



A message from the GLC CEO, Mrs Viki Reid:

Last half term was a really sad one in which we lost the lovely Kayla Ere.

Kayla was a beautiful, caring and thoughtful student who brought happiness and joy to the Gateway Academy and her family.



While it has been difficult, the positive relationships and genuine care for her family and each other [within and beyond the GLC] has been so comforting.

Her funeral will take place on the 20th April. The memorial ceremony will be at the Gateway Academy before her burial at Chadwell St Mary cemetery.

I know lots of you have made donations already to the Just Giving page, donations are also being given to Cardiac Risk in the Young [CRY Organisation] – if you would like to donate please visit <https://www.c-r-y.org.uk/>

If you would like to give flowers, please take them to the cemetery. Thank you for all your support and kindness during this difficult time.



The Sharing our Lives students are joined by Together Productions

The Sharing our Lives students enjoyed their 5th and 6th workshop with Together Productions. During this workshop the students had the pleasure of working with Aga (composer), Capo (writer) and Laura (story curation.) They spoke about how they found the story collecting process, curatorial process and viewed the stories as a group. They went through the writing and composition process then explored different tempos, beats and styles of music, taking into consideration the mood of the story that they'll be writing about. The song will then be performed at the GLC Summer Arts Festival.





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GLC Scholars Programme Graduation Ceremony

We celebrated the achievements and hard work of 124 Year 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 pupils across the Gateway Learning Community who graduated from The Scholars Programme Autumn 2022-2023. Their first ceremony was at St Catherine's College in Oxford.




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GLC Scholars Programme Graduation Ceremony – Autumn 2022-2023

Parents/ carers joined us to congratulate the pupils in our first GLC Graduation Ceremony held in the Ellis Theatre at the Gateway Academy on Monday 27 March 2023. The Scholars worked extremely hard during The Scholars Programme and achieved outstanding results. They are all a credit to the GLC and to their parents/ carers. Parents/carers contact their school office for individual photos of students in their graduation hats.





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Senior Citizens Meal

This year we had the pleasure of welcoming back the senior citizens from the local community for our Senior Citizens Meal, after 3 years! It was a huge team effort, everyone put in 100% and it was very much appreciated by all. They enjoyed a delicious main meal prepared by the GA catering team and a mouth-watering dessert prepared by the GA Food Technology Staff and Students, followed by bingo and raffle. The cake sale, made by the GA Food Technology Staff and Students was a huge success. An overwhelming £700 was raised and split between the charities Thurrock Foodbank and Friends of London and Essex Homeless. We have received some lovely comments, here are a few:

My wife and I had a wonderful dinner last night, from the moment we walked through the entrance until the moment we left, everyone, all volunteers we understand, went out of their way to make us welcome.

We were particularly impressed with the way the young girls and boys took care of us and it was a pleasure to talk to them.

Unfortunately, we cannot thank everyone individually but perhaps it can trickle down?

*Thank you all again.
Peter and Iris Wood*

We would like to thank you for a great evening yesterday. Your hospitality was well received by everyone, the food was lovely and your students a real credit to your academy. Please send our special thanks to them. As for the "entertainment" we would normally say stick to the day job, however we think that Kevin has found his true vocation. He is a true sport, well done.

Thank you all again, looking forward to next year,

*Very best wishes,
Ken and Enid Smith plus our table
Bob and Maureen Flavin
Ken and Chris Jutsum
Barrie and Josie Minett*

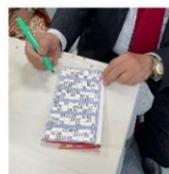
Dear All

Thank you for inviting Maggie Wright and myself to the Annual Senior Citizens dinner at the Gateway last night. It was a most enjoyable evening, the students who served, prepared and greeted the diners were a delight, so polite and helpful, they were a credit to the school and their parents and teachers. It made me proud to be associated with such a great group of schools.

Please pass my thanks to all concerned in organising the evening, it is much appreciated.

*Best Regards
Maggie*

P.S the daffodil given as we were leaving was a lovely touch. Enjoy your half term break.



The students were extremely polite'




YOUNG VOICES

The amazing charity single, PROUD, features the GLC primary choirs! Let's help it to reach the top of the charts. Spread the word and we can raise vital funds for Place2Be.

Buy it on iTunes or Amazon Music (search Proud Heather Small featuring The Young Voices Choir).

