



Georgian Gardens Primary School
Newsletter Friday 1st March 2024

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The film night was a great success—thank you for allowing your children to come. We had three quarters of the school here watching the two films. A reminder that World Book Day is next Thursday, 7th March and your child can choose either to come in their (clean!) pjs/dressing gown or dress up as a book character. The children should also bring a copy of one of their favourite books with them. (Named, please)



Another date for your diary is **Comic Relief Day—Friday 15th March**. We are keeping it simple by inviting the children to wear something red to school that day. It could range from a whole outfit to just a hair band or badge. Some children may enjoy being quite creative! We do ask that the children bring in a small donation for Comic Relief in return for wearing mufti. On this occasion Year R will not be taking part in this as they have a trip to Goodwood Farm and need to be wearing their own very warm clothing ready for a day outside.

INSET days for next year 2024/2025:

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

Diary Dates for this term:

Monday 4th March	KS2 author visit—David Fuller
Mon 4th & Wed 6th March	Parents’ Evenings 3:30pm—6pm Don’t forget to get booked in quickly!
Thurs 7th March	World Book Day (Dress as a book character or pjs... and BRING A BOOK showing your character)
Fri 15th March	YR trip to Goodwood Farm Comic Relief Day—wear something red
Mon 18th March	Open Classrooms 2:45pm—3:30pm
Fri 22nd March	Easter discos

Summer Term—key dates:

Mon 22nd—Fri 26th April	Y6 Bikeability week
Mon 10th June	Open Classrooms 2:45pm—3:30pm
Fri 21st June	Summer Fayre 3:15pm
Thurs 4th July	Sports Day (KS1 am / KS2 pm)
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 Ella F	1KD Lizzi B
2CA Nick C	2EH Elsie-Rose B
3ER Callie B	3KC Jonathan M
4RD Alina D-D	4TF Poppy T
5HC Eli P	5CT Tyler 5CT
6BA Dexter S	6HB Layla G



Attendance:

The class with the highest attendance this week:

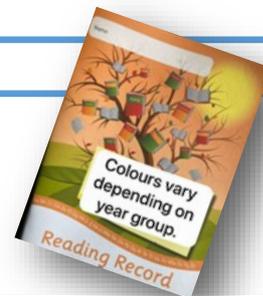
4RD 99% (they get the chance to have 15 minutes extra choice time next week).

The child with 100% attendance this week:

Sophie 5HC chosen by a random generator: —she gets to choose a book from Miss Bowers’ selection of prize books.



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Spotlight on Reading:

As it is the time of year when we add even more focus to the importance of reading, it is therefore a good time to think about the value of reading at home. We do ask that you write a note or sign their reading record regularly, please.

Here are some tips to think about:

1. Encourage your child to read

Reading helps your child's wellbeing, develops imagination and has educational benefits too. Just a few minutes a day can have a big impact on children of all ages.

2. Read aloud regularly

Try to read to your child every day. It's a special time to snuggle up and enjoy a story. Stories matter and children love re-reading them and poring over the pictures. Try adding funny voices to bring characters to life.

3. Encourage reading choice

Give children lots of opportunities to read different things in their own time - it doesn't just have to be books. There's fiction, non-fiction, poetry, comics, magazines, recipes and much more. Try leaving interesting reading material in different places around the home and see who picks it up.

4. Read together

Choose a favourite time to read together as a family and enjoy it. This might be everyone reading the same book together, reading different things at the same time, or getting your children to read to each other. This time spent reading together can be relaxing for all.

5. Create a comfortable environment

Make a calm, comfortable place for your family to relax and read independently - or together.

6. Make use of your local library

Libraries in England are able to open from 4 July, so visit them when you're able to and explore all sorts of reading ideas. Local libraries also offer brilliant online materials, including audiobooks and ebooks to borrow. See [Libraries Connected](#) for more digital library services and resources.

7. Talk about books

This is a great way to make connections, develop understanding and make reading even more enjoyable. Start by discussing the front cover and talking about what it reveals and suggests the book could be about. Then talk about what you've been reading and share ideas. You could discuss something that happened that surprised you, or something new that you found out. You could talk about how the book makes you feel and whether it reminds you of anything.

8. Bring reading to life

You could try cooking a recipe you've read together. Would you recommend it to a friend? Alternatively, play a game where you pretend to be the characters in a book, or discuss an interesting article you've read.

9. Make reading active

Play games that involve making connections between pictures, objects and words, such as reading about an object and finding similar things in your home. You could organise treasure hunts related to what you're reading. Try creating your child's very own book by using photos from your day and adding captions.

10. Engage your child in reading in a way that suits them

You know your child best and you'll know the best times for your child to read. If they have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) then short, creative activities may be the way to get them most interested. If English is an additional language, encourage reading in a child's first language, as well as in English. What matters most is that they enjoy it.

(Source: '10 Top Tips for Parents to Support Children to Read' DfE Gov.UK)

Further links to tips for reading can be found 'pinned' at the top of the Georgian Gardens CP School Facebook group



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Year 5 Greek Bricks:

The children loved getting their hands dirty on Monday when they had the chance to make bricks just how the Greeks did using straw and mud.



