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GATEHOUSE SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN

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HEAD'S WELCOME

A warm welcome to our last full bulletin of the term, and a very brief note from me.

Expect an extra edition at the close of the week where I will recap some of the marvellous goings-on of our final week of the Autumn Term.

Mrs Korbay

Christmas Jumper Day



On Friday, December 13th, we will be holding our second

annual Christmas Jumper Day, raising funds for Save The Children!



Every year group is involved, from Nursery all the way up to Year 6, and even the teachers will be looking extra sparkly on the last day of term.



Please don your most festive jumper and bring in a donation (suggested donation £1/£2) for this worthy cause.



Thank you as ever for supporting our chosen charity.



Mrs Roper

House Tokens

Year 6 House Captains will be counting the house tokens during lunchtime on **Wednesday 11th December**. Please make sure that you put ALL your tokens are in the tubes before then. House points total will be announced during Friday's assembly!

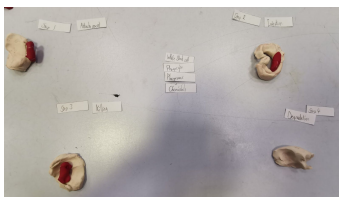
Mrs Gately

Christmas Post!

The Year 5 Elves have been working very hard to deliver all the Christmas cards Gatehouse are sending. We will be on duty this week too, from Monday until Thursday - by Friday the elves will just want to have fun, along with the rest of the school!

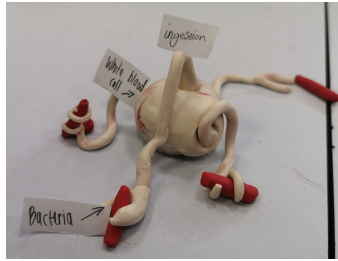
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Year 6 Science - What do White Blood Cells do?

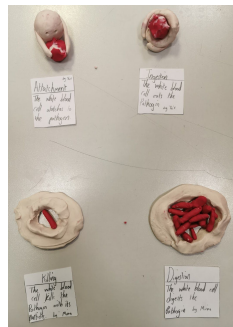


This week Year 6 have been learning about

the immune system and phagocytosis.



Children learnt about the physical barriers to pathogens and then learnt about phagocytes and how they ingest and destroy pathogens in a process known as phagocytosis.



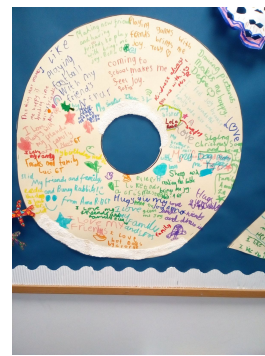
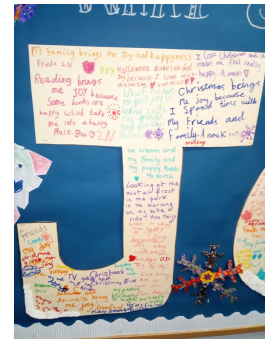
They then applied their knowledge to make models to show the process of phagocytosis in action!

Mr Islam



2N have been thinking about what brings

them joy as part of a class display and have encouraged others to do the same. It has been lovely to read everyone's comments and seeing people from around the school adding to it.



Miss Nicoll

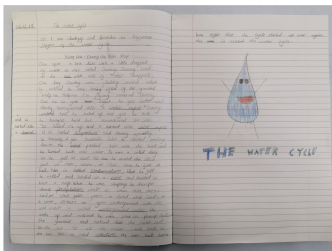
Year 4 Science - The Water Cycle

Year 4 have been learning all about the

water cycle which has been a ton of fun!



Children had a wonderful time applying all they have learnt and their imagination (lots of it!), to write a story about Danny the raindrops journey through the water cycle!



Mr Islam

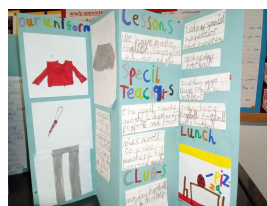
Messiah

Miss Le Var will be taking part in a come-and-sing performance of Handel's *Messiah* in early January.



