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HEAD'S WELCOME



Welcome back to a festive half term full of wonderful hopes and dreams for Gatehouse School. Following my assembly this week on the theme of my 'Hopes and Dreams' for Gatehouse School, I would like to invite both parents and pupils to be part of this vision by sharing some of your hopes and dreams.



The children's 'Hopes and Dreams' jar can be found in the library

Together we can share and embrace all the wonderful ideas that you have and build upon an already strong foundation of excellent teaching and learning, sensitive and thoughtful pastoral care and outstanding specialist teaching in Sports, Arts, Music and Languages to engage

children in the very best opportunities at Gatehouse. In every sense of the word, the staff and I are committed to working collaboratively to make Gatehouse, Greathouse.



The parents' 'Hopes and Dreams' book, which you can find near the school entrance

Thank you for all the generous donations

collected and sent off to the First Love Foundation Charity in Tower Hamlets. The recipients of your donations are among the most vulnerable in our community and it is good to know that we are supporting them.

A big thank you to Mr Gorry for sharing the Diwali celebrations with us at our first Commendations assembly. Mr Gorry's key message, 'victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance' is the perfect message for us all at the start of a new half term. Happy Diwali!

Thank you in advance to our wonderful GPA who are working hard as usual to provide the children with a fun-packed, scary themed Halloween at Gatehouse. This is an event that the children look forward to very

much, and listening to the talk today around the school they are very excited about dressing up tonight. The teachers are also excited about dressing up but they are being a little less talkative in an attempt to see if we can work out who they are later!

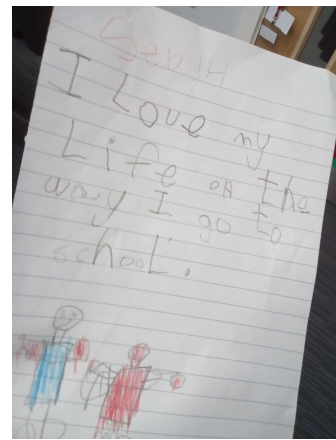
Many children have informed me that England are playing in the Rugby World Cup final tomorrow in Japan. Good luck England and if you win then we will have many happy parents and children. No pressure!

Finally, linking back to Mrs Roper's Inspiration Day last half term, when asked who my inspiration was, my answer was easy - the children at Gatehouse, the staff at Gatehouse and of course the parents of Gatehouse who trust their children to Gatehouse.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

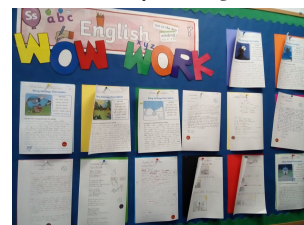
Mrs Korbay

P.S. I wanted to share this lovely note from Seb in 1H, also. Thank you for such a lovely, positive letter.



English 'Wow Wall'

Up in the turret (Year 5 area), our English 'Wow Wall' is going from strength to strength. Parents and grown ups, if you are in our area in the mornings, please look to see who is really impressing in English in Years 4 and 5.



Mrs Roper

Pen licences!

In Years 4 & 5 the children are doing some brilliant work on their handwriting and presentation, and we have awarded even more provisional licences, moving the children onto handwriting pen. Thank you, parents, for all that you do to encourage great writing at home - more licences to follow soon, we are sure!

Congratulations to Electra, Niyah, Heath, Evanna, Zac F, Theodora, Cy, Agnes, Olivia M, Patrik, Tom P, Charlotte, Stevie and Lizzy!

Year 4, we can't wait to read your 'spooky stories' and to see some brilliant handwriting on display.

