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PARENT NEWSLETTER

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26 May 2023 #5



A message from the GLC CEO, Mrs Viki Reid:

I am incredibly proud of our children and staff at The GLC.

As soon as you walk into any of our schools you feel the warmth from the positive relationships and see our core values in everything we do. This term our children have shown incredible responsibility and resilience as they take part in SATs, GCSEs, phonics and the multiplication times table check.

While we believe this is very important we also ensure that our children have a range of opportunities and experiences within and beyond the curriculum. They developed empathy and compassion as they learn about climate change. They have showcased their creativity in performances in dance, as part of an opera, making costumes and creating new chocolate bars! While critical thinking skills supported them to tackle the difficult problems posed at the Mathematics competition and as part of a forensic science workshop. We have continued to enjoy collaborating with organisations such as the Rotary Club, we were really pleased to see Finley achieve first place in the Young Chef competition. We know that this will enable our students to find and develop their interests and confidence so that they can identify and achieve their aspirations.

Thank you for everything you do to support them and our schools.



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Singing Playgrounds Project

On Tuesday 25 April 2023, pupils from all 4 GLC primary schools joined with the Singing Playgrounds project to learn some fun songs that can be used in the playground and the classroom.

The children joined in very enthusiastically and will become Song Leaders in their schools, bringing children together in the playground, having fun, making new friends and being creative all at the same time!



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The Wish Gatherer Visited Year 3

On Wednesday 17 May 2023, The Wish Gatherer visited the Year 3 pupils from across The GLC trust. This is the first instalment in English Touring Opera's trilogy of Climate Change operas. Made in collaboration with **Julie's Bicycle**, **The Wish Gatherer** explores the impact of climate change on the natural world, in a national curriculum-linked adventure story.

The story follows Lola, a young girl struggling with the effects on her world after COVID, her parent's recent divorce and the climate crisis. Year 3 joined Lola on her journey, to meet the magical Wish Gatherer, the mysterious and dark Muddier, the disenchanting bee, Bumbella, and the enterprising Seed Planter, in the story of beauty, loss, revolution, and new beginnings.



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THURROCK PRIMARY MATHLETICS COMPETITION

On Thursday 4th May 2023, young mathematicians came together to compete in the Thurrock Primary Mathletics Competition. The competition is hosted by The Gateway Learning Community and run in partnership with the Rotary Club of Grays Thurrock. The competition provides a challenging, engaging mathematical experience that is both competitive and educational. It is open to all primary schools across Thurrock, who are invited to submit a Year 5 team of four pupils to participate in the event.

This year 20 schools took part from across the borough, listed below;

Arthur Bugler Primary School, Aveley Primary School, Belmont Castle Academy, Benyon Primary School, Bulphan C of E Primary, Chadwell-St-Mary Primary School, Corringham Primary Academy, Deneholme Primary School, Gateway Primary Free School, Giffards Primary School, Herringham Primary Academy, Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, Horndon on the Hill C of E Primary School, Lansdowne Primary Academy, Little Thurrock Primary School, Somers Heath Primary School, Tilbury Pioneer Academy, Tudor Court Primary School, West Thurrock Academy, Woodside Academy.

The pupils worked extremely hard and were a credit to their schools. All pupils were awarded a certificate for taking part in the competition. The trophies were awarded to the winning team and runners up:

Winners: Tudor Court Primary School | Second Place: West Thurrock Academy | Third Place: Corringham Primary Academy

'It was fantastic to see primary maths geniuses at work, problem solving and working together in their teams. We are very much looking forward to welcoming more schools to join the Thurrock competition next year. A huge well done to the Thurrock Primary Mathletics Competition winners, Tudor Court Primary School. Thank you to Thurrock Rotary Club for enabling the event to go ahead each year.' - Dan George, Head of School [LPA]

GLC Primary Scoreboard:

- 7th Place: Tilbury Pioneer Academy
- 8th Place: Lansdowne Primary Academy
- 12th Place: Herringham Primary Academy
- 17th Place: Gateway Primary Free School

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GLC Gateway Academy

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The GA Community Dance Event

On Tuesday 9th May and Wednesday 10th May 2023, the Gateway Academy's community dance event was held in the Gateway Academy's Ellis Theatre. The Gateway Learning Community students from primary school through to Year 11, were given the opportunity to perform and showcase their talent and passion for dance to their friends and families in the audience.

The Gateway Academy's Year 11 dance students performed their examination choreographies, they also had the opportunity to audition to perform their solos. Many styles of dance were showcased, including contemporary, commercial, musical theatre, jazz and tap.

