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HEAD'S WELCOME

Week 3 is complete! I have been delighted by the sunshine this week (although there are glimmers of colder mornings) as it has meant that there are hundreds of excited pupils outside, enjoying the heat, enjoying playing with their friends and making the most of their time at Gatehouse. There is nothing quite like seeing beaming smiles and clear enjoyment for teachers and I have made a point this week of talking to as many pupils as possible to ask them how their term is going and what they are enjoying most about school. There have been myriad answers, which is fantastic, but by far the most popular has been 'my new class'. The transition of the

children from Nursery who have moved to Reception has been excellent - they are so very grown up and are doing some beautiful sitting in Assemblies on Friday, and those who have moved from the Lower Juniors to the Upper Juniors have done a sterling job and are loving it!

I have an update regarding PE kit. I know that some of you have not been able to procure shorts, polo shirts or fleeces and I have met with Khalsa this week for clarification of when stock may be available. I am sad to say that the fleece that we did have on our uniform list is no longer made by Regatta, but I am delighted to say that we have decided to stick with Regatta as a brand and to move to a full zip with pockets.

These fleeces were ordered at the beginning of the week and will be in stock on Monday 23 September. Phew! The Polo shirts will be in by the end of the month and the shorts by the end of half term. If you have old red Gatehouse Shorts, you are welcome to keep on wearing them, of course.

All classes from Year R to Year 6 have visited Kenwood already - and we loved it! Lots of trips next week so do keep a close eye on the calendar and emails for details.

Have a fantastic weekend and see you next week.

Ms Whitlock

Year 3 English

Year 3 have been looking at different versions of Rama and Sita in English. They are now really familiar with the story and have written parts of it to go on display in the classroom. We wrote our first drafts by the light of diva lamps. It was magical.



Ms Le Var

Creative Writing Club

Creative Writing Club are having a lovely time working on some creative and colourful (and occasionally, terrifying!) characters.



Watch this space for stories and sharing soon!

Mrs Roper

Cello

Ms O'Leary, our cello teacher, is looking for new pupils. Cello is a wonderful string instrument which could lead to your child joining the school orchestra. If your child is in Years 2-6 and is interested, please email Sue in the office as soon as possible before all spaces go.

Mr Mackinnon

Handwriting and Presentation

Year 4 and 5 have leapt into these skills with gusto and next week will see the first of our pen licences awarded to a handful of our Year 5s for beautiful penmanship: details to

follow. A fantastic achievement so early in the year. Keep up the good work!

Mrs Roper & Miss Ballah

Football



U9 A Team



U9 B Team



U9 C Team

Our Year 4 boys footballers played their first fixture of the term against St Paul's. All boys in the year participated with enthusiasm and were a credit to themselves and the school. The results were:
A-Team won 9-0
B-Team won 2-0
C-Team lost 6-0

On the subject of football, if any parents want to be added to the Friday football WhatsApp group then please email admin@gatehouseschool.co.uk with your name and number. We aim to play every Friday from 5:40pm-6:40pm on the school astro pitch.

Mr Baycanli

KS2 Reading Talk

Thank you to all parents who attended our talk on this area on Wednesday evening. Once the PowerPoint with useful links and Mrs Gately's reading lists have been added to the school website I will be in touch.

Thank you for all that you do to support this vital area of the children's learning.

Mrs Roper

5R at Kenwood

5R, 3V and 2B had a marvellous time at Kenwood on Monday.



Despite the fact that it was raining during both drop off and pick up, the skies remained clear throughout.



Such a lovely day of play, conversation, and enjoying a little time in the great outdoors!

Mrs Roper

Roald Dahl Winners!

I was absolutely bowled over with the amazing, interesting, fizz-poppingly clever entries to last week's Roald Dahl competition!

If you entered and got them all right, please come to see me in 5R at Monday morning breaktime for house points and a high five! I have put all the names of the entrants in a hat and two winners will also receive a Roald Dahl themed prize in assembly on Monday. Scrumdilyumptious!

The answers were:

1. What country were Roald Dahl's parents

from originally?

Norway

2. What is Miss Honey's first name?

Jenny/Jennifer

3. What animal features in *Esio Trot*?

A tortoise

4. Mr Fox's enemies – Boggis, Bunce and Bean – work as... what?

Farmers

5. Which city did James and his friends fly the Giant Peach to?

New York

More literary quizzes to follow later this term!

Mrs Roper

Dates for your diary:

Monday 23rd:

Eco Day

3D and 3V to Centre of the Cell

Tuesday 24th:

3L to Centre of the Cell

Friday 27th:

ISFA U11 Regional Championships at Chigwell*

*“Autumn is a
second spring
when every leaf is
a flower.”*

Albert Camus

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