



Georgian Gardens Primary School

Newsletter Friday 12th November 2021

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Oh, what a night! Thank you all so very much for coming along to our firework event last Friday. We have had such lovely feedback from those who attended. All involved had a great evening. Our very grateful thanks go to the hard working team of the PTA—many hours of preparation went into every aspect. A more detailed update will be coming out in the very near future giving details of the money raised. All proceeds go towards enhancing the opportunities for the children in our school. Thank you to our sponsors, Steady Bow, Euphoria Kitchens, Rug Doctor and Cooper Adams. Photo credit to a prospective parent.



Here are some key dates/information:

Parent Governor nominations are open, please see letter that was sent out via Ping today, alternatively please speak to the school office.

Children in Need day: Fri **19th** Nov. We will be asking the children to **bring a teddy to school** and to make a small donation to this important cause. (Please note that this will not be a non uniform day)

Open Classrooms 2:45pm—3:30pm: YR,Y2 Mon 22nd Nov / Y1, Y3, Y4 Tues 23rd Nov / Y5, Y6 Thursday 25th Nov

Nativity: Details have been sent out to KS1 parents.

Christmas lunch: Friday 10th December—details to follow

Christmas jumper day: Fri 10th December

Last day of term: Fri 17th December

Used stamp donations:

We are continuing to collect used stamps which we then donate to the **RSPB**. If you have any letters please tear or cut stamps from envelopes (with a little of the envelope showing around the edge), put them in an envelope and bring them into the school office. Very many thanks.



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
25.4.22	First day of summer term	30.5.— 3.6.22	half term	<u>21.7.22</u>	Last day of term

Please note that the final day of term is now confirmed as **Thursday 21st July 2022**. This is in lieu of the extra bank holiday for Queen Elizabeth's jubilee.

8 Billion Ideas Competition: Over the last couple of DT lessons, children have been designing, planning and creating inventions as part of this year's national competition '8 Billion Ideas'. Following presentations to their year group, a vote was taken for a winner to go forward to our school final. On Thursday we then held the final. Two visitors from The Lions Club came to help judge the entries. We are very proud of all of our children and their ideas.

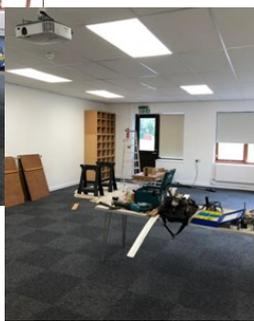
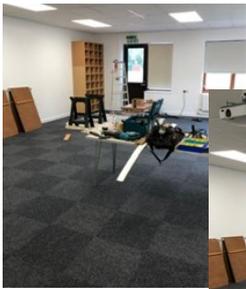


THE WINNERS: Eva, Anna and Sienna from 6LP



Music Studio Opening:

A full write up is on the next page but here are some great photos of our new studio.



From this...

To this!



Music Studio Opening Ceremony:

The school was alive, with the sound of Music yesterday when pupils from Yr 3, 4, 5 and 6 were able to join together (at a safe distance) to open the newly renovated Music Studio. During the Summer holidays, the studio was completely gutted to allow for new soundproofing between the studio and the Year 6 classrooms, as well as new lighting, carpets, purpose built storage, keyboard desks and a staged area to allow the room to become a vibrant, dedicated space for music.

The room was formally opened to a very small audience, with the ribbon being cut by Mr James Underwood; CEO of West Sussex music. Mr Underwood enjoyed the varied performances, and commented that this was the first school performance he had been able to attend since March 2020!!

The performance featured ensembles and soloists from Yrs 3-6, and showcased some of the musical talent we have at Georgian Gardens. From original compositions to Beethoven. Stormzy to Adele, the performance featured children performing on cello, violin, guitar, keyboard, drums, piano and djembes. Some of these children have lessons with Mr Britt, however many attend his lunch time 'Band' club, which allows children in Yrs 5 and 6 access free musical coaching. For all of these children it was their first opportunity to perform since before Covid. Under the expert guidance of Mr Britt, it was wonderful to see what can be achieved in such a relatively short space of time when children are engaged and inspired. We now have approximately 100 pupils receiving music lessons privately which is almost a quarter of the school.

Over the past two years under the management of Mrs Stables we have been able to gain a grant from the Blue Spark foundation to purchase many of the instruments used in our various bands. We have also been fortunate to gain funding from Universal Music UK Sound Foundation, to purchase a class set of Glockenspiels, so that every child in a class can access an instrument each and have the opportunity to learn how to read music and play an instrument. As a school we aspire towards every child having the opportunity to learn a musical instrument and are constantly looking for different opportunities to make this a reality. Thanks to West Sussex music we have been lucky to gain access to a class set of Djembe drums, and these are frequently used within Mr Britt's music lessons.

Music has always been at the heart of Georgian Gardens, and we hope that very soon we are able to showcase our different ensembles to a larger audience.

There are still 7 spaces available for a FREE taster cello lesson (for KS2 children only). Please contact Mrs King fkking@georgiangardens.co.uk if your child is interested. Mrs King will confirm places next week.



