



Georgian Gardens Primary School

Newsletter Friday 8th April 2022

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It seems hard to believe that it is time for our Easter holidays already. All of the children and staff will welcome a break as they have all worked extremely hard once again this term. As you know, we started back after half term with a visit from OFSTED. We are sure that you are all waiting patiently to hear the outcome of the inspection but as yet, we are still to receive the final report. It is only at that time that we are legally allowed to inform you of their findings. Please be assured that as soon as we receive it, we will publish it to everyone.

Thank you for sending your children dressed up today to celebrate Mr Alcorn's wedding. He had absolutely no idea that we had arranged this so was totally surprised. He is extremely appreciative of everyone putting on their best clothes for him and enjoyed the chance to walk round school to see how smart everyone was looking.

The whole GG team would like to wish you all a pleasant and safe Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 25th April.

Year 3 Trip:

On Thursday, Y3 had the chance to visit Fishbourne Roman Palace. As with all trips this term, they were very excited as it was their first time out in two years. They had a super time and this wonderful site.



Year 6 Easter cards:

The children once again made cards for a local care home.



Year 1 Easter:

The children have been busy today making Easter treats.



Here are some key dates which are coming up:

Monday 25th April	First day of term
Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday
Monday 9th—Thursday 12th May	Year 6 SATS week
Wednesday 25th May	Class photos

2021—2022 Term Dates:

INSET DAY: 27th May 2022

25.4.22	First day of summer term	30.5.— 3.6.22	half term	21.7.22	Last day of term
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Sport news:

Our Football and Netball teams have been playing fixtures since September against our locality schools. Miss Johnson and I have been delighted in the attitude of all the children that took part in these fixtures. Their skills have developed as well as their understanding of Football, but particularly Netball as this was a relatively new game to some in September. I have loved how the children have supported one another on and off the pitch/court, they have become a real TEAM.

The results are in and The Football Team came 2nd overall and The Netball Team came 1st. A massive well done to all that took part! Can I also say a big thank you to all those parents/guardians that took children to these fixtures and supported on the sidelines.



Y5 Greek Day:

Year five had an Ancient Greek day as a celebration of their topic and the wonderful work produced by the children. The day included the children performing Odysseus and Cyclops plays they had written; creating a dance to Lyre music; Ancient Greek food tasting; using mud bricks we had made previously, to build a wall; creating a model of an Olympic stadium and a mini Olympics. It was a fun packed day and it was so lovely to see so many of the children joining in, dressing up and participating so enthusiastically.



Eco competition:

What a creative group of children we have in school. Mrs Fookes (far right) is sat with the two winners of the competition. I'm sure you'd agree, though that the other entries look amazing, too. Well done children.



Year 4 Egyptian Day:

Year 4 started the week with a hugely exciting visit from the Hands on History team. The children got to experience the vast Ancient Egyptian time period with a range of different activities: mummifying a body, teachers getting dressed ready for battles, investigating artefacts, watching arrows being fired, fire being created the old fashioned way and trying to over throw their teacher in a battle in the hall. Everyone got in the the spirt of the day, wore their hand made costumes and even got to try on real life Egyptian helmets! Yes they are much heavier than they look!



Art News:

Georgian Gardens celebrate with an Easter EGGstravaganza

This year Georgian Gardens Community School decided to celebrate Easter by looking at the traditions of Eastern European Egg decorating.

Pisanki has its roots in the Slavic region of Eastern Europe, including the countries of Ukraine, Romania, Lithuania, Russia, Poland and Hungary.

The art of Pisanki precedes Christianity with the egg being an age-old symbol of life.

The eggs are decorated with designs that have symbolic meanings e.g. hen's feet representing the protection of the young, spiders standing for patience, honeycomb for sweetness and abundance, dots for tears and flowers for wisdom.

The children in the school's Arts Awards Club heard about the traditions from a Polish ceramics artist who led the session and a teacher who had spent some time in schools in Romania where decorated eggs are produced for sale.

The Art Club Group painted goose eggs in the blue and yellow of Ukraine then decorated them with Pisanki symbols. These were sold in exchange for a donation to the Ukrainian fund.

The children also decorated egg shapes of batik work (a technique of wax-resist dyeing applied to the cloth) and also used metal sheets to emboss egg shapes.

In a ceramics session they experimented with 'Sgraffito' (Italian for scratched) which is a technique in which the slip applied to clay, then scratched away revealing the pattern in the clay below. When the pattern is completed the clay is allowed to dry before firing. The children produced beautifully intricate work inspired by the Pisanki symbols.

The children's completed art work will form part of the Littlehampton 'Love Local EGGSTRAVAGANZA Art Trail'.

Examples of their work will also be on display over the Easter holiday at Angmering Station as Georgian Gardens Community School are part of the Community Rail Partnership 'Friends Of Angmering Station'.

