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HEAD'S WELCOME

Dear Parents,

Last week was another action packed one!

We started with our website photographers snapping away as we proudly showed off our wonderful school. The photographer was so impressed with our school that he commented that he would have loved to have attended a school like Gatehouse as a child!

The Year 5 and Year 6 children enjoyed the Science quiz led by Mr Islam and the Lower Juniors enjoyed the fun filled festive show *Dick Whittington*.

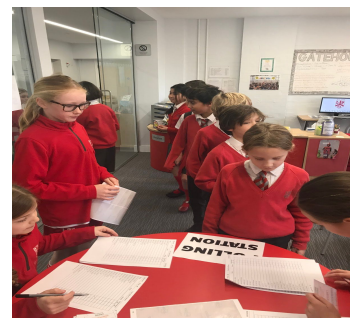
Less exciting but definitely needed was our annual Nasal Spray Administration to help our children fight off

seasonal bugs.

Thank you to the Year 5 parents for attending the Secondary School Transfer evening. It was the pleasure of the Leadership Team and Mrs Roper to share the new programme of study planned to scaffold the children's learning in preparation for Year 6. Some additional ways to support our pupils at this important time will be booster classes, verbal and non verbal exercises and exciting cultural trips. Working in partnership with parents is fundamental to the ethos and daily functioning of the school, and nothing brings me greater pleasure than to meet parents and discuss the future of your child and how we at Gatehouse can be a major part of that. To

be about to enter the last year and to be ambassadors of the school has never been so exciting as it will be for our current Year 5 pupils.

The last parents evening of the term, for Year 4 and 3V, was another positive event where teachers were able to share the great work and personal development children have achieved. Thank you, parents, for attending and discussing your children's progress.



Lining up to vote!

The Gatehouse polling

station was very busy throughout Friday – my thanks to Millie, Chloe and Mrs Gately for their hard work in bringing this to fruition! The results of our voting will be announced in the Gatehouse Gazette, so that’s yet another reason to pick up a copy when it goes on sale.

Thank you so much to the GPA for their hard work on yesterday’s Christmas Fair for Years N, R, and Y1. I so enjoyed catching up with so many of you and seeing so much Christmas cheer in the faces of our littlest pupils.

A festive week lies ahead, with the nursery nativity, concerts, pantomimes galore, and the opening of our Christmas post (thank you, Year 5, for your hard work on this). Wishing you all a happy week – enjoy this week’s edition of the bulletin!

Mrs Korbay

Year 3 English

Year 3 have really enjoyed exploring Quentin Blake’s stories in English. They have read a number of his

books.



His imaginative ideas have inspired the children to write great stories of their own. They carefully checked their work themselves and then had a lovely session sharing their stories in small groups, giving them a final polish.

Ms Le Var

Dick Whittington

On Tuesday Nursery, Reception and Year One were treated to a production of Dick Whittington. The performance took us on a magical journey, meeting many characters, all performed by two actors! The children became part of a sailing crew and helped sail Dick to safety. It was a great

experience and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Ms Lagarde

Christmas Concerts

This week begins the start of our official Gatehouse Music Department Christmas celebrations! Please note the dates below:

Monday 2nd Dec –
Nursery Nativity,
Wallbank Hall, 11am

Tuesday 3rd Dec –
Reception Christmas
Concert, Wallbank
Hall, 9am

Thursday 5th Dec –
Lower Junior
Christmas Concert
(Year 1&2), Sports Hall,
9am

Monday 9th Dec –
Upper Junior
Christmas Concert
(Year 3-6), Wallbank
Hall, 11am for Year 3&4
parents, 2pm for Year
5&6 parents

All children must be in full school uniform for the Upper Junior Christmas Concert – no

PE kits, please.

Every child in the school will be participating in one of these events, so we hope you can attend your child's concert!

Mr MacKinnon

Christmas Post



The Gatehouse Christmas post box is open! Every day from now until Thursday 12th, the Year 5 elves will be dashing around to deliver your letters throughout the school. Simply label the envelope with the name of the recipient, and a class if the card is for a child, and we will do the rest.

