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HEAD'S WELCOME

Bonjour parents,

Last week began with a French flavour with the visiting French Theatre company. The children from Y1 to Y6 enjoyed the shows, which presented a great story and plot that all the children translated into English.

It was also another busy week for the Year 2 parents, teachers and children with a great assembly on food from 2N and a Year 2 Parents' Evening with adults enjoying the positive and encouraging feedback from both the subject and form teachers.

It was a packed week for sport too, with the Year 4 boys doing brilliantly at their

Football Festival at Forest, and the girls competing during each lunchtime at school as we continued our house matches. This week it will be the turn of the boys!

We are looking forward to our photo session led by Innermedia this morning. Photos will be used to show all the many ways we learn together and grow together here at Gatehouse! The children all look very smart this morning.

We wish our Under 9 Girls the best of luck at the ISA North London Tournament tomorrow and look forward to meeting with parents from Year 4 and 3V at our Parents' Evening on Thursday.

Here's to another busy Gatehouse Greathouse

week!

Mrs Korbay

Bulletin Changes

Please note that from now on that apart from special editions (end of term etc.), the bulletin will now arrive each Monday morning, rather than on a Friday evening. This allows us a little more time to prepare everything and offers staff a little more flexibility on submissions.

I hope you continue to enjoy our little weekly catch up - I know we as teachers enjoy the chance to share the many wonderful things going on at Gatehouse each week!

Mrs Roper

2N Assembly



2N brought the Oxford Reading Tree characters of Biff, Chip, Kipper, Wilf, Wilma and Floppy to life this week in their class assembly. The children entertained the whole school (and their parents) with a live action performance taking us back in time and into the future as they taught us about the evolution of food. They finished with a wonderful rendition of 'Food Glorious Food'.



"Well done to every child. You made me a very proud teacher. Many thanks to the parents for the

wonderful costumes and to Miss Bhatia for her hard work in the classroom preparing for it." – Miss Nicoll



Year 3 Boys Football: Westminster School Tournament



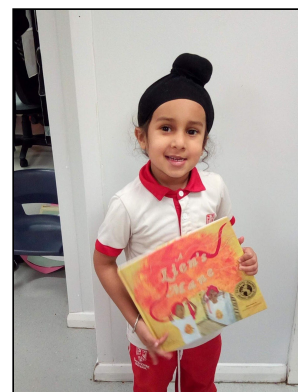
Congratulations to all our boys who played brilliantly at this tournament. Team A progressed through to the 2nd tier competition and eventually placed 6th overall and Team B progressed through to the top tier competition where they placed 4th overall.



Thank you to all parents who came to

cheer us on!

Mr Huntley



Izzat in NR had a very special gift for our library this week – A copy of A Lion's Mane written by his aunt Nabjot Kaur. The book explores the difference in us all, and how we can share and accept our differences, just like we do at Gatehouse. Many thanks for donating this wonderfully inspiring book to our library.

Mrs Gately

Anti-Bullying Week

Last week Gatehouse School took part in Anti-Bullying Week. Anti-Bullying Week helps schools across England to shine a spotlight on bullying and encourage all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year.



This year we have introduced a class Buddy from each house who will help be a Buddy to children who need some help with friendships, help new pupils settle into the school, and role model good friendship behaviour. We have put friendship benches into the playground where children can sit if they are looking for some help in the playground, which can be a difficult place for some children.



We also introduced a 'It's good to talk door' where children can write their name and class and then have a quiet chat during the day about anything that is troubling them.



Our aims in raising the profile of bullying at the school are to support children to understand the ways in which they are strong and encouraging individual and collective action to stop bullying and create the best world possible.

Parents, please join in our efforts by talking to your child about bullying and Anti-Bullying Week. We continue this week along the theme as we focus on conflict resolution – discussing ways in which we can repair friendships when they go wrong.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance have a free online tool to support parents to understand bullying and what to do if you're worried about it – you can access it at www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/parenttool

Many thanks to all the children who were so positive about being a buddy to others and who offered their ideas

and thoughts about how to make Gatehouse School the safest, friendliest school possible!



Ms Veitch

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair for Reception, Nursery and Year 1 will be held on Sunday 1st December from 1-4pm. We look forward to an enjoyable event for our youngest children in the school! May I please ask if any parents from the Junior school can offer us help on the day, we would be most grateful. I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fair!

Mrs Reidy



Cross Country Trials



All Year 3-6 pupils can try out for the cross country squad via the online form which was sent to their school email address. Please remember to check. All group 1 runners are expected to attend. We have an excellent tradition in cross country and I have been very impressed with everyone's commitment this term!



Mr Huntley

Computing



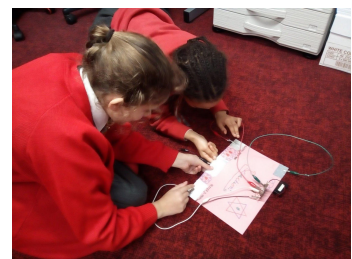
Year 1 are learning about algorithms! We are guiding characters through a maze using instructions like move forward, turn left and turn right.



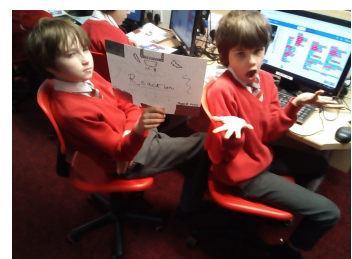
How many times do we need to repeat the instructions? Can you remember which is left and which is right?

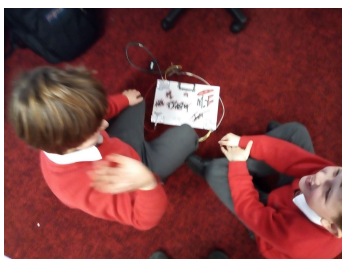


Meanwhile, Year 5 are doing some physical computing!



We made a reaction board game first, then used the Microbit to code the game and attach it to the board.





We mixed in a little of our science and electricity knowledge to make sure the circuits were complete.

Mr Mastan

News From the Languages Department



Children from Year 1 to Year 6 started the week with some French entertainment.

Onatti theatre company returned to Gatehouse with a funny, interactive play in both French and English. It gave the opportunity to revise or learn basic vocabulary on a range of topics.

'I like how they interacted with the audience' Alex K, Year

6

'I loved the plot, the acting was amazing and the English parts helped us understand the rest.'
Tilly WD, Year 6



'I liked that each actor spoke a different language so you could understand the story.'
Iris, Year 3

Mme Moisy

Gatehouse Mock Election: Friday 29th November

Chloe & Millie from 6T have organised, and will be running a mock General Election at Gatehouse for years 3-6, in the library. If your child is eligible to vote, please discuss the importance of voting, and the differences between the four main political parties. Obviously not influencing their decision! The results and analysis of the day

will be reported in the Gatehouse Gazette the following week.

Mrs Gately

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 26th November:

Years 5 & 6 Science Quiz Championship (10.30am-1.30pm)

Wednesday 27th:

Nasal Spray Administration

Thursday 28th:

U9 ISA North London Girls Football Tournament (departs 8.30am)*

Year 4 & 3V Parents' Evening (3.30-8pm)

Friday 29th:

Gatehouse Mock Election

Sunday 1st December:

EYFS/Year 1 Christmas Fair

"Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions."

The Dalai Lama

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