All singers welcome to join for rehearsals 10am-5pm, before a performance at 7pm.

The Children in 2N have made some beautiful leaflets all about the school. They are on display downstairs opposite the library (on top of the fish tank) if you would like to have a look!



Miss Nicoll

Year 6 English

Pupils have worked incredibly hard throughout the term in their English lessons. This week we have been exploring poems based upon winter, with the focus being upon the poets Wes Magee and Walter de la Mare. We compared and contrasted the features of their poems and looked particularly at their use of imagery.

In response to the work of other poets we have written poems based upon similar themes which are now on display in our classroom. Here are a few examples of our work:

Winter by Alex K (6T)

The mountains cloaked in blinding snow;

Like giants bitten by frosted cold;

The trees; their stooges; sullenly

*Stand beneath those
mountains old.*

*Reaching out with
gnarled fingers;*

Frozen in time, the trees

*Try to grab you with
wooden hands;*

*Covered in ice by
winter's freeze.*

*Dagger-like icicles do
adorn caves;*

*Owls glide o'er frozen
vales,*

*Woodland snakes in
magical sleep;*

*A dusting of snow on
moveless scales.*

*Frosted lake is granite
hard;*

Not a dent, can be made;

*The ice is white and
glistening,*

*Among the trees in the
frozen glade.*

*Foxes, white and ghostly
pale,*

*Pad silently on cloven
feet;*

*Under the rock-hard
boughs of trees,*

*Through rain and snow
and hail and sleet.*

*Vixen with their
sparkling eyes,*

*Oxen with their shaggy
hair,*

*Stand still as statues in
the cold*

*Under winter's deadly
stare.*

*But under sheets and
sheets of snow,*

*Down past icy mice filled
caves*

A vivid green is visible,

*Grass - the touch of
spring it craves.*

A Winter's Night by Ronan A (6F)

*With sweeping power
comes the breeze,*

*Whipping the snow
around with ease,*

*The moon watching on,
all through the night,*

*Encasing the land in a
silvery light.*

*Tree stand still, looking
bored*

*Giving the ground a
deathly stare.*

*And when it's over, we
wonder when,*

*Winter's mark will be
made again.*

Outside by Eva E (6F)

*The glittering snow falls
gently from above,*

*Soaring through the
town like an elegant
dove.*

*Covering the whole
town in pure white*

*Whilst making your
fingers get frostbite.*

*Icicles hanging from the
trees*

*Waving in the cool
breeze.*

*Snowflakes fall swiftly
down*

*Landing on top of the
ground.*

Winter's Night by Charlotte H (6F)

*The silver moon
illuminates the hill,*

*Feisty predators are
ready to kill.*

*The bright white snow
cools the wind's freeze,*

*Making all the poor
animals rapidly sneeze.*

*An oak tree reaches out
his long frosty fingers,*

*A blazing smell in the air
lingers.*

*All around the layer of
white*

*Lays untouched,
blindingly bright.*

*The dark outline of the
snow-dusted trees*

*Sway elegantly in the
spine chilling breeze.*

*Animals settle down for
the night,*

*And the moon still
shines bright.*

Winter's Night by Olly
B (6T)

*When you drift into the
winter night,*

*You will see the most
wonderful sights,*

Christmas trees all lit up,

*Warm, hot chocolate fill
my cup.*

*When snowflakes fall
from the deep blue sky*

It gives me a cosy feeling

I don't know why!

*The ground is covered
with cold, white snow,*

*The street lights have a
soft yellow glow.*

*The fire is so welcoming
and warm*

*I keep it burning until
the crack of dawn.*

Winter by Tess N. (6F)

*The bitter icy wind
sweeps the night,*

*Covering the granite
ground*

In a thick layer of white.

*The bony skeletons of
trees line the street,*

The deathly cold

*Chills everything it
meets.*

*Sharp holly stabs upon
frozen doors,*

*The warm smile of
Santa Claus*

*Fills your memories, a
warm red coat.*

*A full stocking on
Christmas day*

*Wind up toys, stuffed
animals*

*And my favourite toy
boat.*

*Oranges lie in a haven of
fun*

Nobody can resist

The sticky buns.