Thank you to our marvellous Year 5s for their enthusiasm for this project!

Mrs Roper, Mme Moisy, Miss Ballah & Miss Adebibe

Year 3 Science: Fossils, fossils, fossils!

What a wonderful week it has been for Year 3 in Science.



Children started the week by conducting an experiment where they discovered fossils as paleontologists, which was mighty exciting!



They then had a look at nine different fossils from many millions of years ago. I think it is safe to say we have quite a few fossil enthusiasts in Year 3!



Superb work from all.

Mr Islam

U11 Knightsbridge Netball Festival

On Wednesday 27th November the U11 girls netball team travelled to Battersea park to compete in the Knightsbridge netball festival.

When we arrived it was pouring with rain but we were ready to play in all weather. Our first game we were lucky and the rain stopped and even the sunshine and a rainbow came out for us! We played five matches; won three and lost two. We had a fantastic last game and ended up placing third overall!

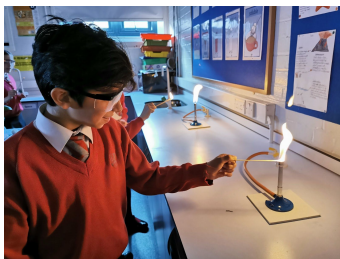


We would like to thank Miss Jenvey for umpiring and Mr Lee for driving us to and from the event!

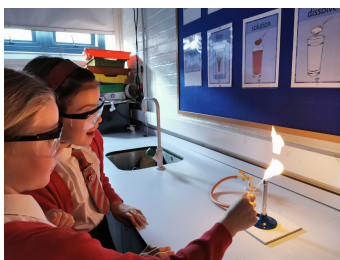


Miss Hartstonge

Year 5 Science: Bunsen Burners



A super week of chemistry from Year 5, who have been learning about atoms, elements and the periodic table.



Children put their skills to the test to safely set-up and use a Bunsen burner, and I am pleased to announce that all children will be given their Bunsen burner licenses!



Mr Islam

Focusing on Thankfulness



Last Thursday Years 4 and 5 had a slightly different sort of English lesson, using the skills we've been working on throughout this term to compose thank you notes to some of the many adults who help us each week in school.



I was so impressed with the brilliant skills of communication, spelling, handwriting and grammar on display!

Thank you, children.



Mrs Roper

U8/9 ISA London North Girls Football Tournament - Barnet

On Thursday 28th November, the Year 3 & 4 girls football teams travelled to Barnet Powerleague to compete in the ISA North area football championship. football pitches to compete in an all day football tournament. The rain held off for the majority of the tournament and the girls had a fantastic day. It was a tough competition for both the Year 3 & 4s but the girls demonstrated great sportsmanship, resilience and teamwork throughout. We played ten matches overall; the Year 4s winning 2 of their games and the Year 3s winning 1. The girls

should be very proud of their efforts. Well done girls!

Year 3 team: Frida SW, Grace L, Eliza (Captain), Zaniab T (POM), Ella WD, Willow N, Beatrice P.

Year 4 team: Stella M, Scarlett G, Ruby P (POM), Bleu W, Poppy A, Amba C.

Mr Baycanli

Year 4 Science: Wonderful Slime!



Year 4 have been busy this week learning about the particle model and changes of state.



To make things a 'tiny' bit more exciting, children were tasked with trying to figure out which state of matter slime is - which lead to some sensational discussions!



Mr Islam

Dates for your diary:

**Monday 2nd
December:**

Nursery Nativity*

Gatehouse Christmas
Post Opens!

Tuesday 3rd:

Reception Christmas
Concert, Wallbank
Hall, 9am*

2M Panto at Theatre
Royal Stratford

Year 6 Panto at
Hackney Empire

Year 4 Girls Football
Festival at Forest*

Thursday 5th:

Lower Junior

Christmas Concert
(Year 1&2), Sports Hall,
9am*

Year 3 Panto at Theatre
Royal Stratford

Friday 6th:

2B Panto at Theatre
Royal Stratford

Year 5 Panto at
Hackney Empire

“Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.”

Marcel Proust

