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HEAD'S WELCOME

Dear All,

What a busy fortnight it has been! As is ever the way at this point in the Summer Term, life is getting busier and busier, and Gatehouse Greathouse is a hive of activity as we finish up the academic year in high style!

I was delighted to join the Upper Juniors for their sports day this past Wednesday. The levels of sporting prowess and teamwork on display were a sight to behold. It was so lovely to see the children strive to do well and the school has been ringing with the jingle-jangle of medals ever since. My thanks to Mr Russell and his department for their fantastic work on this event, and to all the teachers and TAs who

helped the whole day to run so smoothly.

Year 6 continue to be very busy. As well as sports day they've also had a trip to Kenwood (where they managed to cunningly avoid any of the forecasted rain) and are getting their lines and lyrics learned and their costumes prepped ahead of the coming fortnight, where they will be rehearsing and recording their performance of *Oklahoma!* If the snippets of singing I've heard so far while popping into classes is anything to go by we are all in for a theatrical treat!

As we look towards the last few weeks, the calendar is full of many excitements and I know that our wonderful children are looking forward to a

thrilling finish to a whirlwind year. As we speed through these busy times I'm reminded of a quote from Robert Brault, "Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realise they were the big things." I hope each of us in the Gatehouse family finds some little moments to cherish as we round out the year.

I wish you all a restful and restorative weekend. See you on Monday!

Mrs Korbay

Year 5 Cricket

Just before half term, The whole year 5 took on St. Pauls in four respective cricket matches. All the children appeared to

have an extremely enjoyable afternoon, with many of them experiencing a competitive cricket match for the first time.

A massive congratulations to our 'A' team who won by 20 runs. We batted first and scored 240, with the lion share of the runs being scored by our final pair, Mark and Xavier. The children bowled well to restrict St. Pauls to 220. The pick of the bowlers was Matthew, who bowled a triple wicket maiden!



Mr Russell

ABRSM Exams

Many of the Upper Junior children will be taking part in music exams on the 25th or 28th June. ABRSM exams are always a wonderful way for children learning to sing or play an instrument to showcase their skills and be rewarded with a grade. If your child is

sitting a music exam, please expect an email from school soon to let you know which day it is on. Best of luck to all the children taking part!

Mr MacKinnon

Sports Day Reports from 4G

4G thought we would write some quick reports to sum up our Sports Day. I've shared a selection below. Enjoy!

Mrs Roper

On Wednesday, at Mile End Stadium, Sports Day was happening for the Upper Juniors of Gatehouse School. There were all sorts of races and events. The people in first, second and third place got medals! And guess what? Sphinx won the whole thing!

Echo

On Wednesday all of the Upper Juniors went to Mile End to do Sports Day, the day when we do a competition focused on sports.

Before we went Mr Gorry said: "We're going to get there by walking up the canal. Don't jump in the

canal because I'm not going to dive in and save you." We all thought that was so funny!

When we got to the stadium it was such a busy day. We did LOTS of activities and I thought it was fun. My favourite competition was the tug of war.

Maia

It was Wednesday - that was the day the Upper Juniors were going to Mile End Stadium. It was intriguing, all the events were just ready to be played. All day you could just hear chanting and cheering whilst students dashed around the track. The stadium was AMAZING! All the children were so focused on what they were doing and so proud stepping on to the podium. It was brilliant!

Seren

OKLAHOMA! Year 6 play rehearsals

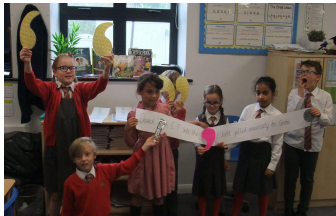
We can't wait to start rehearsing our Y6 summer production of 'Oklahoma!' next week. Ms Dodd, Ms Smith, Mr Fox and I will be working with

the Year 6 children for the next two weeks, which culminates in a very special video recording. Parents - please encourage your children to learn their lines and the songs at home in preparation for rehearsals. The script, song recordings and costume information can all be found on the Oklahoma Google Classroom. Altogether now: "Ooooooklahoma, where the wind comes sweeping down the plains..."

Mr MacKinnon

Dancing Punctuation and Fairy Tale Grammar

It's been a fun-filled few weeks in Year 3 English! We learnt how to punctuate dialogue with the help of giant inverted commas, E.T. alien sentences, magnetic full stops and a soundtrack provided by Gloria Estefan!



That grammar lesson was followed by the creation of complex sentences inspired by charades game cards and fairy tale characters.



Here are three of the many brilliant sentences constructed:

As fast as she could, Little Red Riding Hood climbed up the wobbly ladder to get away

from the vicious wolf.

For breakfast, baby Bear guzzled his orange juice with a stripy straw until there was none left.

Before bedtime, Mr Pig lowered one trotter into the warm soapy water (which was too hot for his liking) because he had been rolling in mud.

Miss Le Var

Nursery Sports Day

Well done to all nursery pupils on their efforts in their sports day on the 11th June! The children completed four activities and all received a medal! Please see a video of the event on Google Classroom.

Mr Russell

Rapping with Year 5

As part of our poetry unit, Year 5 have been transformed into rapping stars! This mini-project is a great way to take all we have learned about meter and rhyme and to apply it practically.

We've learned a little about the history of

rap and its cultural impact, and have tried out some bars of our own.



The children have been so brave, collaborative and supportive and some of the flows on display are hugely impressive. Might we have the next Stormzy, Ludacris or Nicki Minaj in our midst? In the next bulletin we will share some of our brilliant efforts!

Mrs Roper

Sharing with Year 2

I was really stuck with what to do about the amazing alien stories Year 3 wrote. I came up with a plan to use them to show Year 2 the sort of thing they will be doing next year. I took a group of children to read to each Year 2 class. They followed the readings with a Q&A session. I hope Year 2 is starting to

feel excited about their next learning journey. I know Year 3 is showing signs of being ready for new challenges in Year 4.



Miss Le Var

“Champions keep playing until they get it right.”

Billie Jean King

