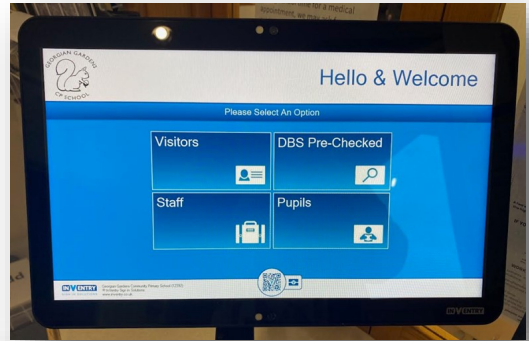




Georgian Gardens Primary School
Newsletter Friday 9th February 2024

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We have really enjoyed this term with the children. So many activities and exciting learning. The children certainly do deserve a break and we really do wish you all a very enjoyable half term. As part of our rolling programme of resources maintenance and improvement there have been some exciting new additions, not least of all our new signing in system. If you come into school for any reason or when children arrive late or leave early you will be asked to sign in on our new screen in the front entrance. The on-screen instructions are clear and straightforward to follow however, the office team will be on hand to help if needed.



Our new tables for lunchtimes have also now arrived and have been a popular new addition.



After half term we welcome Mrs Wake to our teaching team. She will be taking on the teaching of PPA in years 1 to 6 alongside Miss Chambers. We can now share the wonderful news that Miss Hart (2EH) is expecting her first child in the summer. Many congratulations to her.

Important Notice:

This is official notice that the **times of the school day** will be changing from **September 2024**. The school day will begin at **8:45am and end at 3:15pm** for all children. This brings us into line with the government expectation that schools should be open for 32.5 hours each week. Further details about the routines for each morning will be published in due course. The timings for the remainder of this year remain the same as they are currently.



Diary Dates for this term:

Wed 28th Feb—Tues 5th March	School Book Fair
Mon 4th & Wed 6th March	Parents' Evenings 3:30pm—6pm
Thurs 7th March	World Book Day (Dress as a book character or pjs... and BRING A BOOK showing your character)
Mon 18th March	Open Classrooms 2:45pm—3:30pm (Years 1—6)
Fri 22nd March	Easter discos

Summer Term—key dates:

Mon 22nd—Fri 26th April	Y6 Bikeability week
Mon 10th June	Open Classrooms 2:45pm—3:30pm
Fri 21st June	Summer Fayre 3:15pm
Thurs 4th July	Sports Day (KS1 am / KS2 pm)
Tues 9th July	Y6 Production 1:30pm
Thurs 11th July	Y6 Production 6pm
Mon 22nd July	Y6 Presentation Evening 6pm

PTA Event Dates:

- Fri 23rd Feb - Film night 3:30pm
- Fri 22nd March - School discos
- Sat 18th May - Car boot sale
- Fri 21st June - Summer Fair

This week's star of the week winners:

1LG	Pippa R	1KD	Leon Z
2CA	Lennie C	2EH	Daniil P
3ER	Carter M / Isla G	3KC	Kaima O / Jove B
4RD	Archie H	4TF	Evelyn G
5HC	Sophie H	5CT	Riley H
6BA	Keira A	6HB	Lily T



Attendance:

The class with the highest attendance this week: **2CA and 1KD (99%)** (they get the chance to have 15 minutes extra choice time next week).

The child with 100% attendance this week:

Phoebe P chosen by a random generator: —she gets to choose a book from Miss Bowers' selection of prize books.

(These winners were not announced in assembly as time ran out so they will be announced in Monday's assembly on 19th February.)

Sports News:

Monday was the KS1 Football tournament at the Angmering School. We were able to take 2 teams along to this event. With some nervous faces as this was a first for some, the children from GG took it in their stride.

One of the teams was GG White. This team was less experienced but got stuck in from the beginning! They showed great resilience, improved skills and fabulous team spirit. Henry scores a superb penalty!

The other team was GG Red and this group of children worked really well as a team, with some super skills and great management from Mrs Smith. With a couple of great wins over EPJS and St Margaret's, this team scored a total of 11 goals throughout the tournament! Winning all but one game and that one was a draw played GG Red at the top of the table and the overall winners of the tournament. A Fantastic result!

Henry and Jake were given the players on the teams. Well done to all that took part!

Wednesday saw some girls take part in the Year 3/4 Girls Football. Due to lots of GG children being unable to take part we joined with St Margaret's who also were short on players.

With this combined GG and St Margaret's team they all made each other feel welcome and soon became one team!

With all girls getting stuck in right from the start it was clear that this combination was going to do well. A draw in the first game, but we were so close to scoring. Second game we won 3 - 0 and the last game was a 4 - 1 victory. This gave the girls an overall winning result! Well done to those who took part!



Year 3 Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace:

Year 3 had a fantastic day of hands-on history at Fishbourne Roman Palace.

They participated in workshops that gave them a chance to explore Roman life and saw the incredible artefacts, mosaics and archaeology of the Roman Palace itself.



Art Club:

Valentine inspired art at the club this week.



Seesaw: If your child has homework set on 'Seesaw' but you are in need of an updated log in code, please do email Mrs Trahern who will send it to you. ptrahern@georgiangardens.co.uk

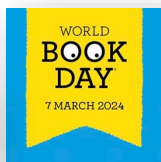
PTA Film Night:



As advertised on recent newsletters, the next PTA event is the film evening on **Friday 23rd February**, straight after school. This year, there will be a film for KS1 in a classroom (Trolls 3) and a film for KS2 in the hall (Wonka). The ticket price is **£4:00** and this will include a carton drink, a snack pack of biscuits and a packet of crisps. A 'School Ping' has been sent out next week with details of how to buy the tickets via Sumup (in the same way the fireworks tickets were sold).



Our annual school book fair will be in school from Wednesday 28th February until Tuesday 5th March. As in previous years there will be a wide variety of books on sale for all levels of readers. Payment can be by card or cash. The £1 book tokens are also valid to use.



The annual WBD falls on Thursday 7th March this year and once again we are inviting the children to dress up if they would like to. They have a choice of dressing as a book character (and bring the book in with the character in it) or come in pyjamas/ dressing gown (bringing a favourite bedtime story book). There will be an extra focus on books and reading in school that week as part of our book week, however, as you know, reading is a high priority for us in school year-round.

Perhaps you could think of something to do that week to raise the profile of books at home. A trip to the library? Read an extra story at bedtime? Read to your child? Download and listen to an e-book? Tell friends about a great book you have read.

Your child will have brought home their annual £1 book token this week. It may be in their book bag so do look carefully as they have monetary value! They can be used in exchange for one of the new £1 books available in Waterstones and Sainsburys or used as a £1 token towards the cost of other books.



**New Georgian Gardens project.
CAN YOU HELP?**

We are looking to become a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) lead school.

The aim is to make the centre garden (Quad) into a focal point for this. We want lots and lots of opportunities for children to explore and discover STEAM activities in a practical and collaborative way.



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