



## Georgian Gardens Primary School

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We are really delighted that Covid numbers have significantly reduced in the school now. Thank you to everyone that took part in the 7 day lateral flow testing which helped this to happen.

Now that nearly everyone is fit and well again we want to draw your attention to the vital importance of good attendance and punctuality. Of course we recognise that if pupils are not well enough to attend then they should not be in school. However, we are seeing an increase in other requests for absence and these are often avoidable. We need to work together to ensure that we can give our pupils the very best chance of catching up from time that has been missed during the pandemic. This year we are very fortunate to have three catch up teachers who are working across the school and many other strategies to support our pupils. The majority of our families do ensure that their child has good attendance, arrives on time and are not picked up early (learning happens from the moment the pupils enter the classroom to the moment they leave it at the end of the day!). However, we are aware that several pupils have very low attendance this year (we are not taking into account isolation periods) and we will be working with these families to support an improvement for the benefit of their child's education. We have worked with other schools across our locality to create a new attendance leaflet for parents which you can find attached to this newsletter.

### Angmering mile

Match Report – Written by Sports Ambassadors Poppy Dalby and Josh Smart who were at the event supporting Georgian Gardens.

When we arrived we led a warm up for all of them to be ready for running. The opponents were St John's, St Wilfred's and St Margaret's. They all have (represent) Commonwealth Countries. So we ran against New Zealand, South Africa and Australia and we are Kenya.

A stunning performance by Reilly in Year 2 who finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of all the runners.

Reilly 2<sup>nd</sup>, Gus 6<sup>th</sup>, Harry 9<sup>th</sup>, Oscar 17<sup>th</sup>, Toby 19<sup>th</sup>, Lottie 21<sup>st</sup>, Ethan 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mason 26<sup>th</sup>

Maya 27<sup>th</sup>, Emily 34<sup>th</sup>, Sienna 37<sup>th</sup>, Out of 49 runners!

We came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.



### Netball

The Netball and Football both had wins against St John's. The Netball team won 7 - 2 and the Football team won 3-0. Well done to all that played.



## Online Safety Update Spring 2022

Welcome the new termly online safety update for friends and families of Georgian Gardens. Hopefully this will be a space to give you some top tips on keeping your young ones safe in our ever changing online world.

Did you see the flyer we sent out a little while ago with information on how you can protect your devices at home from viruses while also raising some money for our school? If not, ESET – a world leading anti-virus protection software company – are offering all friends of the school a 50% discount on their software, and will also donate £5 to the school for every copy bought. It's the same company that Google themselves use, so it can't be bad! If you want to find out more, feel free to pop in for a chat or visit [eset.com/uk/internet-security](https://www.eset.com/uk/internet-security) Don't forget to use the code GEORGIAN for the discount!

### Anti-Virus



### Positive Conversation Starters

- ? What do you like most about the internet and why?
- ? How do you have fun using the internet and technology?
- ? What's your favourite game, app or website?
- ? How does going online make you feel?
- ? How does the internet and technology make your life better?
- ? Do you most enjoy going online alone, or with other people?

### Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day is on the 8<sup>th</sup> February this year. We shall be talking to all pupils about this year's theme, 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. The aim of this is to encourage children to create a better digital world by challenging them to play a part in fostering supportive relationships and more respectful communities online. In short, be people they would want to be friends with. There are lots of ways we do this all year round, but it would also benefit them to have follow up conversations at home about their learning.

Below are a few questions that you might like to ask at the dinner table (or anywhere else) that can start a positive conversation about using the internet safely, responsibly, and respectfully, or looking after themselves and others online.

- ? How do you stay safe online? What tips do you have and where did you learn them?
- ? Do you know where to go for help and where to find the safety tools on your favourite apps and games?
- ? What could you do if being online is making you feel worse rather than better?
- ? What could you do if you saw that a friend online needed some help or support?

### Looking after yourself and others online

As always, please remember, if there is anything you are unsure of, please don't hesitate to ask and we will do our best to find an answer.

