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HEAD'S WELCOME

Dear Gatehouse
Parents,

It has been another positive, productive and fun-filled week of learning at Gatehouse.

The week began with our very important anti-bullying assembly to launch Anti-Bullying Week. The assembly was proudly represented by many pupils from across the school who all carried a message that 'Gatehouse is a telling school and bullies are not welcome here!' Christmas nativities, concerts and assemblies are being practised with much enthusiasm, with magical performances being polished for the main events.

Christmas lunch will be served on 2nd

December for adults and children, and they will all enjoy their festive meal in the lunch hall, in their bubbles, with music and all the traditional trimmings. This will be a slightly different day to the normal timetable in order to facilitate eight separate lunch sittings to avoid crossing bubbles.

Many of you have asked about bringing in Christmas cards and presents for teachers. In the spirit of Christmas I would of course like to continue this, but I must continue to adhere to government guidance. Therefore, if cards and gifts are brought in at the beginning of the last week of term (by Monday or Tuesday) and then distributed

after 48 hours, this will ensure that we are all kept happy and safe!

It is with great pleasure and pride that as we approach the final weeks of the Autumn Term Gatehouse children continue to work hard and demonstrate courage, hard work, ambition, motivation, perseverance, inspiration, optimism and a never-give-up attitude that sets us miles apart from other schools. They are the true Gatehouse Greathouse Champions!

'Together is a wonderful place to be'

Mrs Korbay

Roald Dahl Competition

Gatehouse, we have been so impressed with the amazing entries we received for the Roald Dahl competition earlier this term. We hope you have enjoyed seeing all of our entries in the Google Classrooms via slideshow, and we will also be popping up entries throughout the school for you to enjoy as you travel around the building (thank you to Miss Adebibe for laminating!).

It was very, very hard to whittle down the entries to a handful of winners, but we managed to do so. For our smallest entrants, in the Nursery, we will be dropping off a little prize to add to the art supplies in New House.

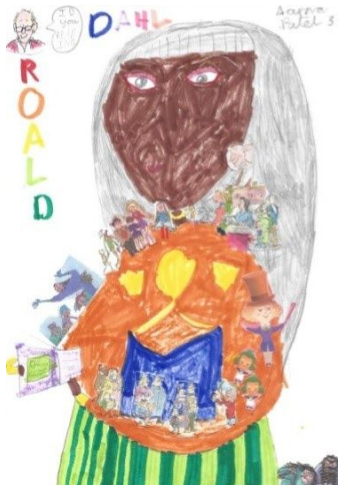
Over in the main school building, every child has received 5 house points for taking part - the range of media and the skills on display were quite remarkable. Adults who joined in, thank you ever so much for your support and your creativity - please expect a note with our thanks in the next few weeks. Thank you also to all of the families who joined in - we

can't wait to see your pieces for our next competitions!

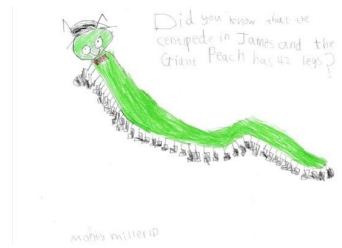
Originally we had been hoping to judge according to age group, but as some year groups entered far more than others, we opted to select seven entries we felt captured the essence, originality and wonder of Dahl and Blake. Congratulations to our winners!



The BFG, by Mila, 4A



A Salute to Dahl, Aarna, 3V



The Centipede, Monty, 1D



Willy Wonka, Tomas, 3M



The BFG, Esmerelda, RS



The Giant Peach, Ivy, 2B



The Twits, Leon O, 4A

Thank you once again to everyone who took part - the beautiful work we received made choosing very, very hard. Well done, all!

Winners, your prizes will make their way to you...soon.

Miss Dewar & Mrs Roper

Christmas Jumper Day

Mark your calendars, please: Christmas Jumper Day is back!

On 11th December (the last day of term), please come in wearing your finest festive jumper. You may wear your own clothes with your Christmas finery.

