

# **Georgian Gardens Primary School**

# Newsletter Friday 3rd December 2021

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# <u>Please note—all school letters sent via 'Ping' will now also be available on our school website</u>

### Space Rocks!

Now that the samples are no longer in school, year 5 are allowed to share their exciting news. This week we have had a collection of space rocks and earth rocks in school, loaned to us by NASA. The children have been able to look at and handle samples from the moon, mars and beyond. They have used magna-probes and magnifying glasses to classify and identify different types of meteorites and impactites. It's been a fantastic learning opportunity and the children have taken the responsibility very seriously, as well as thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to hold, draw and learn about so many different types of exciting rock samples from space.



### Y4 trip to Winchester Science Centre:

Year 4 enjoyed a thrilling trip to the Winchester Science Centre on Thursday. After a slightly early start all the children were chopping at the bit to jump on the coach to travel all the way to Winchester. Not long after our 400th "Are we there yet?" We arrived right in time.

Our first activity was to briefly explore the sky, in their planetarium, which was very interactive and engaging for the children. We found lots of different star constellations and even got set some homework to spot the plough in the night sky when we got home.

The rest of the day consisted of exploring the many exciting exhibits that they have, one of which we found out was part designed by our very own Miss Bowers, and completing an experiment while learning all about different states of matter! Finally we just about managed to drag the children away from the exhibits to catch the coach home! What a day! Thanks to all the parent helpers that helped make the trip possible - the children had a fantastic day!



### Nativity Year R, 1 and 2

We look forward to welcoming you to our Nativity next week, we will providing free refreshments for the performance which starts at 9.30 and ends at approximately 10am. As the performance will be held outside, if we get heavy rain or winds we will need to rearrange, however, we will continue in light rain showers so please remember to bring your coats and umbrellas. Parents only, wherever possible, should only be attending the live performance, the video link will be sent out on the last week of term for you to share with the wider family. The performances for parents are on the following days Tuesday 7th Year 2 parents, Wednesday 8th Year 1 parents and Thursday 9th Year R parents. Please ensure you attend on the day allocated to your year group, we know there are a few exceptions for families where contact is restricted.

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### Online Safety Update:

Behind the scenes, we have been working hard on lots of online safety aspects and we wanted to let you know some of the things we have implemented.

Last week Mr Alcorn spoke to most of the children about keeping themselves safe online during assembly. He shared with them some top tips and the schools new acceptable use policies for the different age groups. This is being followed up in the classroom, asking the children to sign a copy of it and continuing to raise the profile as much as possible.

We have also launched the revamped 'Digital Leaders' programme, which is currently taking applications from pupils in years 3-6. Once selected, this group will work half termly to keep the profile of online safety high in our school as well as provide experts for pupils to talk to if they are having any issues online.

Further to this, we are also launching an online safety concern form for our families to get in touch with us about concerns they might have. Before completing this however, we hope that you have had a chance to look at the online safety advice page on our website (in the safeguarding section). Here you will find plenty of support and advice with keeping your children safe online at home. In particular the NSPCC have some excellent help, <a href="https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/">https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/</a> online-safety/.

### At School we specifically encourage all pupils using social media to:

Be nice;

Only post positive comments and not respond to negative comments;

Block and report bullying or abusive communication;

Avoid sharing or commenting on anything they see online if it upsets them, even if they want to say they disagree;

Talk to a trusted adult if there is anything that they are unsure about, upsets them or that they feel worried about.

If you feel there is something that is a persistent issue, which you have not been able to help your child resolve, then please let us know so that we can try to help.

Additionally, if you have any wider concerns about new negative online trends and inappropriate content that children may be accessing, you can report it on an online safety concern form which can be found on our website under safeguarding or by clicking on the following link https://www.georgiangardens.co.uk/web/online\_safety/585650 this will help inform our online and safeguarding education at school.

Please note that if images of an inappropriate nature are involved, this should be reported straight to the police.

### 2021—2022 Term Dates:

INSET DAYS 2nd September 2021, 3rd September 2021, 1st November 2021, 28th February 2022, 27th May 2022

6.9.21 First day of autumn term 25.10—29.10.21 half term 17.12.21 Last day of term

4.1.22 First day of spring term 21.2—25.2.22 half term 8.4.22 Last day of term

#### Here are some key dates which are coming up:

KS1 Nativity: Y2 parents Tues 7 Dec - Y1 parents Wed 8 Dec - YR parents Thurs 9 Dec

Christmas lunch: Friday 10th December

Christmas jumper day: Fri 10th December End of term: Friday 17th December

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#### Art club:

Art club remains a very popular club in school and we are very grateful to Mrs Carolin for leading it. Look out in the 'All About Rustington' booklet which is delivered across the village. There are regular updates about artwork at GG rom Mrs Carolin.

Here are some photos of the children busy creating their art pieces.



### French phrases taught this week to Key Stage 2 children:

Quel age as-tu? How old are you? J'ai.....ans I am .... years old

Ou habites—tu? Where do you live? J'habite a....... I live in........

Je suis 'anglais' I am English/other







If you are struggling to get by, join others in topping up your food cupboard

No questions asked, no strings attached - and you can choose your own food.

### A friendly welcome guaranteed!

No referral voucher, no registration, all welcome

St Peter and St Paul's, South Room, Church Hall, 77 The Street, Rustington, BN16 3NR

1st Wednesday each month – 16.00 to 18.00 2nd Wednesday each Month – 8.30 to 10.00 3rd Wednesday each Month – 16.00 to 18.00 4th Wednesday each Month – 10.00 to 12.00 5th Wednesday each Month - 10.00 to 12.00



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