



Georgian Gardens Primary School

Newsletter Friday 6th October 2023

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Another great week in school has passed and we still seem to be holding on to some warm weather—long may it last! Many thanks to the parents who attended this week's PTA AGM. Our committee for this year was voted in and is as follows:

Co-Chair – Kelly-Ann Monnery

Vice Chair – Avril Jeeves

Co-Treasurers – Richard Parker and Ben Milsom

Secretary – Jenny Rowley

You can contact members of the PTA via the school office or by emailing: PTA@georgiangardens.co.uk Very grateful thanks to Mrs Godley who has stepped down after 5 years as chair.

Would you like to volunteer to listen to readers in Year 3? Even if you have half an hour a week to spare, Year 3 children would love to read to you. If so, contact Mrs Trahern - ptrahern@georgiangardens.co.uk



We Need You!

Plans for the fireworks event are well under way. However, it won't be a success unless we can tempt you to help out.

- 1) **Donate** items on the non uniform days.
 - 2) Offer to **help** on the night either setting up, running a stall or clearing up.
 - 3) Offering to **sponsor** the event through a company that you know or work for.
- Even sponsoring part of the cost of the fireworks would be very much appreciated. Contact Mrs Trahern or Mrs Monnery via the school office if you feel able to offer help with any of these requests.

THANK YOU!



Here are some key dates which are coming up:

Saturday 7th October	9:30—11:00am	Open morning for 2024 families
Friday 13th October		Non-uniform (toiletries for the fireworks event)
Monday 16th October		Harvest assembly See attached poster for details
17th and 19th October		Parent's Evenings (see 'Ping' for bookings)
Thursday 19th October		Non-uniform (Wrapped chocolates for the fireworks event)
Friday 20th October		INSET day
Friday 3rd November		Fireworks event (non uniform—bottles) display at 6:30pm
Saturday 25th November		A craft fair will be held in our hall
27th November		Open Classrooms
4th, 5th, 6th December		Nativity

This week's star of the week winners:

1LG	Ella-May B	1KD	James W
2CA	Luna P	2EH	Dominic B
3ER	Erin S	3CK	Violet M-S
4RD	Oscar A	4TF	Trinity F
5HC	Izzy P	5CT	Harry B
6BA	Hadley D-B	6HB	Ellie M



Attendance:

The class with the highest attendance this week:
1LG 99% (they get the chance to have 15 minutes extra choice time next week).

The child with 100% attendance this week (chosen by a random generator):

Amelia B 3KC—she gets to choose a book from Miss Bowers' selection of prize books.

House points: 1st Bramber 2nd Arundel 3rd Lewes
4th Amberley

Harvest:

This year our Harvest assembly will be held on Monday 16th October and will be led by Gill, family worker from St Peter's and St Paul's Church in Rustington.

We ask you to donate items on the day which will be given to the pantry which supports our families. Items required include: **cereal / long life milk / pasta / pasta sauce / tinned fish and meat / tinned tomatoes / baked beans / tinned spaghetti / tea / coffee / tinned custard / rice pudding / fruit / biscuits**

Thank you.



Fireworks Event:

Our annual and very popular firework event is being held on Friday 3rd November from **5:30pm** with the display at around **6:30pm**. Tickets are selling fast already.

As is tradition at GG, we will be having 3 non uniform days in the coming weeks to collect items for stalls at the event.

Friday 13th October - toiletries

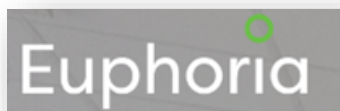
Thursday 19th October - Wrapped Chocolates

Friday 3rd November - Bottles

For ticket sales click: <http://fireworks-23.sumupstore.com/>

All support for this event is very much appreciated—any offers of help on the night will be gratefully received...you get a free burger if you help set up!

This event is part sponsored by Euphoria kitchens, for which we are very grateful.



Year 2 Beach Trip:

Year 2 walked to the beach on Tuesday and were excited to find some treasure had washed up! They hurriedly ran around to find it all before then thinking about how it could have arrived there. They certainly chose a great morning to spend time there.



Art Club:

This article will be appearing 'All About Rustington' which is delivered to homes in the area.

ART FROM WASTE

Children in Georgian Gardens Community School Art Club are, this term, working on pieces of art to submit for Littlehampton Museum's Open Exhibition. Artists, both adults (amateur and professional) and children are invited to produce work will be exhibited from November 2023 to February 2024 in the museum's gallery area.

This year the theme (based on the public's choice) is PLASTIC.

As a starting point, the group discussed the issues of plastic waste and how it can adversely affect the environment; especially if the items are single use.

Wanting to upcycle plastic that would otherwise find its way into bins, the children were tasked with sourcing as wide a variety of textures and colours as possible.

They set about collecting 'waste' plastic (sourcing fruit nets, wrappings from food items, flower wraps and broken plastic bags) and then discussing possible art projects that would be both creative and also highlight the issue of pollution and plastic waste.