We will be collecting money for charity as we celebrate the start of the Christmas holidays. Please bring in a small donation - I will be collecting these downstairs that morning (probably

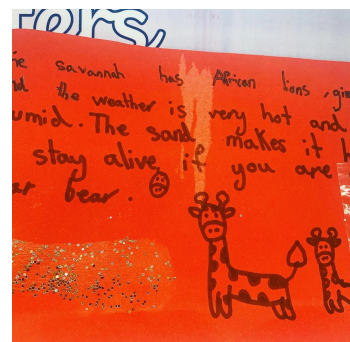
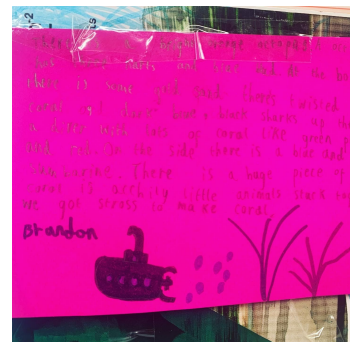
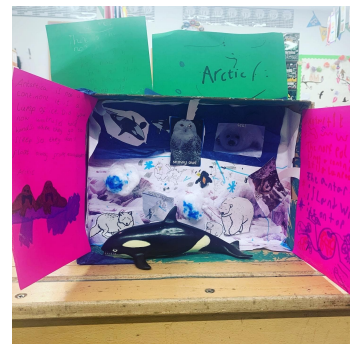
wearing a ridiculous Christmas outfit, possible assisted by an elf or two...). I will send further details via email later in the term.

Thank you as ever for your support of this festive fundraiser.

Mrs Roper

2N Habitats

2N have really enjoyed learning about animal habitats! The children worked collaboratively to make these creative dioramas. Miss Yeomans and I were very impressed with the finished results. I was especially happy with the children's writing and to hear how much they had learned about each individual habitat.



Miss Nicoll

PE

House Cross Country competitions will take place in the week commencing 30th November. As we

would like the year group to run at the same time, it will mean children coming out of lessons if they do not have PE.

Year 3 - Friday 9.25am

Year 4 - Monday
1.35pm

Year 5 - Thursday
10.50am

Year 6 - Thursday
9.25am

Other sports dates for the diary are:

Girls House
Football/Boys Netball
- w/c 23rd November
(during Games lessons) - Years 3 to 6.

Mixed House
Dodgeball/Benchball -
w/c 30th November
(during Games lessons) - Years 3 to 6.
Year 2, 10.50am Friday
4th December.

Please make sure children are dressed appropriately for these events. House colours please!

Mr Russell

Remembrance Poems (Year 6)

Year 6 pupils continue to work really hard during English lessons and I am always delighted with the content of their

wonderful pieces of writing.

In response to Remembrance Day, Year 6 pupils wrote some poems. They created a poem during their English lessons and created a further poem for homework. There was a great variety of powerful, descriptive and poignant messages incorporated into their writing, and I would like to share a few examples with you.

Please take two minutes' silence to reflect upon our poems.

Ms Furneaux

Why Dad Why?

Why did he have to go away?

With his green suit and dark maroon cap.

Every day I thought of him,

Lamentable views I saw

A life without him,

Is a life with no life at all.

Every I day I mourned

And every day was filled with sorrow

I waited and waited and waited,

But he would never come,

I sat and talked with my mother

Cuddled her dearly and cried all night long

She told me "Keep strong my little Tiger!"

But all I could manage to mutter was a meager moan

I tried to keep up hope in the darkest times,

But whenever I listened to the radio

The stories I heard

Death, Death, Death

I did not care if it was heroic or not.

I did not care how.

I did not care about anything or anyone else

I just wanted my father back.

By Heath, 6F

We all have sympathy for those who died

Always there for what we have and got

Red symbol of hope and joy the poppies all lovely.

People died and fought
for their lives if they
didn't we would be way
different

Of the people we
celebrate who fought
in the war

People joy and thank
them for all galor

Poppies are wonderful
flowers that souls lurk
in

In this country they
speak of greatness

Every year on the day it
ended we have a
silence for them

Seeing all the poppies
makes you fill up with
joy.

By Olivia, 6T

Why We Remember!