Charity Walk with LPA's Eco Warriors

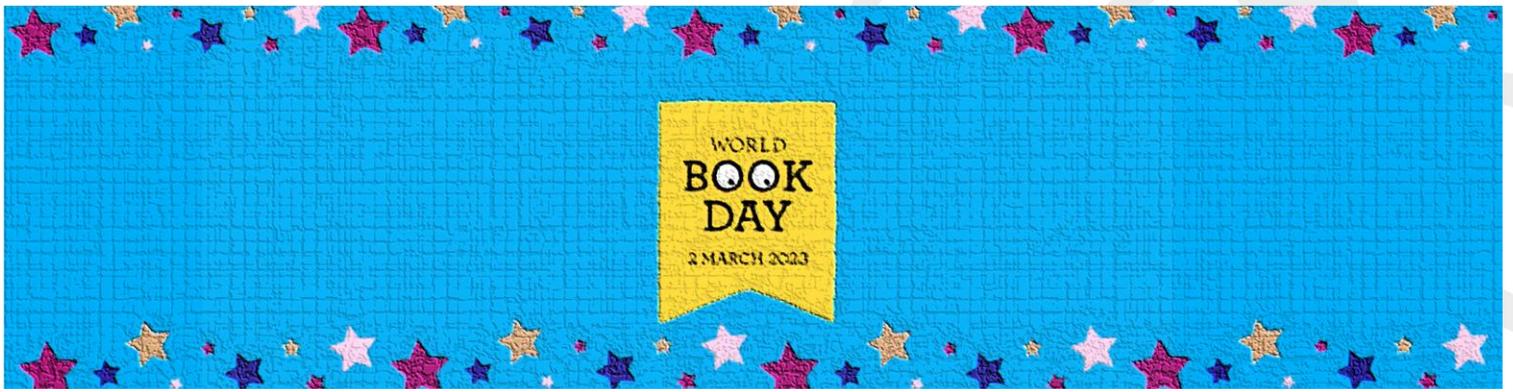
A huge thank you to everyone who joined the Lansdowne Primary Academy Eco Warriors on their nature walk on Saturday 25th March. This was to raise awareness of climate change and the effects it has on the environments we love. It really was an enjoyable experience that enabled us to reconnect with our country's beautiful woodlands and natural surroundings. We have raised £100 which will go to the WWF, who are working hard to protect and restore nature in the UK and around the world. Lansdowne will receive a gold medal and certificate from WWF for their fantastic effort.



Sustainability Action Group - Encourage the Children to Join Mr Lawler

On the 8 February, the sustainability action groups from across the Trust's five schools met to discuss their present projects and future ideas. These included: old battery collections, litter picks, sapling planting, gardening clubs, energy and waste audits, and an endangered animal adoption (a sea turtle). Mr. Lawler has started outdoor clubs, to meet the children's aims of growing vegetables and increasing biodiversity at the school sites by planting wildflower seeds. Some gardening places are still up for grabs, at some of the schools, so if your child is green-fingered or budding environmentalists please ask them to contact Mr. Lawler.





“That’s the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet.”

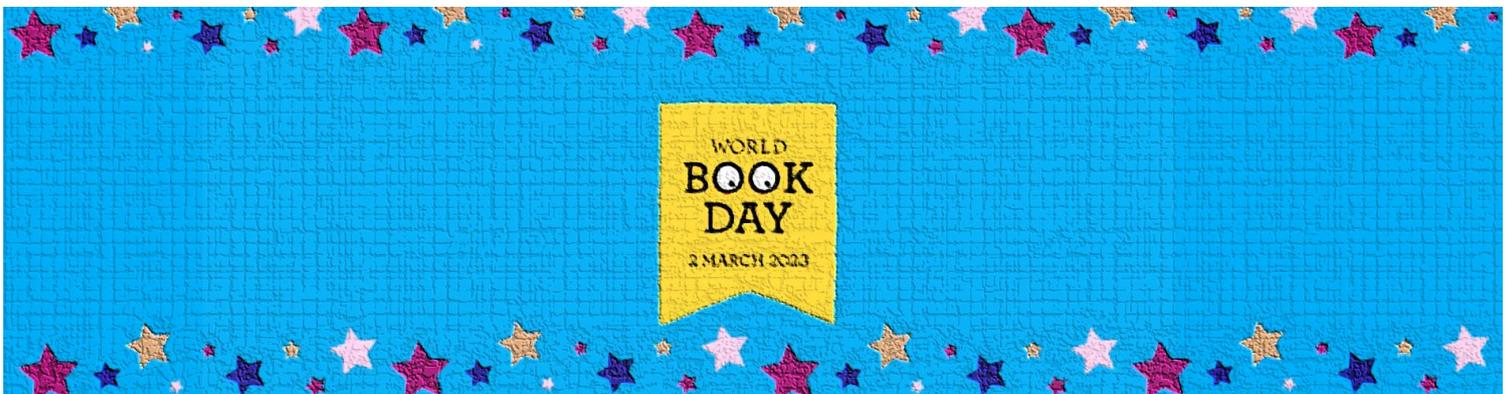
— Jhumpa Lahiri

“Books are the plane, and the train, and the road. They are the destination and the journey. They are home.” - Anna Quindle



“Books are a uniquely portable magic.”

