# Gateway Gossip

Good afternoon all,



It feels strange writing the newsletter on a Thursday. Just a reminder of course that school is closed on Friday. Staff are in for Inset day but school is closed for children.

I am sure you will see from the pictures that it has been a busy week in school once more and of course a very busy half term as well.

This week we have engaged with Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day; both very important and highly significant in present times. I hope you have seen all of the material to help at home that we have shared on Classdojo, Twitter, Facebook and our Website. Hopefully you can share details at home also over the half term break and take care to ensure devices are safe and parental controls are switched on for maximum protection for your children at home too.

Have a wonderful week off and we look forward to seeing everyone bright eyed and bushy tailed on Monday 21st February 2022 at 8.45am, when we will also see very welcome lighter mornings and evenings too.

I hope you all have a very happy and healthy half term and you find some relaxation time. Hopefully some relaxing reading at home too!

Best wishes, Mrs Robinson

## **Dates To Remember**

Thursday 10th February
School closes for 1 week.
Friday 11th February
Inset day for staff.

Monday 21st February School opens at 8.45am

Thursday 3rd March
World Book Day - See below for
details
Early Years Library Trip - details
to follow
Friday 4th March

**School photo day** 

Have a lovely and safe half term break.
We will see you on Monday 21st February.
Team Gateway



Gateway Extra
Wednesday Film
Night
The film on
Wednesday 23rd
February is ...



Please book through the school office. Let us know if your child has any allergies.

Please check ParentApp and return the form for who can pick up your child. Thank you.



Let's Celebrate!



N - Noah

RB - Joshua

RG - Denver

1B - Ruby

1G - Romeo

2B - Ruby

2G - Connor

3B - Jacob

3G -

4B - Wa'izah

4G - Violet

5B - Corey

5G - Natalia

6B - Olivia

6G - Imogen

Sophie Sahara Lyla-Lou **Terrence** Poppy-Mae **Amelia** Sienna **Christian** Ioshua Malaya Alex Rydham Kaleb Charlie Mitchell Izzie

> Headteacher award



N - Mustafa

RB - Brookelyn

RG - Poppy

1B -Harley-Rio

1G - Amelia

2B - George

2G - Kacie

3B - Natasha

3G -

4B - Jamie

4G - Maillie

5B - Nicola

5G - Johnathan

6B - Sapphire

6G - Charlie

## **Reading Award**

RB	<u>1B</u>	<u>3B</u> Suzie	<u>5B</u> <u>Maisy</u>
<u></u>	<u>1G</u> <u>Lucy</u>	<u>3G</u>	<u>5G</u> Callum
<u>Willow</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>4B</u>	<u>6B</u>
	Alannah	Kelsey-Mai	Eric
	2G	4G	6G
	Kahlan	Riley	Harris

Class

<u> Attendance</u>

<u>Winners</u>

RB

**4B** 

## **Attendance Award**

N - Ella

RB - Nazira

RG - Szelina

1B - Miray

1G - Hafeez-Ur

2B - Mikey

2G - Amina

3B - Casey-Leigh

3G -

4B - Layton-Jack

4G - Daniel

5B - Tyler

5G - Lacey

6B - Dolton

6G - Sara

Well done to all our winners!



**House Teams** 

2nd

Curie

3rd

**Earheart Newton** 

Saffron-Eva

Year 4

"David

**Walliams** 

because his

books are

really

funny!"

Overall 186 206

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2



Year 3, 4, 5 and 6



## **Mrs Ferguson**

"Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket. As a child, I loved reading the Series of Unfortunate **Events. Although the three orphaned** Baudelaire children are hit with much bad luck and misery, I loved how they always worked together to overcome every obstacle they were faced with and escape the clutches of their enemy."



Oliwia Year 1 "I like reading



Patryk Year 6 "There's a boy in the girls bathroom because it's

funny"



everything!"