Local dance academies, Elite Dance Academy and BB's Dance Academy performed in the show, along with dance students from South Essex College. This gave The Gateway Learning Community students the opportunity to see dance beyond the set curriculum, encouraging them to aspire to attend dance colleges for a post 16 route.

'The students gave up their weekends and evenings to rehearse for the performance and their dedication to dance was truly reflected in their performances' – Rhiannon Thomas, Head of Dance at the Gateway Academy.

It was a wonderful performance, it was fantastic to see so many of our students getting involved. Students were eager to thank the Dance staff at the end of the evening which sums up so much! – Grainne McLaughlin, Head of School at the Gateway Academy

All dancers demonstrated The GLC core values beautifully, showing great responsibility, resilience, compassion and aspiration. Some of the dance performances will be showcased again at The GLC's Summer Arts Festival.



GA Artwork at One Community Development Trust Shop

We are proud to have our Gateway Academy students' artwork on display at the One Community Development Trust shop in Tilbury. Such fantastic support in the community.





The Rotary Club Young Chef Workshop and Competition...



On Wednesday 29th March 2023, six students from Year 9 and Year 10 attended the Rotary Club's Young Chef competition at South Essex College. The pupils watched a professional Chef create 3 dishes, the pupils then had 2hrs to cook the same dishes. The chef and judges were amazed by our students. The standard of work they produced was absolutely outstanding.

The pupils were up against tough competition from two other schools in the Thurrock area. Their teachers commented on how well our students coped under the pressure of the cook, how they were well mannered and how talented they are. Each student received individual feedback from the chef and then the winner was announced. **The Gateway Academy's Finley [Year 10] was awarded first place.** We are incredibly proud of him and all students who took part.



Year 10 Mock Interview Day

On Wednesday 19th April 2023, the Year 10 students arrived prepared to impress at their mock interviews. Supporting our students on the interview panel were The Readie Construction Group, Wates, Department for Work and Pensions - DWP, DP World, The Port of Tilbury, Mears Group and Make Happen, as well as a few familiar faces from The GLC.

The students had a glimpse of the real world of work and the experience has given them the tools, such as a working CV to be well equipped when entering the job market for the first time.

The panel were very impressed with the students' attitude, maturity and confidence. Students said that they were grateful for the opportunity to practice their interview skills with experts in their fields.



The GA at Jack Petchey's "Speak Out" Challenge

On Wednesday 10th May 2023, Eseoghene from the Gateway Academy took part in the Jack Petchey's "Speak Out" challenge. Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge gives free communication skills training to Year 10 students in London and Essex. Through their workshops they empower over 20,000 young people each year. Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge is a programme managed and delivered by Speakers Trust, the UK's leading public speaking organisation and is supported and funded by the Jack Petchey Foundation. Their aim is to amplify young people's voices by building confidence, developing skills and creating platforms for young people to share their stories and ideas to empower not only themselves but each other. They champion effective, positive communication to use in education, employability and social change. Read more:

<https://jpspeakoutchallenge.com/>

'Eseoghene was a phenomenal advocate for our academy last night, she demonstrated all of the fantastic qualities of our students' – Grainne McLaughlin, Head of School



Part I Forensic Science Workshop

On Monday 22nd May 2023, Gateway Academy students took part in the first of the Forensic Science Workshops. The 27 students from Year 10 represented the Gateway Academy fantastically! Lecturers expressed how impressed they were with the students' determination for learning new skills and how they applied them to new scenarios. The students had the opportunity to learn Latin in a Law workshop, without missing a heartbeat they were focussed into 'learning mode' and started choral pronunciation! Well done.



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Wow Start to the Term

On Friday 21st April 2023, Year 4 pupils at the GPFS enjoyed a fantastic WOW start to their new topic all about chocolate! Linked with their guided reading book, Roald Dahl's classic *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, they made brownies with a range of different fillings and also designed wrappers for their brownie in Design and Technology.



Year 3 Science Investigation - Plants!



On Wednesday 26th April 2023, Year 3 worked in groups to plant seeds in two different pots.

The pots will have different conditions throughout the investigation and as a team they will monitor the growth across the half-term.

Before they prepared their investigation, they wrote their predictions for how the plants will grow in the different conditions. They look forward to monitoring the growth of the plants throughout the half-term to find out if their predictions are correct!

Year 4 TTRS Champions supporting their peers

Year 4 have recently implemented a new strategy to improve times tables recall. Children who are Times Tables Rock Star champions, have been given the responsibility of testing their friends on the playground. They have specific children to work with each day and are really enjoying the responsibility.



Year 3 Robots



Year 3 have been learning about robots this half term - what they are used for and how they are made.

They have been looking at pneumatic devices, linkages and levers. The children made their own pneumatic device and linkage. They look fantastic!



Pets as Therapy - Meet Duke!