- Stephen King





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GLC Sports and PE

Sportshall Athletics Competition

On 10th February, Year 8 competed in the sports hall athletics competition, both the boys' team and the girls' team came in 1st place!

Well done to all students who were involved. What a fantastic way to end the half term.



This half term students have tried a range of sports and activities including: boxing, tennis, hockey, and agility. They have been focusing on their skill set and recognising that some skills are transferable to other sports.



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Year 2, have been taking part in New Age Kurling, they working on their technique, accuracy and power. They have really enjoyed learning a new game and understanding the rules.



GLC Handball Winners - During the last week of spring one we had our first ever GLC handball event. All the primary trust schools came together.

It was a great experience, Herringham Primary Academy played Lansdowne Primary Academy in the final, which led to Herringham Primary Academy taking first place.

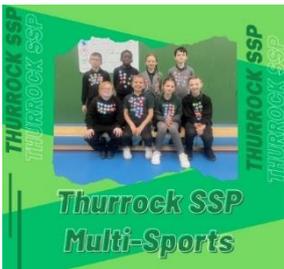
Football – Herringham Primary Academy Year 3/4 football team had their first fixture against Arthur Bugler. They played hard and represented the school with pride. Both boys and girls 5/6 teams also played Gateway Primary Free School, two outstanding games. The Gateway Primary Free School girls took another win and kept a clean sheet, it will come down to the final league game to decide who will be crowned the winners.

KS1 Sportshall Athletics Champions! On Friday 10th February, our KS1 children headed to Basildon to take part in the Thurrock SSP Sportshall Athletics event. After a round robin of activities, Herringham Primary Academy scored highly and took **first place** out of a huge 18 schools.



Thurrock SSP Multi Sports

On Friday 3rd March, selected children across the GLC primary academies had the opportunity to attend the Thurrock School Sport Multi-Sports event. The children participated in a variety of different activities, including the use of the parachute, bowling and hockey.



Throughout the event, the children showed great enthusiasm and some fantastic teamwork, followed with plenty of smiles and lots of laughter. Well done to all those who took part, you represented our trust brilliantly!



Year 9's Devising Theatre Workshop

On Monday 27 March 2023, 30 Yr. 9 Drama students had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a 'Devising Theatre' workshop with Paperbirds Theatre Company.

Students learnt various skills for devising their piece, including working in unison, repetition and layering, adding choreographed movement to lines of a speech by Malala Yousafzai as well as developing expressive characters based on the theme of protest.

The activities were challenging but by the end of the sessions, the students made rapid progress and the quality of the work was high.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

Two of our Gateway Academy Students were awarded a Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. A huge congratulations to Vitys and Charlie.



Launch of the GA's New Student Leadership!

Gabrielle

Responsibility



Mia

Compassion



Richard Murrell: Lead Studio Director of BBC News visits Gateway Academy!

Yr. 9 and 10 Drama, i-Media and Film Students had a visit from Richard Murrell who spoke about his background, career and gave an inspirational message about aspiration. He encouraged students to 'aim higher than you think you can'. He described his upbringing in East London with his father, who was a milkman. He dreamt from a young age of being able to work in broadcasting. He showed numerous clips from his travels whilst working around the world, an insight into his work life and clips from his colleagues describing their experiences. One of the most notable clips was of riot training that presenters have to go through and then a real scene from a presenter at a protest. Alfie Mauldin (Yr. 9) even got a chance to experience life in a presenter's seat reading from autocue. He was excellent and how he kept up with the pace of reading that a presenter is required to read out was beyond me! The final message Richard left the students with was, to listen to your inner voice, be **resilient**, adapt to change quickly and if you want something, go for it!



Richard Murrell @murrell_richard · 6h

This morning I will be giving another @speakers4schools talk to pupils @GlcTeaching - taking them through a story of working in broadcasting #InspireAGeneration #BehindTheScenes



Year 11 Visit to Herne Bay, Kent

80 Gateway Academy Year 11 students visited Herne Bay over two days to study coastal management plans. The objective of the visit was to assess whether coastal defences at Herne Bay are effective. The students completed some beach studies as well as a town study where they looked at investments into coastal towns.



