



Georgian Gardens Primary School

Newsletter Friday 13th December 2024

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Parents of EY and KS1 will no doubt agree that the nativity performances this week have been fantastic. All of the children worked so hard to learn lines and songs. A very well done to everyone and a huge thanks to the staff who worked tirelessly on making sure it all happened.

The Christmas spirit is very much in full flow—some of you will have seen the tree in the foyer area which has been decorated beautifully by some will helpers! A Christmas surprise happened on Thursday—read the details on page 4. Next Thursday is our annual Christmas lunch day—the children are allowed to wear their festive jumpers (with their uniform) and if they want to, they can add a head band or tinsel.



You may have noticed our new signs at the front of school—please do think before you park!



Diary Dates:

- Tues 17th Dec Y4 Harry Potter STEAM Day
- Thurs 19th Dec Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day (normal uniform but with a jumper)

Key dates for next year			
Parents' Evenings 3:30—6pm	14 th / 16 th October 2024		26 th / 27 th Feb
Open Classrooms 2:45—3:30pm	25 th November 2024	31 March 2025	23 rd June 2025
Nativity 9:30am	9 th -Dec (YR parents) 10 th -Dec (Y1 parents) 11 th -Dec (Y2 parents) 9:30 am		
Sports Day (am KS1 pm KS2)	Thursday 5 th June 2025		
Summer Fair 3:15pm	Friday 27 th June 2025 tbc		
Y6 production	w/b 14 th July 2025		
Y6 presentation eve	Monday 21 st July 2025		

This week's star of the week winners:

- 1LG Gracie Finn 1LN Sophia Ellia
 - 2CA / 2LD all of Y2 for their hard work and performance in the nativity.
 - 3KC Bella Harvey 3VW April Harley
 - 4RD Iona Kit 4TF Theo Flo LW
 - 5HC Lacey Brody Elena 5CT Poppy Toby Scott
 - 6BA Amelia 6HB Harry B
- and all of Y6 for their great week at Sayer's Croft



Attendance:

The class with the highest attendance in the last week and the week before:
6BA (99%) 2LD (98%) they get the chance to have 15 minutes extra choice time next week).

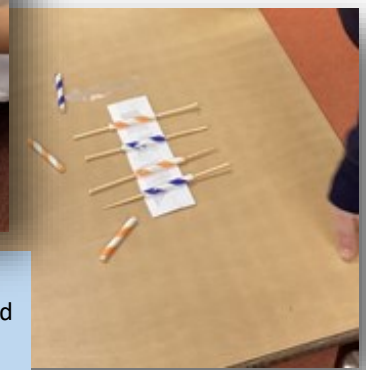
The children with 100% attendance this week and last week:
Archie H (5HC) Rachel C (6BA) chosen by a random generator: —they gets to choose a book from Miss Bowers' selection of prize books.

Snapshot of the week:

Y3 investigated how the length of a shadow was affected by moving an opaque object different distances from a light source. They found out that the closer the object was to the light source, the larger its shadow was.



YR have been learning about the Christmas story in R.E. and Y6 created some freeze frames of scenes from the Christmas story. Y6 also considered how Christmas can be celebrated.



Y2 are designing beach buggies to transport flotsam. They have been investigating wheels and axels.

Parent Survey Feedback:

Each week we will be giving a response in the newsletter to one of the questions which was asked in the parent survey before the summer holiday.

'My child can take part in clubs and activities in this school.'

You said...

92% of you agreed with this, 5% either disagree or strongly disagree and 3% do not know. We are pleased to see such a high level of agreement regarding the opportunities available for our pupils to engage in extracurricular activities. Participation in clubs and activities is essential for developing skills, building friendships, and enhancing overall well-being. Our aim is that all pupils have the chance to take part in a weekly club either inside or outside of school.

We will always...

- We assess the variety of clubs and activities available to ensure they cater to diverse interests and age groups. This is completed in discussion with the children.
- Provide a wide range of clubs covering different interests from sport, art, science and music.
- We offer free clubs as well as paid ones to ensure that clubs are accessible to all.
- Our extra curricular music includes free 'GG Rock band' at lunchtimes for older children. This gives children the opportunity to learn how to play a musical instrument.
- There are numerous sporting events during the year which are open to children of all ages and abilities. Notably, the 'Angmering Mile' is a very well attended cross country run held at The Angmering School.
- Clubs run before and after school to fit in with family routines.
- Promote wider community participation eg singing at the local nursing home for Christmas or Art club's work being displayed at the train station.
- The Hive Club provide before and after school care for parents between the hours of 7.30am and 6pm.

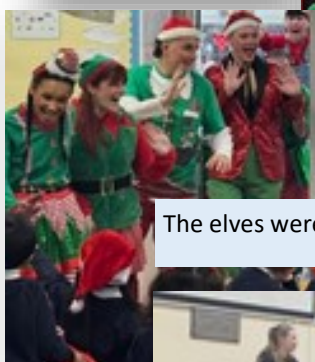
Choir visit to The Laurels nursing home:

Our choir represented us brilliantly at The Laurels this week and gave a great deal of joy to the residents. Well done children.



Christmas news:

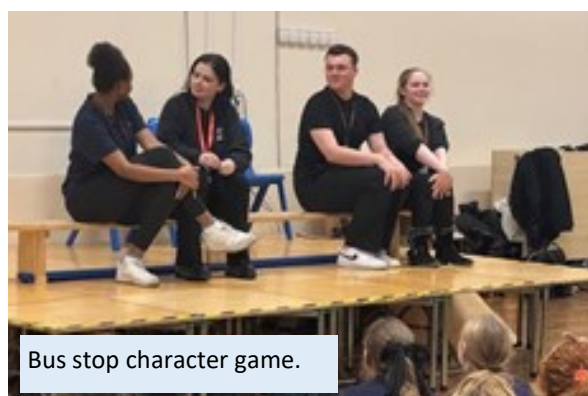
On Thursday we had a visit from theatre degree students from Northbrook College. KS2 were treated to a pantomime workshop and KS1 had some very special visitors, the elves. Judging by the smiles on faces, everyone enjoyed the experience and we are extremely grateful to the students for doing such a great job.



The elves were looking for Father Christmas!



Freeze frame scenes from well known pantomimes.



Bus stop character game.



Dance it out to express yourself.





In keeping with the spirit of giving and goodwill at this time of year, our children have written Christmas letters for some members of the Blind Veterans Charity. The staff at the centre in Rustington were delighted to receive them; they will be reading them out to the veterans on Christmas Day. The bordered paper was designed by Year 2 children and the letters themselves written by children across KS2. We are so proud of the care and compassion shown by our children to members of our local community.