Herringham Primary Academy registered for 'Pets as Therapy' [PAT] visits. So far some of our Year 2 children have had the opportunity to meet Duke and take turns to read him a story. This gives the children opportunities to increase their confidence and sense of well-being.

Duke is a 12-year-old cocker spaniel and is under the close supervision of his PAT owner and a member of school staff.



Year 1 LV21 Trip

On Monday 24th April 2023, Year 1 had a very exciting day in Gravesend on the LV21. It is a lighthouse vessel. The children learnt all about how the vessel worked, how it was moved by tugboats and why it was used. The children went on all of the



floors of the vessel, explored the light and found out what a fog horn was. They had a lot of fun spotting the flags in semaphore that made up the letters of their name. The children made souvenirs of badges and lighthouses to take back to school with them.

Year 3 Trip to Wat Tyler Park

On Monday 15th May 2023, Year 3 visited Wat Tyler Country Park to explore habitats and learn about pollination. Whilst they were there, they had the opportunity to investigate the scrub and the meadow, in search of minibeasts. They discovered beetles, spiders, worms and even a lizard! During the afternoon, they learnt about photosynthesis and the process of pollination through some exciting games.

"I loved that we were exploring and finding bugs and things. Learning outdoors and playing games that are educational helped me to understand what we were learning about." – Antonia

"I really enjoyed learning about synthesis and how air turns into sugar"

– Tommy

"I loved exploring the meadow and finding all the little mini beasts. My favourite part was when the centipedes and spiders crawled on my hand I could feel their tiny little legs" – Riley



Year 1 Coronation Celebrations



Year 1 children created nature crowns as part of the Kings Coronation celebrations. They found natural 'treasures' to stick on their crown and enjoyed a special picnic lunch on the playground. In the afternoon, they created portraits of King Charles III. A

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Congratulations to Herringham Primary Academy for being awarded the Artsmark Gold Award!



Artsmark Gold Award

Awarded by Arts
Council England

Herringham Primary Academy were pleased to submit their Artsmark Statement of Commitment and Statement of Impact. We are pleased to share with you that they have completed their Artsmark journey and have been awarded the Artsmark Gold Award, well done to Taylor McGinley and her team. Sian Lister, GLC Creative Learning, Partnership and Projects Lead along with the Arts Council and our valued partners have worked extremely hard to ensure the children across the trust receive a range of engaging opportunities relating to arts and culture.

Below is feedback shared from the assessors:

'Your many partnerships are providing your pupils and staff a range of opportunities to engage with arts and culture. Being part of the ROH Trailblazers project for instance is enabling pupils to learn through dance and drama and being introduced to opera and ballet. It was great to read some of your pupils have contributed to the design of ROH tours. Your work with the English Touring Opera has supported Year 3 pupils to link music and science in their work of the challenges posed by climate change. Links with Thurrock Music Service provides opportunities for pupils to receive piano and guitar tuition as well as whole class music lessons, taking part in the Thurrock Music Festival and learning guitar, drums, and vocals as part of Rock Steady. Your 40-20-40 rule (40% pre-teaching, 20% workshop and 40% follow up) demonstrates your strategic approach when collaborating with creative practitioners, arts and cultural organisations. Collaborating with such partners also provides excellent CPD opportunities for your staff to develop their own knowledge and skills in the delivery of the Arts. Teachers take ownership of planning, securing progression of skills and connectivity to careers...'

'...The use of a digital platform, Online Excellence Hub (OEH) to share best practice across the trust sounds like an excellent idea. Projects such as We Will, All Different and All Equal enable pupils to express their voice as they can steer their work in any direction they choose. Art Council pupil members have had the chance to work with a spoken artist from Breaking Conventions and explored writing for music.'

'Congratulations on your Artsmark Gold Award!'

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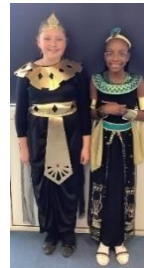
Year 2 Wow Start to the Term

On Monday 17th April 2023, Year 2 dressed up as Aliens and Astronauts for their 'Wow Start' to the new topic.



Year 5 Ancient Egyptians Immersion Day

On Friday 28th April 2023, Year 5 enjoyed an Ancient Egyptian Immersion Day. A fantastic effort was made by the pupils, here are some of their costumes!



KS2 Tri-Golf Tournament

A huge congratulations to the children who attended the KS2 Tri-Golf tournament on Friday 5th May 2023. The children have worked extremely hard with their putting and chipping techniques during their morning school sports club. We are very proud to announce that **Lansdowne Primary Academy ranked 1st place** out of 9 schools, bringing back the gold medal! This is an amazing achievement for everyone involved!