Mrs Roper and Miss Ballah

Winter Uniform

Just a quick reminder that as we are now in the second half of the Autumn Term, the children should be wearing full winter uniform which should include a grey duffle coat. Please do check with the GPA if your child has grown out of

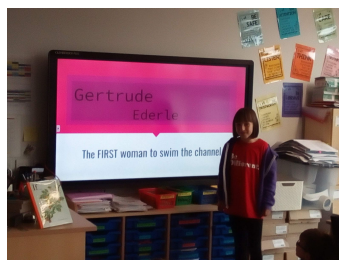
their coat as I know that they have a range of good quality duffle coats and a range of sizes. If you are unsure of the uniform please check the school website which offers clear guidance.

I would also advise a quick check at this time to ensure that all clothing is labelled - wearing extra layers in the winter months tends to increase the likelihood of said items being misplaced.

A named item of clothing will always be returned quickly when we check our lost property!

Mrs Korbay

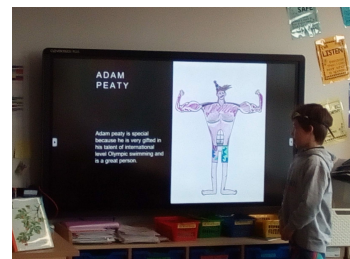
5R Inspirations Day



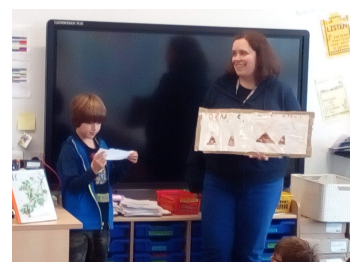
We had such a marvellous time in 5R sharing all about our inspirations at the end of last half-term.



From swimmers to space-women, athletes to actors, and authors, leaders, artists and scientists galore, it was a lovely chance to learn from one another.



The range of presentations was marvellous, and the children put so much work into what they had to share.



We loved hearing from all of the children (with one to follow next week in our catch up slot :)).



Thank you to parents and grown-ups for all your support with these projects. A really lovely way to wrap up our first seven weeks together.



The quality of presentations bodes well for our projects coming up later this term on debate, and later this year on speechwriting. Well done, 5R!



Mrs Roper and Miss Ballah

Nursery Diwali



Hrihaan, Agastye and their daddy visited Nursery to tell us about their Diwali celebrations. Agastye read us a story and dad showed us some beautiful pictures of Rangoli patterns and Diva lamps. There was also a photograph of their family and friends celebrating the festival with firecrackers and a very handsome picture of Hrihaan in a new waistcoat; which his grandmother sent to him from India.

Mrs Turner

Stephen Davies Workshop: Thursday 7th November

Nursery - Year 6 will have the opportunity to take part in workshops with the amazing author Stephen Davies. He will then be holding a book signing in the library after school organised by Pea Green Boat Books. Please refer to the email sent out before half term with

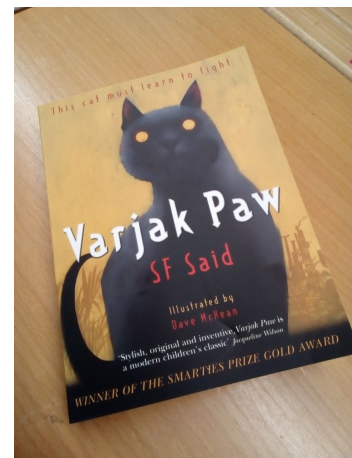
all the details on how to pre-order his books!

Mrs Gately

Year 4 English

We are loving *Varjak Paw*, our read aloud.

We've just got to a really great part in the story and cannot wait to read on!



Mrs Roper

Year 5 English



We cannot wait to finish our puppets and do some drama together in the next fortnight!

Mrs Roper

Dates for your diary:

**Monday 4th
November:**

Individual and Sibling
Photographs

Wednesday 6th:

Parents' Evening for
Year 5, 3D and 3L

Thursday 7th:

Year 5 Computing trip
to Re:Code

Friday 8th:

Year 6 A & B Netball vs.
Knightsbridge*

*“Every ending is a
beginning. We just
don't know it at the
time.”*

Mitch Albom