Positive feedback from a community member:

"I live in Herne Bay, Kent and have just had the pleasure of meeting 3 of your Year 11 pupils who are on a field trip here today. Emily, Alexandra and Harleen were carrying out a survey and I wanted to let you know that they were polite, respectful and cheerful. Having worked in education for 15 years (and missing it dreadfully!) I know young people can get negative press, and I have worked with some extremely challenging students in my time, but these girls were an absolute delight and a credit to both your school and their families"



Year 1 Wow Start

At the Gateway Primary Free School, the children celebrated their new topic in History by coming into school dressed as Kings and Queens for their WOW start. The children really enjoyed the day and were intrigued by their new topic - The Queen.



Bedtime Stories

Children at Gateway Primary Free School enjoyed a wonderful evening of Bedtime Stories!



Visit to Rainham Marshes

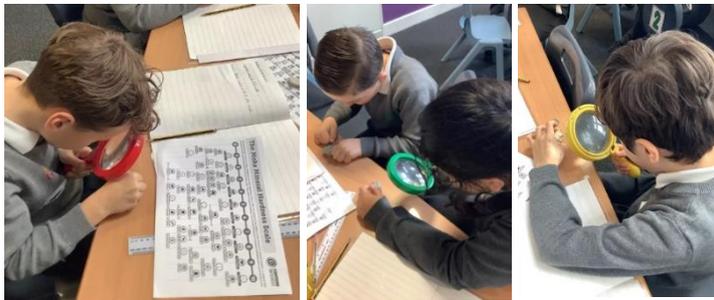
Year 5 visited Rainham Marshes to learn more about the parts and uses of a river.

Rainham Marshes protects 411 hectares of the Thames Estuary, an idyllic wildlife haven and is just a stone's throw from London.



Year 3 Geologists

The Year 3 children became geologists! They were investigating the hardness of different minerals whilst using the Mohs Scale.



News Additions to the Year 2 Family

On Wednesday 22 March, the Year 2 children had wonderful news, their chicks hatched! The children have decided on names for their new chicks and are very excited to take care of and watch their chicks grow. Meet Lily, Hennifer, Fluffy, Albert Eggstein and DJ Chick.



Children's Mental Health Week

To mark the start of Children's Mental Health Week, the children were invited to wear yellow on Monday 6th February. Over the course of the week, the children completed different activities focussed around this year's theme: 'Let's Connect'. Each class started one of their PE lessons with 'Hula Hoop Connections', where they were encouraged to connect and work together. A hula hoop was placed over one child's arm and pupils then all hold hands. They then have to work together to pass the hula hoop around the group, sharing something about themselves that connects them to their classmates.





What would you do if you had a magic pencil?

For International Women's Day, Year 2 at have been reading Malala Yousafzai's book 'Malala's Magic Pencil' – they discussed what they would do if they had a magic pencil. Here are some of the outcomes...

'If I had a magic pencil, I would help the poor' – Mayeyle

'If I had a magic pencil, I would make sure everyone is treated equally' – Ayotunde

'If I had a magic pencil I would make people happy' – Sarah

'If I had a magic pencil, I would give poor people a house and plant more trees to help us all breathe' – Oliver B

'If I had a magic pencil, I would make everyone in the world friends' – Mahbeer

'If I had a magic pencil, I would make sure everyone had everything they need, make sure everyone had a right and peace, no matter what. Make sure everybody had money no matter what their age, race or disability' - Amna

Year 6 - New Student Tour at ROH

Herringham Primary Academy had the pleasure of visiting the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. The Royal Opera house are developing a new student tour that will be offered to students nationally. Our pupils were invited to take the tour and have been fundamental in the decision making, providing feedback to influence the design of the tour.



Year 2 taking care of their new ducklings!



Meet Herringham Primary Academy's new ducks, Year 2 will be taking good care of them and have given them some lovely names.

Holocaust Memorial Day Pledges

Assemblies regarding the Holocaust took place at HPA on Memorial Day, the children then made pledges.



Yes Futures

Yes Futures started their coaching sessions with Herringham Primary Academy, the children were excited about the programme and already have the four talents memorised! Well done!





Year 6 Scientists

Year 6 scientists experimented with batteries, they explored whether the amount of batteries added to a circuit affected the brightness of the bulb. The children shared their outcomes with each other.



Reception Family Learning Session

Thank you to parents/ carers were able to join us for the family learning session.



Key Sports Gymnastics

On Friday 10th March, children from LPA had the opportunity to attend the Thurrock School Sport Key Steps Gymnastics event. Out of 18 schools, Year 3 and 4 placed 9th and Year 5 and 6 placed 5th, both securing a top 10 finish!