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.



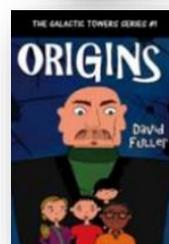
Sports News:

Tuesday saw some Year 1 and 2s compete in the KS1 Multi - Skills event at The Angmering School. The children took part in hoop targets, hockey dribbling, speed bounce and various other activities. All that took part had a fabulous time! Well done.



KS2 Author Visit:

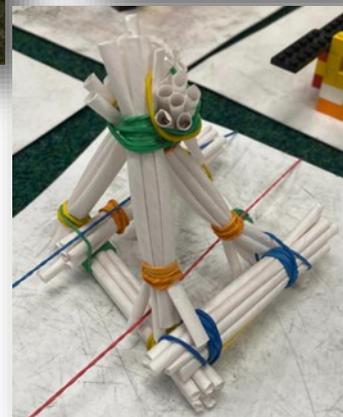
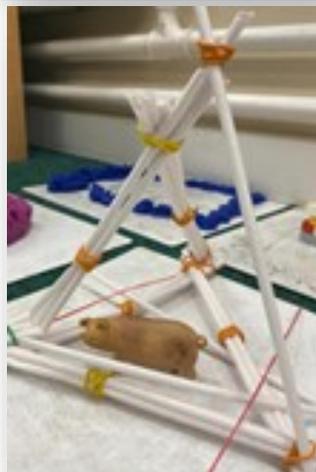
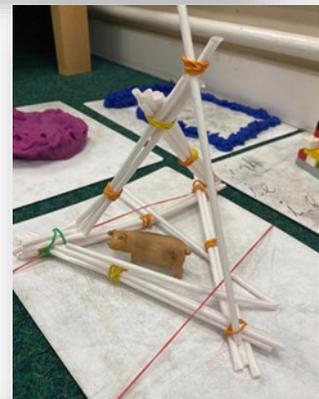
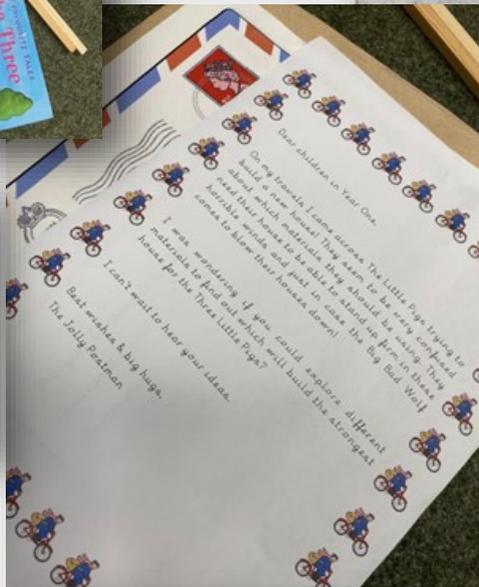
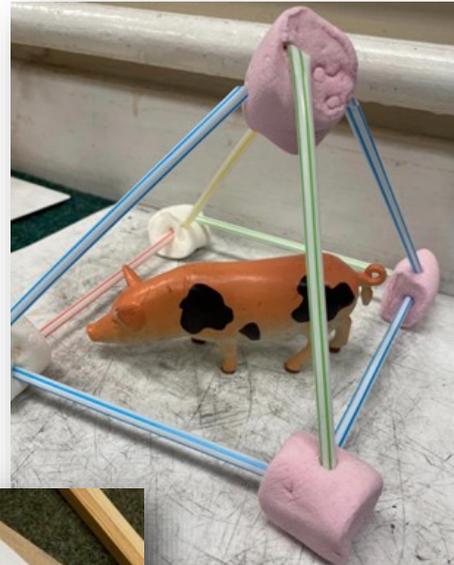
As KS2 parents will have seen in the recent 'School Ping' we have an author, **David Fuller**, visiting the children on Monday 4th March. He is offering his books for sale at a discount (see the ping for details of how to order them). During the day he will spend time with the children talking about how he became a writer, the struggles he overcame to follow his passion and where he gets his ideas from for his stories.



The annual WBD falls on Thursday 7th March this year and once again we are inviting the children to dress up if they would like to. They have a choice of dressing as a book character (and bring the book in with the character in it) or come in pyjamas/dressing gown (bringing a favourite bedtime story book). There will be an extra focus on books and reading in school that week as part of our book week, however, as you know, reading is a high priority for us in school year-round.

Year 1:

On Monday Year 1 had another delivery from the Jolly Postman, who challenged them to find out about different materials and to think about which would be best for a house for the 3 little pigs. 🐷 We looked at different materials and designed and made our houses. Then the big bad Wolf huffed and puffed to see which ones didn't blow down.



Seesaw: If your child has homework set on 'Seesaw' but you are in need of an updated log in code, please do email Mrs Trahern who will send it to you. ptrahern@georgiangardens.co.uk

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