

Gateway Gossip

21st January 2022

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Good afternoon all,

I hope everyone has had a good week.



Good news this week of further restrictions being lifted, but of course we all still remain vigilant in school. Hopefully you are aware of the latest self isolation period of only five days, provided there are two negative LFTs, which helps children's education enormously as they miss less learning in school. We have been very busy ensuring any child off school is helped to log on as soon as possible each morning and of course if devices are needed at home we have been dispatching them in record time. A big thanks to all the staff that have made this happen so swiftly.

In school we have been very busy indeed. Our subject leads are working hard developing the curriculum further and talking to children about their learning experiences. We are also seeking pupil voice opinions on the wider aspects of school, so we can concentrate our efforts most effectively. We intend to speak with parents soon too and issue a survey; if you would like to get more involved in school discussions, and develop Gateway Academy with us, then please speak with your class teacher or any member of the senior leadership team who will take your details and add you to our Parent Forum; we welcome everyone so please help drive the standards forward together!

Reading features very high on our collective agenda too; we hope you get a chance to read at home with your children. It really is the key to success in their later lives. Rewards are given in school and we continue our Reading for Pleasure journey with the well known Professor Teresa Cremin to help all children develop a love for books, language and imagination. We are enjoying the extra continuous professional development this is all providing through school.

Another reminder that our next INSET day is Friday 11th February so the children's last day in school will be Thursday 10th February; please add your diaries.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and as always, stay safe!

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

Gateway Extra

We have spaces available in our
Breakfast and After School clubs.
For more information or to book, please
speak to Miss Thomas or the school office.

Open Monday to Friday

Breakfast Club - 7.45am - 8.45am
£2.50

After School Club - 3.15pm - 5.30pm
£6.50

**Keep an eye on
Class Dojo,
ParentApp and
social media for the
latest information
on keeping children
safe online with our
helpful posters.**

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



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

Let's Celebrate!

Star Award

N - Jayden
 RB - Bodie
 RG - Liliana
 1B - Lillie
 1G - Hafeez-Ur
 2B - Evie
 2G - Ruby
 3B - Macy
 3G - David
 4B - Izzie
 4G - Raluca
 5B - Cody
 5G - Callum
 6B - Susan
 6G - Chloe



Core Award

N - Lucia
 RB - Ruby
 RG - Layla
 1B - Michal
 1G - Mateusz
 2B - Logan
 2G - Morgan
 3B - Laicee
 3G - Tilly
 4B - Felicia
 4G - Violet
 5B - Maddison
 5G - Lilly
 6B - Charleigh
 6G - Neon-Chase

Reading Award



Class Attendance Winners



Attendance Award

N - Sophie
 RB - Joshua
 RG - Sacha
 1B - Amy
 1G - Daisy
 2B - Ruby
 2G - Daniel
 3B - Dexter
 3G - Lilly-Mae
 4B - David-Gabriel
 4G - Theo
 5B - Eivie
 5G - Kaleb
 6B - Will
 6G - Kelsey

Well done to all our winners!

Winners



Earheart

House Teams

2nd

King

3rd

Curie

4th

Newton

Overall



**Nursery, Reception,
Year 1 and 2**

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6



Reading for Pleasure



With reading being one of our key priorities, we wanted to share some of our favourite authors and books that we love to read for pleasure.

We Love Reading

Miss Sim

"I love reading and rereading the Harry Potter series by JK Rowling. It's lovely to escape into another world and imagine what it would be like to go to Hogwarts and have magical powers."



Izzie Year 4

"I like White Fang. It's about a dog who used to be wild and got taken in to pull a sleigh. There is a husky who doesn't share with the new dog White fang."

Kahlan Year 2

"I read cat books because they are cut and fluffy. That's why I have four cats at home. I like reading silly books."

Sophie Nursery

"I love the fox book because the fox cub is cute"



Sacha Reception

"The Gruffalo Child because I love the big bad mouse."



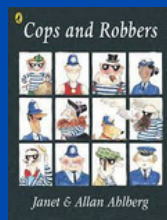
Class 3G

"We are coming to the end of our class book Planet Omar. We have loved this funny story. We have learnt a lot about other cultures and enjoyed the humour within the text."



Mrs Robinson

"One of my favourite books is Cops and Robbers by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. I am particularly fond of this book for a few reasons: Its funny; I love funny books The graphics are great and need a full study to appreciate.



There is love and redemption in the story and bad turns good which is a lovely moral. The rhyming and poetry links are great. I went to elocution lessons as a child and recited lots of poetry but never as fun as this!

Read countless times in Reception and a winner with the boys so another good reason too!"

