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HEAD'S WELCOME

It has not been *quite* such a hectic week this week – phew! There were a few moments during the torrential rain on Tuesday when I was a bit nervous but we got through it and there was nary even a wet play...

The highlight of my week was most definitely the Year 3-5 Poetry Recitation. Four pupils from each class, who had clearly practised fervently and dedicatedly, came to the Wallbank Hall with their families on Wednesday evening to perform their poems in front of an audience and they were absolutely **MAGNIFICENT!** We had an adjudicator (results are out on

Monday during Assembly) who had to write like fury to get everything that she wanted to down, and she, like everyone else whom was there, was deeply impressed by the standard of both the performances and the quality and lengths of the poems. A huge well done to all whom took part; we loved it.

Lost Property

There is quite a lot of lost property at the moment – very little of which is named. To try and help clothing get back to its owners, the two lost property bins will be placed outside on a Monday after school (they are always findable inside the school at other times) for any pick up searches. We will try to

return all named lost property to its owners of course. Please, please do name all clothing though, as we can then get it back to you if it is parted from its owner.

Birthdays

Whilst we understand that children can have different preferences for treats on their birthdays, the school will only accept birthday cakes (ideally cupcakes or cakes that have already been cut) to be shared with the class. Please do not send sweets or party bags as we will have to send them home. Thank you for your understanding with this; it is much appreciated.

Autumn Party

The Autumn Party is on! There are posters up around the school but the pertinent information that you need is:

Who: Year 2 – 6 Pupils

When: Friday 1st November

Where: Main Hall and environs

Time: 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Costumes: Absolutely

Next week is also a busy week, but we are steaming towards the half term break with determination and fervour; I have seen some wonderful work this week.

Keep up the excellent work!

Ms Whitlock

Inspirations Day!

On October 18th we will be having our first **Inspirations Day** for children in Years R-6! An email with full details was sent earlier today to all parents -

we cannot wait to see what the children do with this project!

Mrs Roper

Dentist visit to Nursery

Thank you Sahib's mum for visiting us and telling us about your job as a dentist. In the Nursery we have been talking about people who help us. We learnt that we need to brush our teeth twice a day and that we should eat sugar as a treat! We sang "This is the way we brush our teeth" song and promised to give big smiles!



The Head Girl's Lego Competition

Tess Noblet (Head Girl) and Miss Tighe are delighted to announce a Lego

Competition for children in Years R, 1, and 2. We know how much the children enjoy playing and creating with their Lego, and this is a way for them to do so and earn points for their house!

Children can build an item in one of two categories - either a dream house or a dream spaceship. Then if their grown ups can send a photo of their creation in to school, they will be entered into the competition!

The deadline for this competition is November 3rd, making this the ideal challenge for over the half term break. There are three prizes for each year group, as well as lots of house points to be won. Good luck!

House Poetry

An enormous thank you to everyone who joined us for the Years 3 - 5 Poetry Competition on Wednesday; and a HUGE well done to all our brilliant performers. It was a wonderful evening of

words, wonder and laughter and really showed Gatehouse at its very best.

I have conferred with our adjudicator and am very excited to announce the winners, and the winning house, in assembly on Monday!

Mrs Roper

Year 3 English

Year 3 have been listening to performance poems in class this week. The children's favourite one was by Paul Cookson, as they liked its rhythm and repetition. It's called 'Picnic Time on the M25'. Each class created a group poem, contributing descriptions of unbelievable feats. We modelled our poems on one by Jackie Kay, a Scottish poet who wrote 'No word of a lie'. Jackie was born in Edinburgh to a Scottish mother and a Nigerian father. Her work often investigates identity, looking at who we are and where we come from.



Ms Le Var

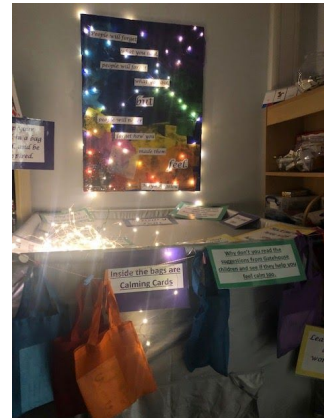
Under 11s ISFA Regionals

Our Under 11s boys A team attended the ISFA regional football championship at Chigwell School. We started fantastically well and won our opening two games with a goal difference of +6. We were in a group of 7 teams and had to finish in the top two in order to qualify for the semi finals. We won 3 and lost 3 games, finishing 3rd in our group and narrowly missing out on a semi final spot. The boys played some great football and represented the school in the Gatehouse way, well done boys!



Mr Baycanli

Sensory tent and calming cards



Children have been busy writing postcards and putting them in bags around our sensory tent this week with ideas for how to be calm in such a frantic world.



Lots of great tips available if you need help relaxing. The most popular ways to help yourself feel calm and relaxed were: Singing, meditation, mindful breathing, stroking your pet, being in nature and a big hug!



Ms Veitch

Dates for your diary:

Monday 7th October:

CAT4 Assessments
Begin (Years 3 - 6)

5M to Centre of the
Cell (Pod Show)
9.30am-1.30pm

Tuesday 8th:

Year 4 Girls Football A
& B vs St Paul's at Mile
End* 1.30-3.30pm

Friday 11th:

CAT4 Assessments End
(Years 3 - 6)

Able Writers' Event at
Globe School

5R to Centre of the Cell
(Pod Show)
9.30am-1.30pm

Forest U11 Netball
Tournament at
Redbridge*

“In omnibus

*requiem quaesivi,
et nusquam inveni
nisi in angulo cum
libro.”*

*“Everywhere I
have sought peace
and not found it,
except in a corner
with a book.”*

Thomas a Kempis

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