*The brandy engulfs the
Christmas pudding*

In a coat of blue

*All your family waiting
for you*

*To come and spread
festive cheer*

*With hugs and laughter
far and near.*

Ms Furneaux

Year 5 Panto Trip



Last Friday Year 5 had
a super time at the
Hackney Empire
Panto, *Dick Whittington
and his Cat*.



We laughed, we sang,
we booed when
appropriate, and it was
a lovely way to end the
week together.

Thank you to Mme
Moisy, Miss Ballah,
Miss Adebibe and Mr
Dowling for coming
with us and helping
the trip to run so
smoothly. Thank you

to all the drivers who took us to the theatre on what was a very busy day, and Sue for her organisational wonder. Thank you also to all the grown ups who altered their plans to pick up at the Empire. Last of all, a great big thank you to Year 5, who were great company *and* beautifully behaved - what a wonderful combination (oh yes it is!).



Mrs Roper

Hanukkah Link Assembly

Ash's grandparents visited us in the nursery for link assembly. They told us all about Hanukkah. We really enjoyed it.



Thank you for the delicious doughnuts.

Miss Pinarbasi

Gatehouse Gazette

THE GATEHOUSE GAZETTE will be on sale from Tuesday - Thursday, in the morning and afternoon. The results of the mock General Election will announced ONLY in this edition! Please support Year 6 - only £1, and you can always pay by card in the library.

Mrs Gately

ISA Swimming Nationals



On Saturday 1st December four students from Gatehouse school represented London North at the ISA swimming nationals held at the Olympic swimming pool. They all represented Gatehouse with pride.



Below are the final results.

Enzo Shearman - 6th in the Year 5 Boys Breaststroke

Heath Boardman - 6th in the Year 5 Boys 4x 50m Freestyle relay

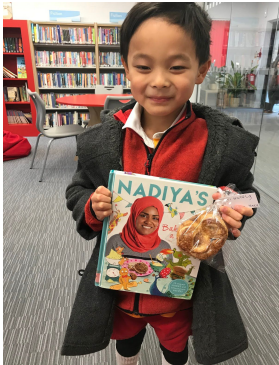
Lola Elias - 6th in the Year 4 Girls 4x 50m Freestyle relay

Zak Fellows - Fastest Year 5 boy in the Freestyle, 3rd in the Year 6 boys 4x 50m Freestyle relay, 5th in the Year 6 boys Freestyle and 7th in the Year 6 Medley team



A huge congratulations to all who competed.

Miss Hartstonge



Haru in 2M borrowed Nadiya's Bake Me A Story from the library. I always get very excited when the children borrow recipe books and I wasn't disappointed when Haru brought in some lovely cinnamon Palmiers for me. Thank you so much, Haru!

Mrs Gately

Inter House Sports Results

Inter House boys football results

- 1st- Dragons
- 2nd- Sphinx
- 3rd- Phoenix
- 4th - Unicorns

Inter House girls football results

- 1st- Sphinx
- 2nd- Dragons
- 3rd- Unicorns
- 4th- Phoenix



Inter House netball results

- 1st - Dragons
- 2nd - Unicorns
- 3rd - Phoenix
- 4th - Sphinx



The Games Department

A Bulletin Thank You!

A brief note from the editor to say thank you so much to colleagues for all their help with

the bulletin, and to parents for their feedback and support. I hope you enjoy the chance each week to see a little of what we have been getting up to here at Gatehouse. Happy Christmas!

Mrs Roper

Dates for your diary:

Monday 9th December:

Upper Juniors Christmas Concert (performances at 11am for Year 3 & 4 parents, and 2pm for Year 5 & 6 parents)

Tuesday 10th:

2N Pantomime Trip (Stratford Royal Theatre)

Wednesday 11th December:

Year 4 Pantomime Trip (Hackney Empire)

Friday 13th December:

Christmas Jumper Day!

House Christmas Carol Competition

Class Parties

Half-day: All children to be picked up at 12 noon, please

*“Winter is a season of
recovery and
preparation.”*

Paul Theroux

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