



Georgian Gardens Primary School

Newsletter Friday 8th July 2022

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

This week we have had the pleasure of welcoming our new starters into YR for transition day. They have now had a couple of chances to meet their teacher, play in their new classroom and familiarise themselves with coming to school. We look forward to seeing them in September. Our Y6 children have had their visit to their new schools which has gone well and the first step into the next phase of their school career. However, it's not time for them to leave us yet, thankfully, as they have two weeks of exciting activities, not least of all their production, Alice in Wonderland. If the rehearsals are anything to go by, we are in for a treat. Take a look at page 3 for some photos of the production.

Staffing news:

It is the time of year when we turn our thoughts to saying goodbye to staff who are moving on. This year, we shall be saying goodbye to:

- Mrs Lana White, who has been working in Y3 and 4 this year as an intervention teacher and is moving on to a new school closer to home,
- Ms Anne Lawrence is leaving us to take a new path in education in the form of tutoring, having been at our school for 16 years,
- Miss Megan Cripps, who began working here as a cleaner a number of years ago, then progressed onto being a teaching assistant is leaving us to start a teacher training course,
- Miss Kerry Johnson has been offered the opportunity to go and work in Further Education in the field of Sociology & Criminology.
- Mrs Sandra Merritt has been at GG for an amazing 30 years but has decided that it is time to step away.

You will join with us in wishing them all the very best for the future and thanking them for all they have done for the whole school community and their impact on the lives of our children.

Tesco Fundraising:

We are delighted to have been chosen for the July and August Tesco Community Grant Scheme. We are raising funds to create outdoor learning adventures! Connecting children with nature, inspiring them about the world around them and building their confidence and self-esteem. If you are shopping in Tesco Superstore in Littlehampton or the Tesco Express stores in Rustington or Finistère, Littlehampton then please collect your token and vote for our project!

Thank you for your support



Summer reading challenge:

We recently had a member of the WSCC Schools Library Service visit us to undertake an audit of the books we have in school and to see if there are any gaps which they could fill using books from their extensive collection. In her feedback, she stated, *'it is obvious you are a school committed to reading for pleasure.'* We are indeed! We have a number of children who take part in the summer reading challenge which was introduced to them on Monday in assembly. They also brought home a book mark promoting the scheme.



Sporting news:

Children from Year 5 and 6 took part in a rounders tournament on Monday after school. Captained by Zack, who also scored some brilliant rounders, the team demonstrated fantastic fielding skills, particularly between the bowler, backstop and 1st base. This combination took many opposition out of the game. The team won two of their games and lost one to who were the eventual winners.

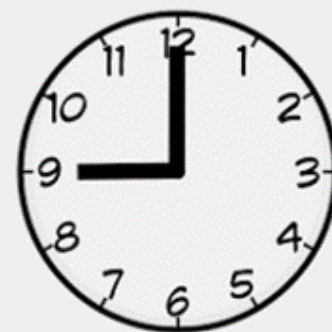
Tuesday afternoon saw some children from KS1 compete in a Gifted and Talented event. The children took part in 4 Square (a throwing and catching game), sitting volleyball and Kurling. Winning every event during the afternoon, Georgian Gardens came away with the trophy!



Drop off and pick up times:

We are seeing an increasing amount of pupils arriving late for school, particularly in KS2. Although the gates are open until 9am this is for the KS1 who are due to start at 9am. KS2 lessons start at 8:50 and we are concerned that a number of pupils are missing the start of their day. If children are late on a regular basis this can really impact on their learning as they miss vital inputs to their lessons. Repeated late marks in the register can also count towards absence and trigger a fixed penalty notice.

Additionally, we have a small number of pupils who are not being collected promptly at the end of the school day. KS1 classes finish at 3:10 and KS2 finish at 3:15. Pupils should be collected at these times as we do not have capacity for parents being late as staff need to attend meetings etc. Of course we understand that on the odd occasion people may get caught up and we have the provision for pupils to wait in the office area. However, this should only be for one off situations whereby you inform the office of the issue at the end of the day before scheduled pick up time. If you are unable to collect daily at these times, you may wish to consider paying for a place at The Hive afterschool care who offer flexible after school care arrangements.