The theme of the problem of plastic pollution in our seas and oceans was decided upon, with 3D scenes being the goal.

The next stage was sorting and cutting up the plastics and fusing them into new, reuseable sheets of plastic by ironing the pieces between baking parchment. Wonderful new colour combinations and textures were created.

These pieces of material were then cut and shaped into waves and sea creatures and plants, with each child creating a scene based on the drawings they had produced during their research session.

The children's technology skills were employed with the choice of wire, wooden skewers, pipe cleaners, beads and buttons on offer to 'build' the scenes.

Each individual piece sends a powerful message (prompting us to reflect on our use of single use plastics) in addition to being a fascinating, beautiful, colourful creation.



Tax Free Childcare:

Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) is a childcare top-up for working parents. It can be used to help pay for accredited holiday clubs, childminders, or sports activities. This enables parents and carers to access childcare during the school holidays, also saving them money. It is estimated that there are 1.3 million working families who are eligible for TFC in the UK however only a small percentage are making use of the scheme. Around 75% of families are losing out on this support.

TFC is available for children aged up to 11, or 17 if the child has a disability. You can signpost families to Childcare Choices so they can see if they are eligible. You can find out more about the scheme by visiting www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare.

Many parents don't realise that TFC can be saved up on their accounts. Even if childcare is not required throughout the school terms, there is still the option to save up funds which could be used for holiday clubs or out of school care. As the new term commences, it is a good opportunity to remind families of these schemes so they can plan for the upcoming half terms and holidays.

Please check out Childcare Choices and their catalogue of [guidance and promotional resources](#), so that you can display in your school to promote this scheme.

Useful links and additional information:

- [Tax Free Childcare can help towards the cost of children's summer holiday activities | GOV.UK](#)
- [Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Free Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK](#)
- [Get Tax-Free Childcare: step by step - GOV.UK](#)
- www.westsussex.gov.uk/FIS - to help parents search for childcare.

Sports News:

Tuesday saw over 40 children from Georgian Gardens (the most from all schools in the cluster) taking part in the first Angmering half mile of the year. With just over 90 children taking part Georgian Gardens represented the school incredibly. We had some fabulous results with Hannah from (Year 1) coming in fourth. Nelly and Emilia (Year 2) coming in fifth and seventh. For the boys, Eddie and Sonny came in fourth and eighth. I am so proud of all that took part. Hopefully we will have lots who will take part in the next one near Christmas time called the "Santa Dash".

Wednesday saw seven children for KS2 take it apart in a Sporting Festival at TLA. The children took part in many events from dance to cricket and football. They also had a talk from an athlete. Well done to those seven children, who came back with fancy medals!

Thursday and Friday morning, some children took part in an R&B dance workshop run by R&B Dance Company. All the children had a fabulous time learning new dance moves.

The R&B Dance Company run sessions on a Thursday morning for KS2 and a Friday morning for KS1. If this is something your child might like to take part in. Please check ping, a message will go out today (Friday 6th October).



2023—2024 Term Dates:

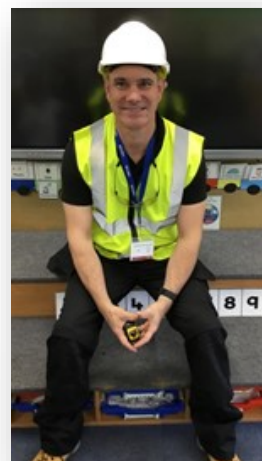
INSET DAYS ~~1st September 2023, 4th September 2023~~, 20th October 2023, 15th April 2024, 3rd June 2024

5.9.23 First day of autumn term	23.10—27.10.23 half term	15.12.23 Last day of term
2.1.24 First day of spring term	12.2—16.2.24 half term	28.3.24 Last day of term
16.4.23 First day of summer term	27.5— 31.5.24 half term	23.7.24 Last day of term



Year R Visitor:

This week's visitor to YR was in fact Mr Meakins, who is a builder. He was able to talk about his job and how he helps others with all their building needs.



Georgian Gardens Community Primary School Open Events



"Parents.. feel that their children are known, nurtured, respected and valued" Ofsted, March 22

If you have a child starting school in **September 2024** then we'd like to invite you to visit Georgian Gardens and see what our friendly and vibrant school can offer your child. You are welcome to come to one or all of the events, please let us know you'd like to attend by contacting our school office on 01903 771555.



Stay & Play family session Saturday, 7th October 9.30am—11.00am

An opportunity for your child to take part in fun activities and explore our Early Years setting. Visit as a family, meet our Headteacher and Early Years team.

Open Events— Wednesday 18th October @ 1:30pm Tuesday 14th November @ 9.30am and Tuesday, 14th November @ 6pm

Starting with a short presentation by our Headteacher, Miss Amie Bowers followed by a chance to visit Early Years and the rest of the school. The morning and afternoon events give an opportunity to visit during the school day and a chance to talk with pupils.



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