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# GATEHOUSE SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## HEAD'S WELCOME

It has been a most rewarding week, though I have to say that the dark mornings do not make for easy springing out of beds... On Monday, our Upper Juniors started their CATs, which help us to help them learn to their best ability. I was lucky enough to be a part of some classes' sessions and I was delighted to see how well they took the testing in their stride.

Monday also saw 5M visit the Pod Show at Centre of the Cell. Mr Islam said that they all had a wonderful time and, as I write, 5R will be experiencing the same thing. I am sure that they will have had a wonderful time too.

Tuesday saw the Year 4 Girls play football vs St Paul's (please see

report further down the bulletin) and they were marvellous, with their sportsmanship so very clearly showing.

We had an Open Morning yesterday for next year's Nursery Parents. 23 families came and, as you can imagine, loved the school as soon as they walked into it. Most of this, I have to say, was due to the marvellous tours that the Year 6 pupils gave. It was reported back to us (by ALL the visiting families) that they were knowledgeable, honest, fair, enthusiastic, friendly, polite, grown up, articulate and absolute pillars of Gatehouse society. It was a genuinely heartwarming few hours and the pupils really did us proud.

Today has been a busy

day so far too - we had our Commendations Assembly first thing, where one child managed to be commended 4 times (surely a record?). We listened to Wham's 'Wake me up, before you go go' (there were lots of wriggly bottoms and arms, I will not lie) as we walked in, which set the tone nicely, as 5R were off to Centre of the Cell; a group of talented writers were off to Globe School to work with a brilliant writer, and a group of U11 girls were off to play netball in a tournament!

Next Friday sees the first Inspirations Day and we are SO looking forward to hearing who inspires our Gatehouse pupils. We are also collecting for Harvest next week. First Love Foundation are coming in on

Monday to talk to us about how much our donations help the people of Tower Hamlets and once this assembly has concluded, I will be sending out an email with all of the details.

We are hoping for some less turbulent weather over the weekend, but hope that you enjoy it whatever it brings. We look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Ms Whitlock

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### 2M Science



2M have been making healthy sandwiches in Science and learning about diet. Their sandwiches were very delicious!



Mrs Moll

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### Book Fair

Many thanks to all who came along to the Scholastic Book Fair. You spent over £2,000, of which the School will receive 60% commission to spend on books.

Mrs Gately

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### 2N 'treats'



2N have been learning about food of the future this week in humanities. They discovered that meat may possibly be replaced one day by seaweed and insects! Who would like a sprinkling of crunchy mealworms on their salad? The seaweed biscuits were really delicious! Thank you to Chef Yuksel!



Miss Nicoll

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### House Poetry

After a month of competing and a marvellous poetry evening last week, the children in Years 3, 4 and 5 discovered which houses won the competition in Monday's assembly. We also crowned three winners, one from each included year group, whose performances gained the special notice of the judge. Congratulations to Willow Newman (3L), Sammy Batten (4D) and Heath Boardman (5R) for their successes in this area!

The house competition concluded thusly:

4th Place: **Unicorns**

3rd Place: **Sphinx**

2nd Place: **Dragons**

1st Place: **Phoenix**

Congratulations, Phoenix!

Mrs Roper

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### Captain Snow Football Tournament

Our Year 3 boys football team took part in the Captain Snow Football tournament. They played fantastically well and

finished top of their group after winning two and drawing one of their group games. This meant they qualified for the final and the boys gave it their all in the final where they lost 1-0 and finished runners up. More importantly, the boys played some great football, had fun and learnt a lot from the matches they played. Well done boys!



Mr Baycanli

### Welcome, Oliver!

I am very pleased to announce the arrival of Miss Balciunaite's beautiful baby boy, Oliver Paul Rashid. He was born on the 4th October at 7.45pm, weighing 6 pounds 9 ounces. Both mother and son are doing wonderfully well and cannot wait to meet everyone at Gatehouse.



Ms Lagarde

### Gatehouse Gazette!

The next issue of the Gazette will be on sale from Wednesday - Friday.. Year 6 will sell before and after school in the playground. Please support their efforts - card payments taken in the library!

Mrs Gately

### Year 4 Girls Football A and B Teams vs St Pauls at Mile End

Our Year 4 girls took part in a football match on Tuesday against St Paul's school. The girls played incredibly well and should be immensely proud of their efforts. They had a lot of fun and demonstrated great teammanship. The players of the matches were Stella, Bleu and Tamara. Well done to both teams!

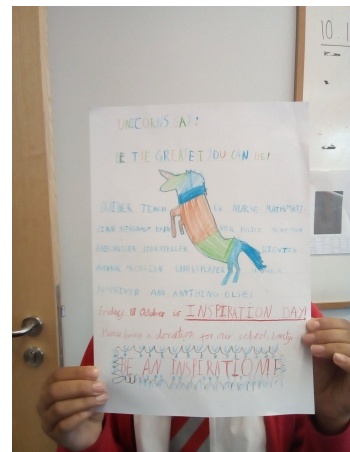


Mr Baycanli

### Inspirations Day



Yesterday in assembly the Year 5 & 6 Unicorns told us all about Inspirations Day - we loved hearing which people Year 6 have planned to research and present on!



An email came out last week with full details

for parents, but if you do have any questions please do send me an email.



We cannot wait to see what brilliant projects come in for Inspirations Day, next Friday!



Mrs Roper

### Dates for your diary:

#### **Tuesday 15th October:**

Year 4 Girls Netball Festival at Forest\* (1-4.30pm)

#### **Wednesday 16th:**

Nursery and Reception Parents Evening\* (4-8pm)

#### **Thursday 17th:**

ISA London North Swimming Championships\* (departs 8am)

#### **Friday 18th:**

Inspirations Day!

*(We are so excited to see what the children decide to share, and how they choose to do so!)*

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*“What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.”*

**Zig Ziglar**

