



A message from the GLC CEO, Mrs Viki Reid:

Wow what an amazing end to the term...

Unexpected snow highlighted the amazing team spirit across the GLC.

Generosity in abundance with raffles for vulnerable families and Christmas gifts for students with support from staff and local companies. *Thank you to everyone who has contributed.*

The countless opportunities for our children to perform:

The GA-We Will Rock You [they did Rock Us-absolutely stunning], primary Christmas performances. *Thank you to everyone who supported our children to create such high-quality performances.*

Thank you to everyone who supported us through-out the Christmas events and your continued support throughout the year. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas, we look forward to seeing you in 2023. Enjoy the festivities.

GLC Tilbury Lights Switch On

The GLC primary pupils were a credit to their schools on Friday 6 December 2022, they performed brilliantly on stage at the switching of the Tilbury Lights event.





Celebration of the Arts

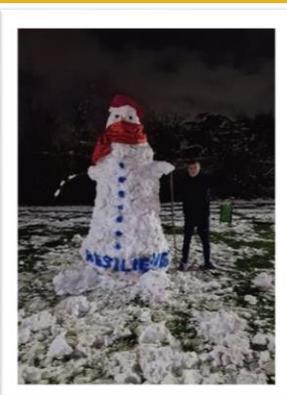
This term the Gateway Academy Arts Team have offered a huge variety of creative opportunities to students across the GLC. Following on from last year's success Kinetica Bloco are now offering drumming and steel pan workshops on Tuesday evenings open to all GLC students. Earlier this month Trailblazer theatre company Complete Commedia visited Year 9 students and extra-curricular clubs and peripatetic lessons have been running weekly in Dance, Music and Art. Our talented Year 11 dance students have been developing excellent leadership skills teaching a Monday afternoon dance club to students from the Gateway Primary Free School and Lansdown Primary Academy. In drama, Year 9 students enjoyed performing to Year 5 and 6 students from the GLC primary schools. Our Head of Arts, Jenny Hill has, this week, begun the first of the tailored clay workshops offered in the Trailblazer catalogue to visiting schools and Graffiti and sculpture workshops are planned for the new year for Gateway Art students in years 9-11.

Whilst all this has been happenig, teachers and a very dedicated team of Gateway students from all year groups have been organising costumes, designing lighting, programmes and posters, learning lines and practising duets all for our incredible production, 'We Will Rock You!' The first Gateway Academy production in over 3 years. A performance of this size requires hours of organisation and rehearsing from all those involved (over 100 students, teachers and staff) and we are extremely proud and thankful to all those involved. A massive thank you to all those who have attended this week and we hope you all enjoyed the show as much as we enjoyed making it! We look forward to seeing you all at the next production!



GA's Snowman Challenge

The GA set a challenge for students and staff to build a snowman on Monday during the snow closure. Students overwhelmed us with images of the fun they were having, We had over 200 entries from staff and students.



Well done to the winners: 1st Place -Alexandra M, 2nd Place – Norvydas R, 3rd Place – Alexandra S-B



GA's Christmas Giving Tree and Food Hampers

The Gateway Academy were able to donate 10 Christmas food and sweet hampers to some of our families. These were greatly received by all. Staff go above and beyond! Due to the generosity of our amazing staff, we have been able to donate in excess of 60 Christmas gifts to students.



Cultural Day at the Gateway Academy

"What an amazing day"...Students from the Academy's Leadership team organised a Culture Day. Supported by staff, the day celebrated the range of students' and staff's different cultures across the Academy. There were traditional foods from countries in Africa, Romania and Ireland served as well as many other cuisines. Students wore traditional dress to School and they looked absolutely amazing. PSHE and PAD lessons focused on Culture Day and traditional music played in the Canteen. It was such a pleasure to talk with students across the Academy about their traditions and family cultures. Students are already planning a second Culture Day for this Academic year; thank you to everyone involved.



For more GA news visit: <http://www.theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk/419/gateway-times-2022-23>

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



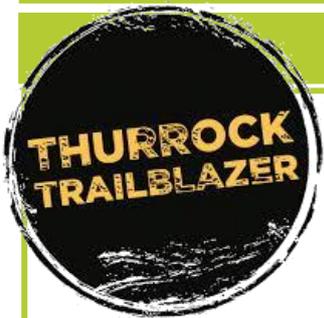
Great Job Isabelle!

For the past few years Isabelle's Mum has been helping to collect doors hampers and gifts for a local children's charity called Kids Inspire. Isabelle gave up her free time to help her Mum pack up the hampers ready for delivery. On Saturday, Isabelle helped deliver 465 hampers and over 70 gifts to the charity. She helped carry the hampers in and arrange the gifts ready for wrapping. She is a credit to her parents and to the GPFS.



Inspirational Visit from Danny Crates

Year 6 were treated to a special lecture from Paralympian Danny Crates. Danny spoke about his career and achievements. The children were able to learn from an inspiring individual who achieved great things after overcoming a personal tragedy. We are so grateful that this local hero took the time to speak to our children.



KIT Theatre Experience

As part of the KIT theatre experience days, Year 6 experienced a Victorian teacher who came back from the past, after a 'time machine' malfunctioned. They had to convince her how life was so unfair in the Victorian times and how it could be changed to make it fair.



Website: <https://www.theglc-primaryfreeschool.org.uk/>



Green Tree Bronze Award!



