



## **Georgian Gardens Primary School**

### **Newsletter Friday 18th February**

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Well, this was not the ending to the half term which we had planned for but we would like to offer our grateful thanks to you all for your understanding and patience this morning. We won't forget Storm Eunice in a hurry! We were extremely happy to welcome Y6 back from their trip, safe and sound and just a little shattered!

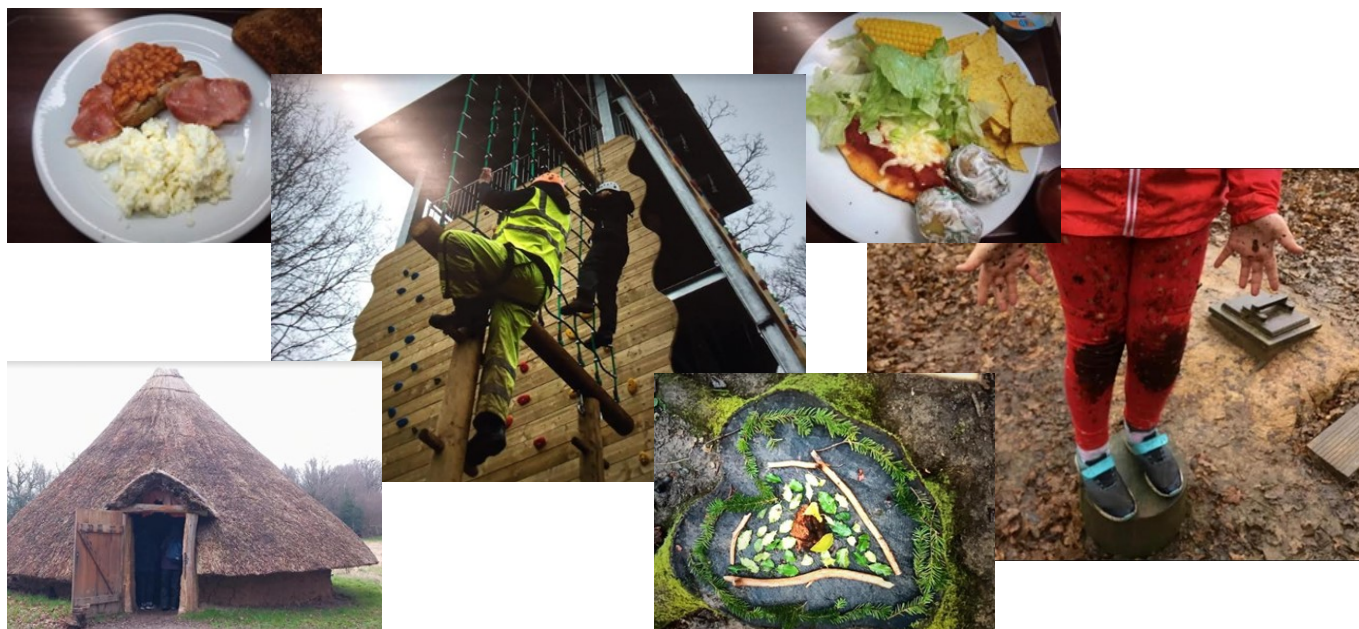
It has been another wonderful term of exciting learning. Despite the challenges faced by illness and isolation, the children have put 100% effort into the wonderful activities on offer. Thank you to you all for your patience with changes to dates and arrangements.

Alongside the weekly newsletter, there is a popular Facebook group for our school parents (Georgian Gardens CP School Parents) and a Twitter page (@GeorgianGardens). Both of these sites give regular updates on activities in school.

A reminder that Monday 28th February is an INSET day. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 1st March. We wish you all a restful, pleasant and healthy half term. If you need to contact the school in the holiday, please email: **office@georgiangardens.w-sussex.sch.uk** Do note that it will not be monitored during the whole holiday and an answer is unlikely to be immediate. If you leave a message on the school answerphone it will be listened to on our return to school.

#### **Sayers Croft:**

This week, Y6 have been on their long awaited residential trip to our new location, Sayers Croft in Surrey. They have had an amazing week with chances to learn new skills and face new challenges. Building independence is one of the main advantages of a trip away from home, from learning to be away from family, to making a bed, organising belongings and trying new food. We know that the children who were on the trip will enjoy telling stories to their families over the coming days and the washing machines will be on over-drive! We will publish a full report from the trip in coming weeks but for now, here are some photos as a taster of what they have been doing. Well done to the children for trying their hardest with all activities and their exemplary behaviour. Thanks also to the staff who worked so hard to organise the trip and were willing to spend time away from home so that the children could have these experiences.