Science Wow Moments

The Royal Institution of Science visited Lansdowne Primary Academy, the Year 6 children took part in a Science workshop to celebrate Science Week! Parents and carers were also invited to watch some exciting experiments.



Year 6 Fairground Ride Building

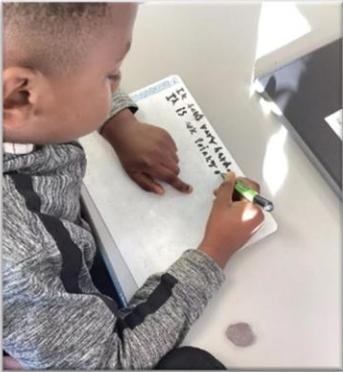
As part of the Year 6 topic, the pupils have been designing and building fairground rides which move using an electric circuit.





Investigating Rocks

In the first lesson of investigating rocks Year 3 were looking closer at the different rocks and using their describing words to explain the properties of the rocks.



Junior Phonics Teachers

The Tilbury Pioneer Junior Phonics Teachers in action leading Pinny Time in the Year 1 and 2 playgrounds. Each of the Year 6 children have Year 1 pupils to work with. Both the Year 6 and the Year 1 children are finding learning like this great fun and the staff cannot wait to see the impact.



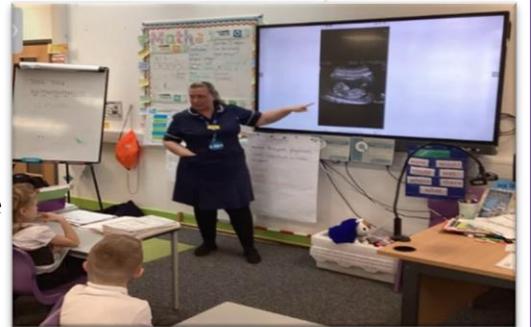
Reception African Print Workshop

This week children in Reception had their parent workshop. They were so pleased to see so many people coming to support. The children made African patterns on their own t-shirt. They then followed a very wriggly Mrs Jones around the garden to share their amazing designs with each other!



A Special Visitor in Year 2

Year 2 had a special visitor join them, a midwife came to tell the pupils all about their job. She was able to show the children pictures of a baby in a womb, listen to a child's heartbeat and explain the general role of a midwife. The children were very interested.



Year 4 Stone Age Workshop

Year 4 participated in a workshop to help them imagine life in the Stone Age. The workshop was very engaging.





Check out our latest vacancies here: <http://www.theglc.org.uk/189/joining-our-team>

Please contact human resources on 01375 489024 or by email hr@theglc.org.uk for further information or to arrange a visit.

Summer | Key Dates:

19 April 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 10 Mock Interviews	21 April 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Netball rally – Basildon Sporting Village
24 April 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">LV21 Year 1 trip HPA	25 April 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">LV21 year 1 trip GPFS
26 April 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">LV21 Year 1 trip TPA	27 April 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">LV21 year 1 trip LPAYear 10 Parents’ Evening
28 April 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">KS1 tag Rugby – Orsett Heath Ac	1 May 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bank Holiday
2 May 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 2 SATs week	4 May 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">The GLC Games [SEND]
5 May 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">KS2 Tri-Golf – William Edwards	8 May 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bank Holiday
9 May 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">GCSEs beginYear 6 SATsGA Dance Show	10 May 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">GA Dance Show
11 May 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 3 Kit Theatre Experience Day HPA [AM] GPFS [PM]	12 May 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 3 Kit Theatre Experience Day LPA [AM] TPA [PM]Year 3/4 Tag Rugby – Orsett Heath Academy
17 May 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wish trust performances for Year 6English Touring Opera performances 10am and 1.30pm at TPA	23 May 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 3 Kit Theatre Experience Day TPABest of Dynamo Cricket – Orsett Cricket Club
24 May 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 3 Kit Theatre Experience Day LPAKS1 Quad Kids – Blackshots Athletics TrackYear 3/4 Quad Kids – Blackshots Athletics TrackYear 5/6 Quad Kids – Blackshots Athletics Track	25 May 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 3 Kit Theatre Experience Day HPA
26 May 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 3 Kit Theatre Experience Day GPFSEnd of half term	29 May 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bank Holiday

Dates are subject to individual school changes, any changes will be communicated to you via your school communication app.



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Events

Fridays
3 - 4.30pm

6th January
17th February
17th March
21st April
19th May
16th June



Saturdays
10 - 11.30am

7th January
18th February
18th March
22nd April
20th May
17th June



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