Many years ago

They was a war that
was really slow

The war lasted for
years

And in the end brought
so many tears

Even though the war
had its end

The country had a lot
to mend

After they thought it
was done

Little did they know
they had a lot to come

Then came the second
war

It had a lot more

The pain was worse

It was a horrible curse

In the end of the war a
day was made

It was called
Remembrance Day

The world appreciated
the soldiers bravery

And a thanks for our
safety

The poppy is a way to
remember

To thank the soldiers
for saving us.

By Tom, 6T

REMEMBRANCE DAY POEM

11TH NOVEMBER

Today we remember
the departed souls,

Who lost their lives,
slaughtered in rolls.

Today we remember
our ancestors past,

Who lost their lives in
a gun fire blast.

They protect us still
from beyond the grave,

And all I can think is
'gosh, how brave'.

Replaced by red
poppies and white
stones;

a minutes silence and
eternal groans.

Today we remember a
world wide mistake,

All the lives lost and
ruined, causing
heart-break.

Today we remember
that war is bad,

To be born after
enlistment, I'm so
glad.

By Wolf, 6F

Shell Shock

It was 1923 and and
Autumn was shoving
Summer out of its way,

Five years after the war
had ended,

I was in a cafe with one
of my soldier-friends,

The buildings opposite
were half-rubble,

I looked at them, and
they looked back at
me,

Their remains stood
with the intention of
saying, "I am still
here."

There was not much
variety on the menu,

The same old bully
beef, jam and biscuits,

These foods evoked
bad memories,

Of us in the trenches
toiling away

Trying to win the war
they said would be over
by Christmas,

I could taste the bitter
air around me,

At least it wasn't
smoke or gas,

The waiter came and
gave us our food and
drinks,

When I heard
something fall in the
distance,

I jumped under the
table in fright,

“EVERYONE, DUCK.”

I screamed, but no one
listened,

Fifteen minutes later, I
stood up and sat back
in my seat,

Everyone looked at me
as if I was completely
mad,

Except for one man
who whispered to the
woman next to him,

“Poor old chap, he has
got shell shock.”

By Nico, 6F

Football Success!



Congratulations to
Callum Whiteside (5M)
who has signed for
Millwall Football Club
after a successful trial.
He has worked
extremely hard over
the last few years to
progress and is always
looking to improve. He
is a great role model to
all with his hard work
and attitude. Good luck
to Callum and we hope
to have many more
academy players from
Gatehouse in the
future!



Mr Baycanli

Sports with Charlotte and Felicity

As promised earlier
this term, I'm looking
forward to including
pieces from our
student journalists in
the bulletin. Today, a
piece from Charlotte
and Felicity. Over to
them!

Marcus Rashford and his meal giveaways

Marcus Rashford has
after many months of
kindness given almost
a million meals away
to children in need. He
has also been
instrumental in
lobbying the
government to extend
the free school meals
system to cover
holiday times.



Norbert Stiles

Norbert (Nobby) Stiles
has passed away (1942
- 2020). Nobby had 26
England caps, and he
made 395 appearances
for Man United
between 1960 and 1971.
Nobby also scored 19
goals for the team
before departing to
join Middlesbrough.



Tiger Woods' Humiliation

Tiger Woods would have hoped to finish his Master's title defence with a strong final round. Instead, he suffered a humiliating meltdown on the hole which was so kind to him in his 2019 win at Augusta National.



Goal Of The Year?

Nicolia Geerts, playing for Danish side Lyngby BK, first shot at the goal using a bicycle kick from a corner, only the ball rebounded off the crossbar. From the crossbar, the defender reacted, jumping to scissor kick the ball beyond the goalkeeper.



By Charlotte and Flick,
6F

Student Journalists

Speaking of our student journalist team, a very warm welcome to our Year 5s who are rolling onto our team! I cannot wait to see what brilliant items you may bring to the bulletin.

Mrs Roper

House Points

Gatehouse, you have been earning SO many house points over the last month. It took me over an hour to count them all! With sports competitions, art competitions and House Poetry to factor in as well, it is all change at the top!

4th: Dragons (964 points)

3rd: Unicorns (1075 points)

2nd: Phoenix (1169 points)

1st: Sphinx (1200 points)

Congratulations, Sphinx!

Your next count up will be at the end of term. I wonder who will finish the term in high style?

Mrs Roper

"Because that's what kindness is. It's not doing something for someone else because they can't, but because you can."

Andrew Iskander