Miss Mclellan

For just being so amazing and passionate about your job.



Gateway Shoutout

Miss Unsworth

For always being there to call upon in times of need!



Mr Cockell

For being a constant, reliable support to Pam and the whole school. Nothing is ever too much trouble.

Gateway's Amazing Learning!

Nursery and Reception

The children have enjoyed a fabulous week. We have continued our learning with Stickman and the children have used their imaginations to think of different uses for a stick and they were very creative!

We also enjoyed the winter weather and have looked for ice and frost in the school grounds.

Just a reminder we are celebrating Chinese New Year all next week and our looking forward to our trip to Lidl to buy Chinese food.

Remember to enjoy the story books together your child has brought home today. Happy reading!

Year 1 and 2

In Year 1 we have been continuing our learning about toys from the past. This week we have been looking at Victorian toys and we investigated how they were used, what they were made from and how they are similar and different to the toys that we play with now.

We had lots of fun playing with them too! In Year 2 we have enjoyed finding lots of facts out all about Christopher Columbus. We have also worked very hard on creating our own stories and have used lots of fantastic vocabulary we have been learning about.

Keep it up KS1!

Year 3 and 4

In Year 3 we have had a busy week. In maths we have been learning about statistics. We have been creating bar charts, understanding pie charts and completing pictograms on the tables. In Geography this week, we have continued our learning about North America and our focus has been the Rockies. We have been using the laptops to complete research on this.

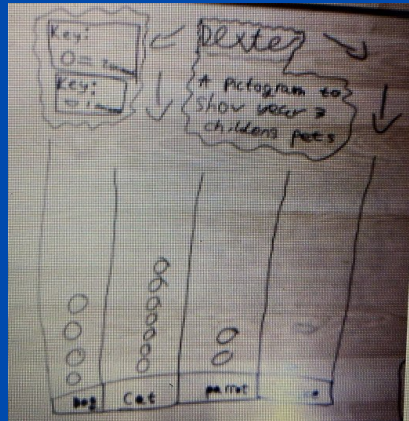
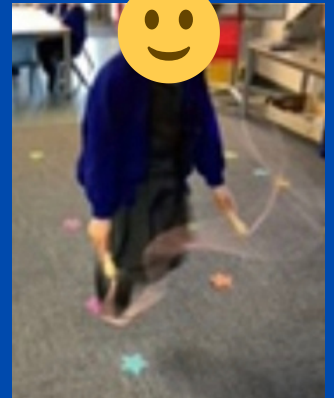
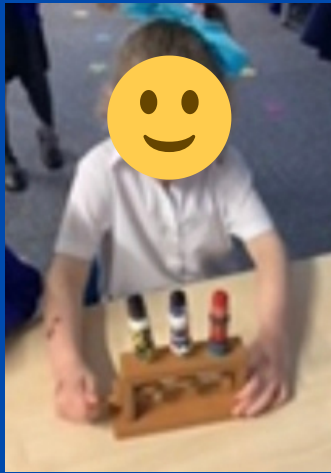
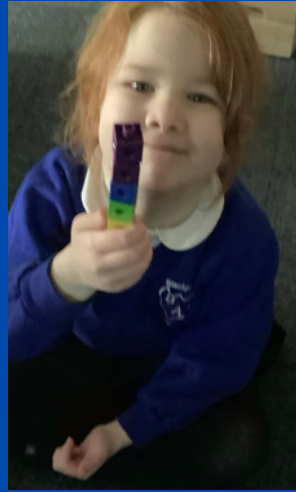
In Year 4 this week we have enjoyed Science. We have been experimenting with the melting time of ice in different solutions and writing up our findings. English we have been completing our 'independent write' based on our text, culminating with our 'hot write' on describing a setting using our descriptive toolkit. There were some really good use of our 5 senses to describe, why not ask them to describe a room in the house using their 5 senses.

Year 5 and 6

In Year 5 this week, the children have been writing their new story based on King of the Fishes... They are writing King of the Chickens; I am sure they will make interesting reading! In Maths, the children have carried on learning about fractions, mainly focusing on identifying equivalent fractions with the help of fraction walls. The children have also enjoyed learning about the features of a volcano and have made posters to display their understanding. Year 6 have continued their learning by reading Wonder and Beowulf, whilst writing about Little Vixen Street, which we will soon be innovating and making our own. In Science, the children have enjoyed making circuits and predicting whether circuits will or will not work. This afternoon, the children will be enjoying playing a little bit of tennis!

As always, read read read... times tables, times tables, times tables...

Our week in pictures!



Have a lovely weekend!



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