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Gateway Gossip Fortnightly

Dear Parents and Carers,

Belated Happy New Year to you all. I hope everyone had a wonderful break. The children have come back refreshed and revived and we welcome the Spring Term and the thought of the lighter mornings, warmer days and new beginnings.

School has a very positive and happy feel to it since the return in January. You will be aware of our work on trauma informed and social emotional & mental health work in school and this has now been going on for some time. Our children are greeted by many adults in school each morning and throughout the day, children have been learning signs and staff using symbols to provide inclusive communication. One of our big priorities is creating a calm, caring and consistent environment through school and many visitors old and new are noticing the changes and impact. Please talk to your child about the signs they have learnt. We are developing them all the time and it often avoids the need to shout out instructions so the levels of noise stay within a reasonable level. Miss Makinson adds them to the bulletin for you also, so you can practise with your child!

Attendance is one of other priorities for this term and beyond. We hope you appreciate the need for your child to be in school at all times. It really is key to good outcomes and attainment. A reminder that any holidays in term time are not permitted and will incur a fine as well as a lot of lost learning that will need catching up on at home. Watch this space for more specific newsletters and initiatives to help drive up the standards in daily attendance.

Have a great weekend and keep checking your messages for information on the next Parents' Forum dates where we look forward to seeing many more of you in school again.

> With my very best wishes, Mrs Robinson

<u>11th January - 8th</u> <u>February</u> Tub4Pub Eco Challenge.

<u>Tuesday 24th January</u> Year 6 SATS meeting. 9am-9.30am or 2.45pm-3.15pm.



Dates To Remember

<u>Friday 26th January</u> <u>House Day in school.</u>

<u>Monday 29th January</u> Tramshed in for EYFS and KS1

<u>Friday 2nd February</u> Year 4 Trip to Ribchester Monday 5th February Mental Health Week

Wednesday 7th February Schools Alive Performance.

<u>Thursday 8th February</u> School closes at 3.15pm

Friday 9th February Staff Inset Day.

Let's Celebrate!

Core Value Award

N - Raluca RB - Darius 1B - Mason 1G -2B - Lilly-Mae 2G - Dilsha 3B - Hafeez-Ur 3G - Harley-Rio 4B - Morgan 4G - Caiden 5B - Natasha 5G - Esther 6B - Alfie 6G - Ramiar

Attendance

Xander, Jas, Layla, Joshua, Layla-Rose, Dylan, Terrence, Molly-Rae, Alannah, Suzie, Layton, Darla, Jack. RB 4G

Star Award

N - Shaun and Teagan RB - Jersey 1B - Lincoln 1G - Amelia 2B - Sofiat 2G - Layla-Rose 3B - Lucas 3G - James 4B - Olivia 4G - Ashton 5B - Casey-Leigh 5G - Lexi 6B - Jenson 6G - Sienna

Reading Award

N - Kayla RB - Szofia 1B - Jake 1G - Miley 2B - Jacob-Lee 2G - Pana 3B -3G - Paisley 4B - Lucas 4G - Tamara 5B - Laicee 5G - Jakub 6B - Mohammed 6G - Sammi

Well done to all our fantastic winners!

N - Freya RB - Archie-Lee 1B - Noah 1G - Pauli 2B - Evie Headteacher Award

2G - Leo 3B - Mateusz 3G - Terrence 4B - Stilia-Anna 4G - Ruby 5B - Tilly-May 5G - Karson 6B - Riley 6G - Conor



Attendance

One of our new attendance initiatives starts this week. For great attendance every fortnight, children will be sent a postcard home. If you receive a post card, bring it in to school for a reward from Mrs Riley.

This week 39 children will receive a postcard. Good luck!

Rainbow Room and The Hub for your positive approach and resilience in your daily role. Thank you for the nurture you provide for your children.

STAFF THANK YOU

Thank you! Year 4 who continue to support and build the resilience of the children with a nurturing approach. Well done!

Learning at Gateway

Nursery

We have had a fantastic start to our new term and have been learning all about Winter. We loved the snow day and have been reading 'One Snowy Night' and 'Little Penguin and the Big Storm.' We made our own storms in a bottle and experimented using ice. Percy the Park Keeper sent us a kindness jar and we've been looking out for Random Acts of Kindness within Nursery. It didn't take long until our jar was full!

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been working really hard on our subtration facts and have used a number line to support us counting backwards. In English, we have been exploring the Goldilocks and the Three Bears story; we created our own 'Wanted' posters and have been composing questions to ask Goldilocks when she is found. Year 1 also experienced the snow this week and came up with lots of vocabulary to describe what it felt and looked like.

Year 3

Year three have had an amazing first two weeks back! We have been exploring factions in maths, learning our new model text about making a Greek Vase and discovering all about Ancient Greece! Super work Year 3!

Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about air resistance in their science lesson and had a great time making paper airplanes and discussing the effects of air resistance, in conjunction with other forces too.

Reception

The children in RB have had such a busy time since returning from Christmas! We have been learning all about Winter, snow and ice. We had a visit from Percy the Park Keeper who gave us a kindness jar, have had a wonderful snowy walk and have made tornadoes in bottles!

Year 2 have been learning about everyday materials. This week they have been looking at the properties of materials and using their scientific skills to find different objects in their classroom.

Year 4

Year 4 have been exploring mass, capacity and volume in maths and really enjoyed using the resources to measure. We have been doing lots of experiments as part of our science topic of solids, liquids and gases and the children particularly enjoyed melting chocolate! Year 4 have also enjoyed our new Romans topic and exploring what they thought of ancient Britain.

Year 6

We have been reading @The Tale of Erik the Viking.' and writing explanation texts about this. Please check Dojo for the letter regarding our SATS meeting, which will be held on Tuesday 24th January at either 9:00 to 9:30AM or 2:45 to 3:15PM.































Have a lovely weekend! Blackpool Gateway Academy @GatewayFCAT

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