



## Georgian Gardens Primary School

Newsletter Friday 22nd March 2024

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It has been lovely to see a little sun this week and slightly milder temperatures. Having said this, please do send your child to school with a coat as we can not guarantee this to continue!

We hope you enjoyed the chance to see your children's work and classrooms on Monday—it really was wonderful to welcome so many of you into school.

Please take a moment to check your bookshelves/under beds as we have quite a number of school books missing. Thank you.

**DISCOS** are tonight! KS1 disco runs from 4:30—5:30pm and KS2 disco is from 5:45 — 6:45pm. The cost is £3:00 which includes a drink and glow stick. Payment is on entry and can be done via card (preferred method) or cash.



### **INSET days for next year 2024/2025:**

Monday 2nd September, Tuesday 3rd September, Monday 4th November, Tuesday 22nd April 2025, Friday 13th June 2025

### **World Down Syndrome Day 21/3/24:**

The children and staff in YR marked the day by wearing odd socks on Thursday.

<https://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/>



### **Diary Dates for this term:**

Fri 22nd March Easter discos 4:30-5:30pm KS1 5:45-6:45pm KS2

### **Summer Term—key dates:**

Mon 22nd—Fri 26th April Y6 Bikeability week

Wed 5th June Sports Day (*note new date*) Back up day is Thurs 6th June

Mon 10th June Open Classrooms 2:45pm—3:30pm

Fri 21st June Summer Fayre 3:15pm

Tues 9th July Y6 Production 1:30pm

Thurs 11th July Y6 Production 6pm

Mon 22nd July Y6 Presentation Evening 6pm

### **PTA Event Dates:**

Fri 22nd March - School discos

Sat 18th May - Car boot sale

Fri 21st June - Summer Fair

### **This week's star of the week winners:**

1LG Arlo

1KD Alfie



2CA Evie

2EH River

3ER Antoni

3KC Florence L-W

4RD Clara

4TF Connor



5HC Somto

5CT Jett

6BA Dawn

6HB Teddy

### **Attendance:**

The class with the highest attendance this week:

**2CA, 3ER, 4RD 97%** (they get the chance to have 15 minutes extra choice time next week).

The child with 100% attendance this week:

**Evie B 3KC** chosen by a random generator: —she gets to choose a book from Miss Bowers' selection of prize books.

**Playground Markings:**

Thank you to every one of you! Without your generosity at any of our fundraising events, the amazing new playground markings would not have been possible. Such a huge project does not come cheap and so we are extremely grateful to the fundraising efforts of the PTA to enable this to happen.

It is a fascinating process to watch: chalk lines are drawn, plastic shapes are placed on the ground and an enormous blow torch seals them to the tarmac. A few children were fortunate to have the opportunity to help them lay the clock face.



Miss Bowers, Mrs Monnery (Chair of the PTA) and some children holding the digits for the clock.



**Important Reminders:**

**Epsom Gardens parking:** it is crucial that you only park in designated parking spaces and not in front of resident's parking, gates or garages. Please be considerate when choosing where to park.

**Littering:** Please take any litter home with you. Our neighbours have reported seeing litter being thrown out of car windows in the car park area of school.

**Uniform:** Please remember that leggings are not part of school uniform unless worn under skirts in cold weather. We have a few children wearing them as trousers and this is not part of our uniform policy. Black shoes, not trainers, should also be worn. **Skirts:** There are some girls with skirts which are far too short. The expectation is that skirts are no shorter than just above the knee.

**PE kit:** Please make sure that kit is in school at all times. PE days do sometimes change and children would be expected to have kit available.

Thank you for your co-operation with these matters.

**STEAM Focus:**

**Exciting news! Easter STEAM competition**

As part of the on-going work we are doing at school, we are excited about our ambition to transform into a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) specialist school. While this transformation is just beginning, we are already laying the groundwork for an enriching and innovative learning experience for our pupils.

One of our key focuses is the development of our outdoor learning spaces. We hope this will provide an engaging space for exploration and experimentation, fostering creativity and critical thinking skills in our pupils. In the coming weeks, we will be sending out more details about opportunities for local companies to get involved with sponsorship of this exciting development. Through enhancements to our outdoor areas, we aim to provide more opportunities for hands-on learning experiences that integrate our STEAM principles.

Additionally, we are currently in the process of reviewing our current curriculum to ensure that it aligns with our vision for STEAM education. By incorporating interdisciplinary approaches and real-world applications into our teaching, we aim to continue to inspire curiosity and a passion for learning in our students.

As part of our new focus on STEAM, we are keen to involve our families in exciting projects and activities. To kick things off, we are launching a family Egg Drop Challenge! In this competition, pupils and their families will work together to create a contraption capable of safely holding an egg and protecting it from a high drop. The contraptions will be tested multiple times, and prizes will be awarded for the most successful, well-designed, and well-constructed entries in each year group, as well as an overall winner.

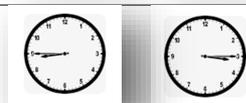
For more details about the Egg Drop Challenge, including rules and deadlines, **please refer to the attached poster.**

We are incredibly excited about the possibilities that lie ahead as we work together to cultivate a STEAM-focused learning environment at Georgian Gardens. Thank you for your continued support as we embark on this journey together and good luck!

Mr Alcorn (STEAM Leader)

**Important Notice:**

This is official notice that the **times of the school day** will be changing from **September 2024**. The school day will begin at **8:45am and end at 3:15pm** for all children. This brings us into line with the government expectation that schools should be open for 32.5 hours each week. Further details about the routines for each morning will be published in due course. The timings for the remainder of this year remain the same as they are currently.



**Sports News:**

Yesterday afternoon, saw the last of the league fixtures for both netball and football.

The children played well and use their teamwork really effectively in the football. This gave the team opportunities to score in two of the four games. They beat Ferring 5-0 and St John the Baptist 4-0. The Margaret's game was 0-0 and the game against St Wilfred they narrowly lost 0-1 in the last 30 seconds of the game. This team have come such a long way over the last few months and have always been encouraging of each other which has been lovely to see. Well done to all that played over the last few months.

The Netball team also did well yesterday afternoon. The team played only two games on this occasion as most of the final games had been played last week. First off they played St John the Baptist who have been a very strong team this season. Our first game against them we lost quite significantly, second game we played less so and this game they did really well by only allowing the St John's team to score twice with the final score being 2-1 to St John's.

The second game that the team played was against St Margaret. Again they played really well, this time scoring eight goal! Our team is a particularly versatile team, they are able to play well in attack and defence which makes a strong team. The final School was 8- 2 to Georgian Gardens

Well done to all that played in the Netball over the last few months.

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**Chartwell Lunches:**

A little reminder to please order meals for after Easter, meals for w/c Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April is an INSET day and you cannot order for that day, need to be ordered by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April and you should be able to carry on after that date, always 10 days before w/c, to order meals until the end of the Summer Term.

Please note that if you do not order food for your child they are only allowed to give them a plain jacket potato (company rules). This is the same if your child does not like the option given. Please talk to your child about which meal they would like to have to avoid the need for a plain jacket.