### Help with concerns

Whilst parents are usually able to support their child at home with online issues that arise. We now have a reporting system on our school website under – safeguarding, online safety concern. This is to report persistent or serious issues so that we can support as a school.



Be kind, stay safe.



### Important message from the Road Safety Team

*In recent months, it has been brought to our attention that there is an increasing number of individuals riding e-scooters on the public highway, pavements and in public open spaces, often causing a nuisance to other road and pavement users.*

*E-scooters are a relatively new mode of transport and as such the Government is trialling various schemes and developing the guidance around their safe use. However, (at the time of writing this letter) many are still unaware e-scooters are classed as 'Personal Light Electric Vehicles' (PLEVs), which means they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as:*

- *Driving licence*
- *Insurance*
- *Number plates*
- *Lighting*
- *Brakes*
- *Type approval*
- *Road tax*

*Crash helmets etc.*

***Without these, e-scooters cannot be used legally on the road and certainly not until legislation has been put in place. In no circumstances is it legal to ride on an e-scooter with a passenger(s) and is considered extremely dangerous. The illegal use of an e-scooter, on the public highway or pavement, is considered a criminal offence and can potentially bring about criminal proceedings.***

*The Government is currently trialling the use of approved rental e-scooters as environmentally friendly modes of transport in some specific locations in the UK (find out more here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users>).*

***Only approved rental e-scooters may be used in the Government-led trial areas, in line with specific terms of use. For the rest of the country, under current law, e-scooters can only be used on private land.***

*The police are obliged to take action against anyone who is caught repeatedly using an e-scooter illegally or in a way that causes a nuisance to others. In these circumstances, the police have the power to seize the e-scooter under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act/165 of the Road Traffic Act. There will be more and more police presence in the coming weeks and months specifically targeting e-scooter users in West Sussex.*

*For further detailed information regarding e-scooters please visit GOV.UK: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powering-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>*

County Road Safety Team

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Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been learning about the importance, for Hindus, of the colourful festival of Holi and the story of Prince Prahlad.



Covid Guidance

Lateral Flow tests should only be used in people who show no symptoms of Covid 19. If you or your child shows any one of the main 3 symptoms, (continuous cough, a high temperature above 37.8 or loss/change of taste and smell), then you must still book in for a PCR test, unless you already have had a positive lateral flow result.

If you or your child test positive on a lateral flow test or PCR, then you must isolate. Isolation is for 10 days, however if you are fully vaccinated or is a child under 18 years old, then you may be able to end isolation early if you have 2 negative tests, 24 hours apart after day 5.

The day your symptoms started or you get a positive lateral flow test, is counted as day 0, so you must count 5 days from the following day before doing a lateral flow test. If you are still showing positive on day 10, then you isolate until midnight on day 10, then you stop testing and stop isolating.

If you are a close contact of someone who tests positive and are either fully vaccinated or is a child under 18 years old, then you do not need to isolate, it is, however, strongly recommended that you do a lateral flow test for 7 days. If you are unvaccinated and identified as a close contact, then you will need to isolate for 10 full days.

If someone has tested positive and takes part in the twice-weekly asymptomatic LFD testing, (staff, and pupils of secondary school age and above) current advice is that they should resume their regular testing pattern of tests 3 – 4 days apart, 4 days after their last negative test.

There is no need for primary age pupils (those in year 6 and below) to test.

**Reading at home:**

Spending even just a short time with your child sharing books at home really does make a positive difference to their development. Take a look at this link for more help and ideas on how to share books:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

We also ask that you record any home reading in your child's reading journal which they should bring home from school. Thank you.



**Weekly Food Pantry:**

**THURSDAYS at drop off time (9am)**

Do you hate food waste? We do too which is why we are holding a weekly food pantry in the huts. Anyone can come in on a Thursday to choose items from the wide selection of food which has been donated from different organisations working together to avoid food waste. Entry to the huts is via the fire door (behind the 'train' on the playground).



Do you use Amazon? Just Eat? Ebay? Book holidays? Why not raise money for our school? By signing in through 'Easyfundraising', an app or website, an amount of money is donated to school. Take a look, it costs nothing extra to you but is great for our school!



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