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GATEHOUSE SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN

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HEAD'S WELCOME

What a week! We have had quite the weather, but unlike Bethnal Green Underground Station, we have managed to re-open all of our flooded areas :\. That said, thank you for your understanding during the rain on Tuesday - it was a testing time, but you were all fantastic; thank you. The Premises Team did the most amazing job in responding to the excess of water, clearing up and battening down our hatches and we are hugely grateful to them.

We have had 3 trips this week, all to Teethastic at 'Centre of the Cell', which were very much enjoyed by all whom attended. Mr Islam informs me that the

pupils' knowledge of teeth and the importance of healthy eating is excellent. Well done Year 3!

I also want to thank you all for all of your very kind messages of support regarding me leaving Gatehouse at Half Term. It is a very odd situation as I definitely do not feel that I have 'done my time' and I definitely still had so many things to do and grow. Mrs Korbay, however, is exactly the right person to take Gatehouse forward and I am delighted that she is taking up the reins from the end of October when we get back from our Half Term break. Making the decision to leave Gatehouse has been by far the most heart-wrenching thing that I have done, and I am very sad indeed to

be leaving, but I am also delighted that the school is in such good hands. I am looking forward to reading how much Gatehouse is thriving in the future too - thank goodness for the wonder that is social media, Facebook and Twitter.

As ever, my door is open if you ever want to come and talk to me, or if there is anything worrying you. I would be delighted to see you.

I hope that you have wonderful and relaxing weekends, and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Ms Whitlock

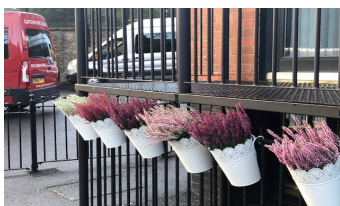
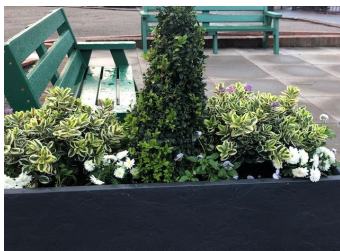
Eco-School Day

On Monday the Eco Committee held a special Eco-day where

the new Eco Warriors spent the day carrying out lots of our actions from our action plan that last year's committee produced. We cleaned and organised the shoes that we are sending to Sal's Shoes, a charity that redistributes shoes to schools in need.



We cleaned and organised in the kitchen garden and we potted and distributed plants throughout the school and told our classes how to look after them.



We planted in the playground which have brightened up our environment. We also planned what we might do to increase biodiversity further in the school and playground and made plans for an outside classroom. The rain held off for us and we had a wonderful day.

Ms Veitch

Delicious Reading!

Barnaby in 2M borrowed Nadiya's Bake Me a Story from the library. I always get very excited when children borrow recipe books, and I wasn't disappointed! Barnaby made Cookie Mallows, and I was very happy that he shared them with me - *so was my daughter!*

Absolutely delicious, thank you so much!



Mrs Gately

European Day of Languages at Blackheath

The European Day of Languages (EDL) is celebrated across Europe on the 26th of September every year.

It aims to promote the rich linguistic diversity of Europe and raise awareness of the importance of lifelong language learning for everyone.



14 girls from Year 5 enjoyed celebrating the EDL and took part in the Modern Foreign Languages taster sessions in: German, Mandarin, Spanish and French.



Mme Moisy

Pen Licences



In Year 4 and Year 5 we are all aiming to get one of the coveted Pen Licences awarded by the English department! Miss Ballah and I have had our eagle eyes on the writing going on in English (as well as doing some sneaky spying to check in other subjects!) and were delighted to give provisional licences to:

Amy Andrews

Niyah Bibi-Balfour

Millie Cook

Zak Fellows

Liliana Nanthabalan

Evie Philips

Kitty Sinclair

Kara Stevens

Keep up the excellent work!

Mrs Roper

Rosh Hashanah

We experienced some of the traditions of Rosh Hashanah; The Jewish New Year Festival. The chef made us a round bread or Hallah and we ate apple slices.

We talked about how we should always be kind and helpful and say sorry if we make the wrong choices. We sang Apples dipped in Honey to wish for a sweet New Year and looked at pomegranates full of seeds.



Mrs Turner

Book Fair!

Scholastic Book Fair will be here from Thursday 3rd October - Wednesday 9th October. Located as usual in the library. 8.30 - 8.50 in the morning, and 3.30 - 4.00pm in the afternoon. We now accept card payment! So please come along and buy - the school receives 60% on all sales. It really helps to restock the library, and classrooms.

Mrs Gately

Years 3 - 5 House Poetry Competition

Over the last week or so Miss Le Var, Miss Ballah, Miss Rismay and I have been treated to dozens upon dozens of beautiful poems being recited in class. We've laughed, we've cried, we've prompted.

Thank you to all those at home who we know do so much to support with this at home.

After much deliberation the finalists have been selected and we are now looking forward to the excitement of the final!

The finalists are:

3D

Eliza Joslin - *The Song of the Jellicles*

Louis Tahmassebi - *I'm Glurp*

Peggy Harris - *A Smile*

Rhys Philipps - *Daddy Fell Into the Pond*

3L

Grace Fuentes-Broome - *I Opened A Book*

Lexi Coggins - *Disobedience*

Louis Boxall-Waldron - *Homework!*

Willow Newman - *Aliens*

3V

Alessandro Merida - *My Promise*

Beatrice Pain - *Sick*

Kyiro Taylor-Achu - *Please Mrs Butler*

Thea Wauchob-Neville - *On Top of Spaghetti*

4D

Tamara Alloo - *Sneezles*

Sammy Batten - *The World's Most Popular Mother*

Lola Elias - *The Day I Fell Down The Toilet*

Iris Watt - *Friends*

4G

Poppy Allen - *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings*

Billy Roy Ballard - *Daddy Fell Into The Pond*

Miles Benton - *Sick*

Eric Fan - *The Gentleman Bookworm*

5M

Niyah Bibi-Balfour - *What I Love About School*

Alex Brown - *My Dog Plays Invisible Frisbee*

Thomas Perks - *From a Railway Carriage*

Evie Phillips - *Have You Earned Your Tomorrow*

5R

Heath Boardman - *Lester*

Lucian Miller-Faltien - *Betty Botter*

Monty Morgan-Hill - *Cakes in the Staffroom*

Kitty Sinclair - *The Sorting Hat Song*

Please do come along to support our young orators as they perform. Wednesday 2nd October, Wallbank Hall, 5.45pm (doors open at 5.30pm).

Mrs Roper

Mummy and Baby Visit

Thank you Aramide's mummy for visiting us and talking to us about baby Yimika. In the Nursery we have been talking about 'changes' in the seasons and changes in ourselves. We learnt that baby

Yimika only drinks milk but Fred said "We can chew because we have teeth."

The children all laughed when Miss Reidy told them that all the teachers had been babies!!

Esmeralda said "We all grow!"



Mrs Turner

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 2nd October:

6T to Natural History Museum

Years 3 - 5 Poetry Recitation*(5.45-7pm)

Thursday 3rd:

6F to Natural History Museum

Friday 4th:

Captain Snow Football Tournament* (10.30am-5pm)

“Poetry is not an expression of the party line. It's that time of night, lying in bed, thinking what you really think, making the private world public, that's what the poet does.”

Allen Ginsberg