#### **The Angmering Mile:**

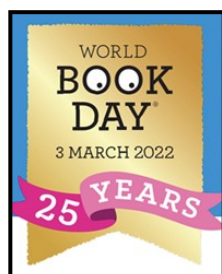
Well done to the children who took part in the cross country run at The Angmering School on Wednesday. They all performed extremely well in really rather unpleasant conditions! Thanks also to the parents who braved the weather to take the children to the ever-popular event.

## Book Week in school:

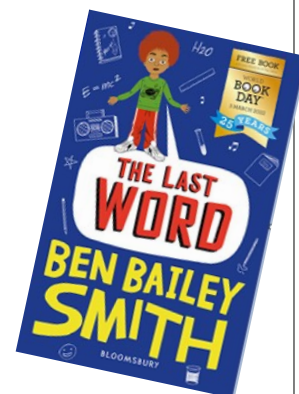
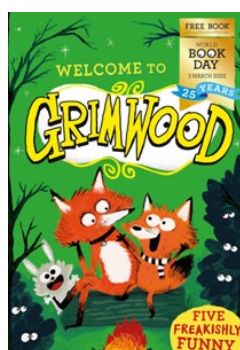
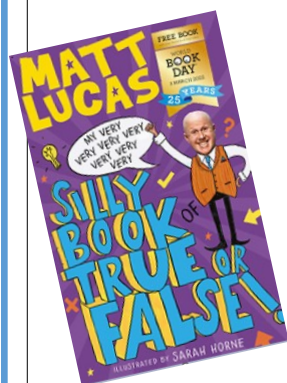
During the first week back in school we shall be holding our annual book week, incorporating 'World Book Day' on Thursday 3rd March. In class there will be an extra focus on reading for pleasure, although we do believe that 'every day is book day at GG'!

On **Thursday 3rd**, the children are invited to come to school in their **pyjamas** and dressing gowns (appropriate clothing only, please). They are allowed to wear slippers in school but must wear outdoor shoes on the way to/from school and at break time.

From 9th March the book fair will be in school once again. This is always a very popular occasion and we have certainly missed it over the last couple of years. The more books we sell, the more books we are able to buy for school as part of the commission we earn. Your children have benefitted a great deal from the books bought for school in previous years.



Your child will be bringing home a book token soon. As with previous years, you can exchange this token for one of a number of specially written books by well known authors. These books are available from supermarkets and Waterstones. Here are a just a few of the books on offer:



### Exciting News:

As you may have seen on our Facebook page recently, we are excited to have been awarded Music Mark status. This is an exciting award which we were nominated for by The West Sussex Music hub, in recognition of the value Georgian Gardens places on music.



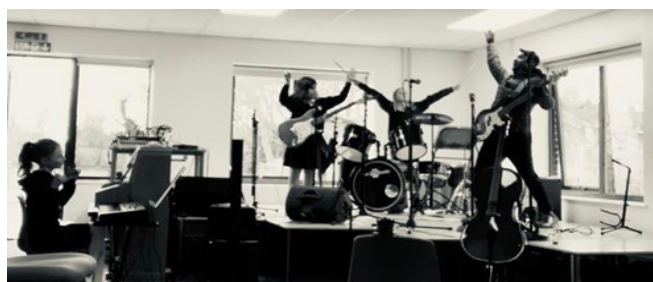
Music Mark recognises; “the hard work you and your colleagues do to ensure that pupils at your school are able to access and engage with a high-quality music education. Your dedication to offering and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum is both welcomed and celebrated.

Music Mark’s Vision is to achieve “Excellent musical learning in and out of school, for all children and young people in the UK, which inspires and enriches their lives”.

This is something we strive to achieve at Georgian Gardens, and we currently have over a quarter of our school receiving instrumental lessons. Lessons are currently available in guitar, keyboard, piano, voice and cello, while children in class have had the opportunity to learn how to play the glockenspiels and djembe drums in their class music lessons.

Our pupils are fortunate to receive both termly music mornings/ afternoons with a specialist music, as well as music in class with their own teachers.

We are very proud of our remodelled, dedicated Studio, which has become a real haven for many of our pupils, and it is exciting to see their creativity flourish.



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

3rd March	World Book Day—wear pjs/dressing gown to school. (Outdoor shoes to arrive in, bring slippers)
8th March	KS2 author visit (Sam Sedgman)
9th—14th March	School Book Fair
14th March	Start of Bikeability week for year 6
17th March	KS1 storyteller visit (John Kirk)
18th March	Red Nose day
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)

### 2021—2022 Term Dates:

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

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	<b>21.7.22</b>	Last day of term