



Georgian Gardens Primary School

Newsletter Friday 3rd February 2023

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February is upon us already and we have enjoyed the slightly 'milder' temperatures this week. As you will see from this newsletter, the children have had another busy week with many wonderful opportunities for exciting new learning and experiences.

We have noticed a number of children without their P.E. kit in school in recent weeks. Most families find it easier to leave the kit in school for half a term, or even a full week. This does mean that the kit is there and ready no matter when P.E. happens.

Sports News:

Last week saw our Year 6 Footballers and Year 5 and 6 Netballers take on St Margaret's. What a thrilling afternoon of sporting skills on show! The footballers worked super hard as a team and came away with a 4-1 victory. Goal scorers were Kacey, Noah, Dylan and Alfie.

The Netballers also played really well and showed their learnt skills and teamwork to win 6-3. The Netballers also played Ferring and won this 6-3 as well! Netball goals were scored by Alyssia, Daisy, Lyla and Savannah.

Some children also competed in a Cross Country event at Windlesham House School. This was a first for myself and the children who took part. (Savannah, Hope, Layton and Louie from Year 5. Alyssia, Kacey, Thalia, Tobias and Toby from Year 6). This course was significantly longer than our children are used to, but all of them finished and worked their absolute socks off! I was incredibly proud of them. It was tough!



World Book Day / school book fair:

Although WBD is not for a while yet, it is a great date to have in the diary—**Thursday 2nd March**! This year, we are offering children the chance to dress up as a book character if they wish or, knowing that some children would prefer not to, they can come in their own clothes. It's true to say that a lot of characters in their books do wear very normal, everyday clothes! It would be wonderful if your child could bring in a copy of a favourite book to share with their class.

We are currently busy planning some activities for the day which will focus on our love on reading in school.

Our **annual book fair** will be here once again during our book week. It will be open from **Wed 1st—Mon 6th March**. As with last year, we will be able to take card payments easily (and cash is accepted, too). If dry, it will be held on the KS2 playground between the Y5 and 6 classrooms. If you feel that you could offer a session (before or after school) to help on the stall please contact Mrs Trahern, (ptrahern@georgiangardens.co.uk)



This week's star of the week winners:

1LG (GS) Lottie V	1FK (KG) Luna P	2CH Erika K	2HB Emily R	3CA Sophie L
3EH Toby M	4BA Harry B	4RD Somto O	5CT Alexis M	5ER Grace W
6LP Kyla I	6TF Amelia C & Myles B	HOUSE POINTS: 1st Bramber 2nd Arundel 3rd Amb 4th Lewes		



Ancient Greek Visitor to Y5:

Paul Linus, an Ancient Greek merchant, visited Year 5. We had the opportunity to interview and draw him. We looked at and drew a range of artefacts, wrote using the Ancient Greek alphabet and learnt how to play a strategy game called Petteia.



Year 1 DT and Science:

Year 1 have had a busy week finishing off their puppets in DT. As part of their science work they have been growing a bean and carried out an experiment with roses to see how liquid travels up the stem—they managed to change the colour of the petals.





Key Dates for This Term:

8th and 9th Feb	Year 6 parents' evening (new dates)
20th Feb	INSET day
24th Feb	Y1 trip to The Weald and Downland Open Air Museum
1st March	School Book Fair (until 6th March)
2nd March	World Book Day
6th March	Open Classrooms 2:45—3:45pm
10th March	Y2 trip to Lewes Castle
17th March	Red Nose Day
21st and 23rd March	Parent's Evenings (except for Y6)

Advanced notice:

After school on Monday a training session is being held in our hall for all of our local primary school teachers. You may find that there could be extra traffic at the end of the school day. We shall be opening the gates to the large playground from about 3:30pm for them to park so please take extra care if you see any cars as you leave.

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/>

This website also has some lovely, well known online books to read together, too—do take a look.

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

*Please try to read with your child daily and write a comment in their reading record.

*Chat to your child about the book they are reading—plot, characters, predictions, likes and dislikes.

*Visit the local library for a range of wonderful, free books. Charity shops often have a great selection, too.

*Listen to audio books, CBBC bedtime stories, You Tube storytelling videos.



Reminder:

* Please note that our uniform policy states that children should be wearing black shoes. We also ask that children with long hair tie it back to avoid catching it on anything. Anything other than school colour / hair colour hair bands should not be worn.

2022—2023 Term Dates:

INSET DAYS 20th February 2023, 5th June 2023

3.1.23 First day of spring term	13.2—17.2.23	half term	31.3.23	Last day of term
17.4.23 First day of summer term	29.5.— 2.6.22	half term	21.7.23	Last day of term