Here are some key dates which are coming up:

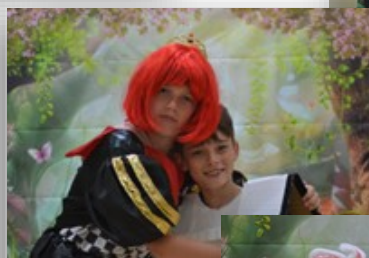
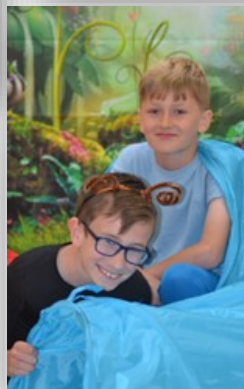
w/b Mon 11th July	Y6 production Mon / Tues 1:30pm Thurs 6pm (Ticket allocation letters have been sent)
Friday 15th July	Y5 Forest School day at Angmering woods
Mon 18th July	Y6 presentation evening 6pm
Tuesday 19th July	Y6 Beach walk and picnic
Thursday 21st July	Last day of term

Children return to school on **MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2022**

Y6 production of Alice In Wonderland:

On Friday and into next week, the whole school will have the chance to watch the production and the Y6 parents have the been able to book tickets, also. The whole of the Y6 team have worked extremely hard to put the show together from creating props, organising tickets, to learning lines. For this, we thank them all very much. We thank families, too, who have had to support their child with lines, song practice and a fair bit of comforting when they have a crisis of confidence. A huge team effort!

Here are just a few snapshots from the dress rehearsals:



A request from the Y5 team:

Next term Y5 will be doing some study around leisure in the 1960s and 1970s. If you have any artefacts from that era e.g. record, transistor radio, magazine, roller boots or clothing could you please lend it to them for the duration of their work. If it is something you are happy to donate, then that would be wonderful, too. Thank you.





Sussex Cricket:

Our Holiday Roadshows are a day of soft ball cricket based activities, designed for beginners to experience a day of cricket.

We are running days at East Preston CC, Goring-by-Sea CC, Rustington CC & Arundel CC.

Full details and the link for booking can be found here: www.sussexcricket.co.uk/holidayroadshows



Georgian Gardens food donation point: please help to keep the School Pantry topped-up with essential food items

St. Peter and St. Paul Pantry runs every Thursday (term-time only) outside the school huts where fresh fruit and vegetables are on offer and inside where we provide dried food, frozen food, hygiene products and children's clothing. We welcome anyone at the school who could do with a helping hand in topping up their food cupboard. Although we have food donations from supermarkets and other suppliers, it is becoming harder for suppliers to spread food donations around the local community. **If you are able to donate essential food items for families at school who are struggling, please bring them to the food donation point outside the school reception.** The items of food that we could do with on a regular basis are: cereals, UHT semi-skimmed milk, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, tuna, tinned pies, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, tea bags, coffee, squash and baked beans.

Thank you for your kindness and support.



Parking:

DO NOT PARK IN THE WOKING COURT CAR PARK AT THE BACK OF SCHOOL.

We are really concerned that one of our children may get injured through inconsiderate parking both in and out of the school grounds.

Please **do not drive into the school car park area** if you do not have a permit from the school. We do not have a drop off facility for the start and end of the school day.

Please consider parking a short distance away and walk the last part of your journey—this would have many benefits, not just to our parking issue.

If you witness any dangerous driving you can report it to www.operationcrackdown.org





Music Summer School at Georgian Gardens.

For all musicians at Georgian Gardens (beginners also welcome). We will be delving deeper into the world of creating our own music and further developing instrumental and vocal skills.

Thursday 28 July 2022
Friday 29 July 2022
Thursday 18 August 2022
Friday 19 August 2022
Wednesday 24 August 2022
Thursday 25 August 2022
Friday 26 August 2022
Monday 29 August 2022
Tuesday 30 August 2022

Times: 8.30am-3.00pm
Cost: £20 per day

Bring own packed lunch.
For Georgian Gardens children aged 5 and over.
Two members of staff at all times (Mrs. King on selected dates).

Contact Mr. Britt to book a place for your child.

chrisbritt85@gmail.com
Whatsapp: 07872566865





Russell's Swim School

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Windlesham House School
Mon 1st Aug - Fri 5th Aug
between 10.00am & 1.00pm

Summer 2022 Intensive Course £50

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- Teacher in the water
- Small teacher to student ratio - no more than 5 children in a class
- Five days of 30 minute lessons at the same time, with the same teacher

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between 10.30am & 1.30pm

Mon 1st Aug - Fri 5th Aug
Windlesham House School, Findon
between 10.00am & 1.00pm

Mon 22nd Aug - Fri 26th Aug
Oak Grove College, Worthing
between 9.00am & 1.00pm

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