



September 2020

Dear all,

Welcome back to what we are sure is going to be a fantastic year. We would like to give a warm welcome to our new staff at Gateway:

Miss Frankland- Deputy Headteacher and SENDCO

Mr Snelling - Year 5 Class Teacher

Mrs Sinclair- Year 4 Class Teacher

Miss Unsworth - Year 1 teacher

Miss A Robinson - KS2 SENDCO

Mrs McClellan - Y2 Teaching Assistant

Miss Johnson - Nursery Class Teacher

Congratulations to-

Miss Fairbrother who is now Mrs Jarvie and Miss Forster has become Mrs Ferguson.

Houses at Gateway!

Yesterday we had a very exciting end to our day.

Children and Staff have now been allocated 'Houses' throughout school. Teachers were sent a secret email with a PowerPoint to reveal houses. Everybody was given an envelope to open. In the envelope was a coloured piece of paper to tell children which house they are in.



It caused great anticipation and excitement across school!

Our houses are:

King House- (Blue)- This house is named after Martin Luther King Jr and Head of house is Miss Hinds.

Newton House - (Red)- This house is named after Issac Newton and Head of house is Mrs Danyadi-Elliott

Curie House - (Yellow) - This house is named after Marie Curie and Head of house of Miss Whitby

Earhart House - (Green)- This House is named after Amelia Earhart and Head of house Mr Snelling.

In addition to this, we will be looking for responsible Year 6 pupils to be House Captains and lead their house by setting a super example to the rest of their team.

All children can now earn coloured gems for their house and winning houses at the end of each half-term will be rewarded with inter-house prizes - of course this will be dependent on the current Covid situation.

EYFS News

The children have settled into Reception and Nursery amazingly well, it has been marvellous to hear our classrooms full of laughter again. We were very excited to have our first day featured in The Gazette - a wonderful way to mark such a momentous occasion!



Just a reminder that our Nursery takes children from 3 years old and we currently have places available for 3 and 4 year olds - please contact the school office for further details.

Finally just a reminder of our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/eyfs.bga> we post lots of our exciting learning there and it would be great if you could stop by and perhaps become a friend!

KS1 News

Year 1 and Year 2 have settled into their new routines very well and while doing this we have been learning about **The Little Red Hen** and **Kassim and the Greedy Dragon**. It has been amazing to have all the children back in school and to see them learning, laughing and playing with their friends.

There are many challenges ahead and we must all now work hard to allow the children to catch up as a result of school closure last year.

One of the most important things we can do to support the children each day is:

READ

“The more that you **read**, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.”

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KS2 News

KS2 have settled back into school life brilliantly and are trying really hard to impress their teachers. We have lots of new routines to get used to and the children are doing amazing with this. In English, we have been learning Kassim and the Greedy Dragon - we hope you have had a rendition of this at home! PE has started this week - please make sure you know what day your child's PE lesson is on so they come in their kit. We have many challenges yet to come but together we will solve them and get through this together. Please remember the staff are here to help and will try to answer any questions you have. Teachers will post on dojo pages the exciting things the children are learning and ways that you can help at home.