HPA have received their Green Tree School Bronze Award, the children have been very busy planting trees, lots and lots of trees – over 400 in fact! It was incredibly fun and a great way to connect with nature while helping the planet. While planting, the children talked about the many benefits of having more trees on our school grounds. Well done to all the staff and children at Herringham.

Matthew, Year 6 said 'I enjoyed when we had to put the tree in the ground and the put the tube around it, it wasn't as hard as I thought it'd be. The school will be more enjoyable and colourful and also it will be more environmentally friendly.'

The Eco council are now planning some more activities to help us achieve the Silver award.



Year 4 Parent/ Child Session

Year 4 at HPA held their first parent and child session of the academic year - lots of parents attended. They began by reminding everyone about the importance of learning the times tables and using TTRS every day. The children then logged into their laptops and found the correct assignment, demonstrating their independence to their families. They all worked together to draw, cut, sew and decorate their own Christmas ornament.



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



The LPA Choir Christmas Performance at Lakeside Shopping Centre

On Wednesday 7 December 2022 the LPA Choir performed at Lakeside Shopping Centre and were raising money for St Luke's Hospice. The children sang a selection of Christmas songs and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



LPA's Junior Road Safety Officers

Congratulations to Lansdowne Primary Academy first Junior Road Safety Officers

The Junior Road Safety Officers role is to help their local Road Safety Officer to promote road safety issues within the school and the local community.

They have already been very busy organizing competitions and consulting parents on the problems with parking outside of the school.

Well done to this group of year 5 pupils, keep up the good work.

Christmas Shows!

The children have been working very hard to practise songs, remember lines and routines. The performance across the school was amazing.



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





Christmas Bedtime Stories

Time to get in the Christmas spirit at Tilbury Pioneer Academy as we welcomed over 100 children to our Christmas bedtime story event. Children came in their festive pyjamas to listen to a Christmas story with a cup of hot chocolate and made a decoration for the tree. Thank you to Miss Godfrey for organising it and all of the adults who participated in making the event a success.



TPA's Christmas Market

On Thursday, Pioneer hosted the first Christmas Market since lockdown and it was a great success. The children baked traditional sweets, cakes or biscuits from around the world and sold them on their stalls.



Fantastic Christmas Performances – well done everyone!



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



GLC Sustainability Action Group

GLC young people came together for the first sustainability action group. They discussed Antarctica day, ways in which we can make changes to protect our planet, they heard from influential people – both famous and those who are amongst us in the GLC and worked in groups to discuss ideas and to make a pledge.

It is important to Mrs Reid as part of our development plan and that we are involving the whole community- e.g. weaving into our curriculum, working with Mr Spall to reduce energy and water use and working with our catering teams to reduce waste.

Our young people were an absolute credit to their schools and the GLC, they are looking forward to the next action group.

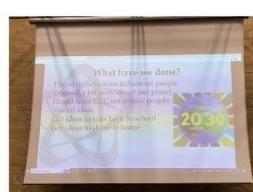
Comments from our young people:

'My favourite part is hearing about how everybody wants to change the world together' – Henry

'My favourite part was working as a team' – Matei

'My favourite part was searching on the laptops and hearing about how the nursery are planting strawberries and cucumbers then selling them' – Jaxon

'My favourite part was splitting into groups, I felt enlightened hearing the opinions from the different schools' – Joshua





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TOP TIPS FOR A SUSTAINABLE CHRISTMAS

Every pound we spend is a vote for the world we want to create. So here are our tips on how to make your festivities friendlier to our one shared home.



Check out WWF's top tips for a sustainable Christmas, from food, decorations, presents to going out and about - very interesting read: <https://www.wwf.org.uk/top-tips-sustainable-christmas>



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.

OLIO is a free mobile app for food-sharing which aims to reduce food waste. OLIO enables surplus food from businesses like Tesco and Iceland to be shared, not thrown away. This could be food nearing its sell-by date in local stores, or bread from the local bakery.

There are approx 100 Volunteers in Thurrock who collect the food waste each night and list it on the app. We are proud to say one of the volunteers is a Herringham Teacher!

Users of the app can request the items for free and collect them from the volunteers. On average there are 100-200 items in each collection the volunteer makes. This includes sandwiches, bread, bakery items, ready meals, salads, meat, veg/fruit.

For more info visit <https://olioex.com/>



WARM WELCOME at One Community Shop

*Mondays and Wednesdays 9:30 am onwards at
134 Dock Road Tilbury RM18 7BJ*



- Is your gas/electricity bills skyrocketing and you would like to contact your energy supplier?
- Are you missing out on any benefits?
- Do you need more financial support on housing cost?
- Are you aged 65+ You may qualify for additional support
- Or would you like to connect your devices etc...



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Spring | Key Dates:

4 January 2023: • Return to School	27 January 2023: • Holocaust Memorial Day • Primary Supersports Dodgeball
12 January 2023: • GA Year 7 Parents' Evening	3 February 2023: • GLC Multi Sports event • LPA/ TPA Year 2 KIT Theatre Experience Day • GPFS KS2 Swimming Gala
13 January 2023: • GPFS REC KIT Theatre Experience Day	9 February 2023: • Recruitment Fair • Senior Citizens Meal • KS2 Handball Tournament • GPFS/ HPA Year 2 KIT Theatre Experience Day
18 January 2023: • Primary 02 Young Voices Performance [02 Arena]	10 February 2023: • KS1 Sports Hall Athletics • Last Day of the Half Term
20 January 2023: • Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics	20 February 2023: • Return to school
Dates are subject to individual school changes, any changes will be communicated to you via your school communication app.	

Merry
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AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



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