two to three days of the final application of head lice treatment to complete the process.
- Continue to check for head lice on a regular, weekly basis.

Reading at home:

Spending even just a short time with your child sharing books at home really does make a positive difference to their development. Take a look at this link for more help and ideas on how to share books:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

We also ask that you record any home reading in your child's reading journal which they should bring home from school. Thank you.



Weekly Food Pantry:

THURSDAYS at drop off time (9am)

Do you hate food waste? We do too which is why we are holding a weekly food pantry in the huts. Anyone can come in on a Thursday to choose items from the wide selection of food which has been donated from different organisations working together to avoid food waste. Entry to the huts is via the fire door (behind the 'train' on the playground).



Do you use Amazon? Just Eat? Ebay? Book holidays? Why not raise money for our school? By signing in through 'Easyfundraising', an app or website, an amount of money is donated to school. Take a look, it costs nothing extra to you but is great for our school!



Here are some key dates which are coming up:

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| 14th —18th February | Y6 residential to Sayers Croft |
| 3rd March | World Book Day (details very soon) |
| 8th March | KS2 author visit (Sam Sedgman) |
| 9th—14th March | School Book Fair |
| 17th March | KS1 storyteller visit (John Kirk) |
| Monday 21st March | Parents' Evening 3:30—6:00pm |
| Thursday 24th March | Parents' Evening 3:30—6:00pm |
| 29th March | KS1 author visit (Andy Seed) |