Celebrating the Kings Coronation

On Friday 5th May 2023, the children wore red, white and blue to celebrate the Coronation of Kings Charles III. The Reception children made crowns and flags. They had a fantastic time celebrating.



Website: <http://www.theglc-lansdowne.org.uk/>





Year 3 Wat Tyler Park Visit

On Wednesday 19th April 2023, Year 3 visited Wat Tyler Park and participated in two workshops about habitats and the life cycle of plants.

They had the opportunity to investigate the woodland area, in search of beetles, spiders, worms and even more critters!

During the afternoon, they played games with a focus on the process of pollination. This really helped the pupils to embed what they had learnt throughout the day.



Egypt and Artefacts



During this half term, The Year 5 pupils became archaeologists and looked for 'Ancient Egyptian' artefacts. They then guessed what the artefact might be and what it was used for.

They learned about jewellery, conspicuous jars, clothes, hieroglyphs and other artefacts. The children learned that Egyptians had great knowledge of their environments and also had deep beliefs about the afterlife.

Year 3 Vikings



Year 3 had a fantastic time learning all about the life of a Viking. They looked at different tools and materials they used day to day and how the Vikings traded goods for coins. They created their own classroom economy then became Vikings, participating in a Viking raid!



The 'new' GLC Core Values are now a year old!

Students across The GLC show the core values in their actions on a day-to-day basis! These actions are celebrated across The GLC.



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OUR GLC CORE VALUES

The GLC's mission is to develop active and thriving citizens within a diverse, truly fair and equal community.

Responsibility

We own our behaviour and actions. We recognise that we play a fundamental role in shaping our lives, the lives of others and every aspect of the world. We understand the importance of 'making the weather.'



Resilience

We tackle challenges head-on. We approach people and situations with confidence and a positive mindset. We learn from our setbacks and failures.



Compassion

We care for ourselves and each other. We contribute to making the world a better place. We treat others with kindness, respect and dignity.



Aspiration

We aim high and work hard to fulfil our potential. We believe everybody can achieve something great and realise the importance of 'improving upon our best.'



**GLC**All Different: All Equal
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Summer 2 Key Dates:

5 June 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day back! Year 10 Official PPE Fortnight 	28 June 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GLC Spelling Bee Borough Olympics Group 4 and 5– Blackshots Athletics Track
6 June 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5/6 Rounders – William Edwards 	29 June 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Pre-Prom Reception at the Gateway Academy Year 11 Prom
8 June 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GLC District Sports 	3 July 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 to 7 Transition GA: Year 10 Work Experience Week 1 of 2
9 June 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Sports Day HPA & TPA 	4 July 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GA Summer Festival Gateway girls athletics heats night Infant Music Festival [0945-1130]
12 June 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 7-9 Assessment Fortnight 	6 July 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gateway boys athletics heats night
13 June 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thameside Dance Thurrock showcase – Thameside Theatre Junior Thurrock Music Festival rehearsal -1 	7 July 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS1 Borough Olympics – Blackshots Athletics
16 June 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Borough Olympics Group 2 and 3 – Blackshots Athletics Track 	12 July 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Thurrock Music Festival rehearsal -2 Junior Thurrock Music Festival Performance
20 June 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS1 3 Tees – Orsett Cricket Club Rapid Fire Cricket – Orsett Cricket Club	13 July 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GLC Summer Arts Festival Performance [10am] GLC Summer Arts Festival Performance [6pm]
22 June 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wind Rush Day [75 Years] 	14 July 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Sports Day GPFS & LPA KS1 Cross Country – William Edwards
23 June 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Leavers Event [Graduation] Year 6 Residential Supersports Rounders – William Edwards 	17 July 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GLC Sports Award Evening Primary 1700 – 1800 Secondary 1830 - 1930
26 June 2023 GLC Y6 Transition Visit for targeted pupils	19 July 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of the academic year! Wow-Biza [GA] 0800 – 1230
27 June 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Secondary Experience Days GPFS & LPA GCSE Summer Exams Season Ends 	<p>Dates are subject to individual school changes, any changes will be communicated to you via your school communication app.</p>

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21st April
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16th June



Saturdays

10 - 11.30am



7th January
18th February
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17th June



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Check out The 180 Project on facebook for information about what donations we currently need and where they can be dropped off.

WINDRUSH DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY

THURSDAY 22ND JUNE 2023, 9:30AM-6:30PM

London International Cruise Terminal, Tilbury, RM18 7NG



WHAT'S ON AT THE EVENT

- Royal Opera House Dance Workshops
- Woodside Academy Band "Woodside Steel"
- GLC Bloco Performances
- Ageless Teenagers Caribbean Tea Dance, 3-6 pm

24th & 25th June

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