## **Mrs Balshaw**

"How Big is a Million? I love reading and maths so this book is perfect for me. We go on a journey with Pipkin as he discovers what numbers look like - but he wants to know 'How Big is a Million?'. With Pipkin we go on a journey of discovery to see if he can find a million. I wont spoil the ending but it is just amazing!"

## 1 Opened a Book

"I opened a book and in 1 strode.
Now nobody can find me. I've left my chair, my house, my road, My town and my world behind me. I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring, I've swallowed the magic potion. I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king And dived in a bottomless ocean. I opened a book and made some friends. I shared their tears and laughter And followed their road with its bumps and bends To the happily ever after. I finished my book and out I came. The cloak can no longer hide me. My chair and my house are just the same, But I have a book inside me."

– Julia Donaldson

Well done to 6B who won the home reading competition for Vi Spy. They all received their own copy of the book.



# Gateway's Amazing Learning! Nursery and Reception Year 1 and 2

Wow what a way to end our Spring 1 half term! The children finished their learning about The Gruffalo and celebrated this with a Gruffalo party! Just like in the story we had 'Gruffalo crumble' and 'owl ice cream' without the Gruffalo and the owl obviously!

This week the children have been investigating our outside area and we decided that we need more colour! We have been planting spring bulbs and wildflower seeds to attract wildlife into our outside area.

Please remember to have a look at our 'maths is everywhere' picture on the whole classroom Dojo page - extra Dojo points for any comments. We wish everybody a happy half term holiday and remember to get reading! The EYFS Team

In Year 3 we have been learning about place value in maths. We have been comparing and representing numbers and objects using different mathematical symbols. In English we have finished our final story. The children enjoyed writing a story with a bit of comedy. In PSHE we have been learning about friendships and the characteristics we display when we are a good friend to others.

Year 4 have been continuing their work on the water cycle and investigating the best place to dry washing by hanging wet paper towels in various locations and testing how quickly they dried. 4G had their last drumming session this week which they all thoroughly enjoyed. In Art the children have been evaluating their artwork that they created last week which used a mixture of digital pictures, shading techniques and materials to create their own masterpiece.

# Year 1 and 2

This week Year one have been finishing our work on friendship and they loved making a friendship webdid you spot it on Twitter? We really enjoyed doing Commando Joe's in our PE session. We had to complete the obstacle course and pretned to be Jack from Jack and the beanstalk. We had to make sure we didn't wake the sleeping giant!!Year 2 have loved dressing to express themselves today! They also enjoyed our investigation in Science investigating which material would be best to help someone who had spilt their drink. The children worked hard in groups and made sure it was a fair test. Have a lovely half term everyone!

This week, Year 5 have written their own persuasive advert, urging pupils to secure their place at Blackpool Gateway Academy. In Maths, the children have been drawing 2D shapes on a grid and translating shapes. In Art, the children have designed and created their own clay sculpture, inspired by Anthony Gormley. Year 6 has been learning to multiply fractions, carried on reading the various stories -Street Child, The Girl Who Stole an **Elephant and Wonder! In** Geography, the children thoroughly enjoyed a time trailed coordinate lesson!



# Any other business



100%

Attendance Competition Winners

In every day and on time. Well done to our winners.

RB - Bodie

RG - Bethany

1B - Danny

1B - Ruby

1B - Libby

1G - Lucy

3B - Maisie

3G - Kieran

4B - Conor

4G - Malaya

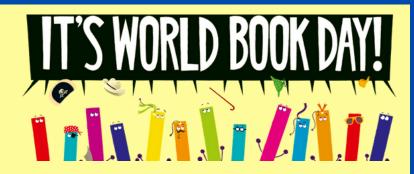
5B - Amelia

5G - Jay-Jay

6B - Jake

6G - Charlie





World Book Day on
Thursday 3rd March.
Children are welcome to
come in dressed up as
their favourite book
character but must be
dressed in clothes
appropriate to the
weather with sensible
shoes (school shoes or
trainers)

Due to the great success of our December Books Swap, we will be doing another Book Swap on World Book Day and will start collecting Books on the first day back-Further details to follow.

























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