



Georgian Gardens Primary School

Newsletter Friday 6th September 2024

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Welcome back! It has been so wonderful to see everyone again. The children have settled quickly into their new classes and exciting learning has begun. On Thursday, you could be forgiven for thinking you had arrived for a term at Hogwarts with all of Y4 dressed up for their Harry Potter day!

You will be hearing lots of excitement from your children about the new STEAM space in the old quad, now to be known as 'The Nebula'. At time of this newsletter, the building works are on the verge of completion—sandpit and astro installed. There is still a great deal of other work to do to add further activities to the space but from next week it will be useable by the children. See page 2 for some before and after photos.

Please remember that if your child is now riding a bike to school they must wear a helmet—it could save their life.

INSET days for next year 2024/2025:

Monday 2nd September, Tuesday 3rd September, Monday 4th November, Tuesday 22nd April 2025, Friday 13th June 2025

School timings from September: 8:45am—3:15pm all year groups.

(Gates open **8:35—8:45am** and **3:10pm**)

A request from YR...**do you have a play garage which you are throwing out?** The YR one has broken and rather than buying a new one, it would be great if we could make use of a pre-loved one. Thank you.



Diary Dates:

See below for the 'meet the teacher' dates which are coming up soon.

Wed 11th Sept 3:15pm—3:45pm Book give away on the playground

Family THRIVE Sessions next term:

Tuesdays, September 17th, 24th. October 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd 1.15 - 3.00
Contact Miss Lewry via the school office for further details.

Key dates for next year

| Meet the teacher 3:15pm | Y1 and Y2- Mon 9 th Sept | Y3 and Y4 -Tues 10th Sept | Y5 and Y6 – Thurs 12 th Sept |
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| Open Evening 6pm | Tuesday 19 th November | | |
| 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 | 9th 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:

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| 1LG Hallie | 1LN Ava-Grace | |
| 2CA Ronnie | 2LD Leon | |
| 3KC Lucas | 3VW Sienna and Chelsea | |
| 4RD Libby | 4TF Hattie | |
| 5HC Tallulah | 5CT Poppy | |
| 6BA Ava | 6HB Sky | |

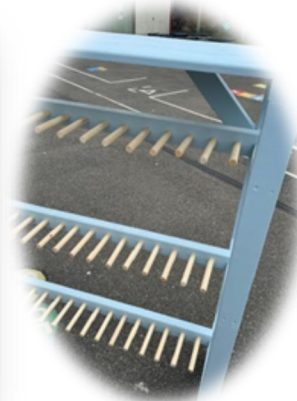
Attendance:

The classes with the highest attendance this week: **2LD, 2CA, 4TF, 5HC (all 100%)** they get the chance to have 15 minutes extra choice time next week).

The child with 100% attendance this week:

Ruby C-A 6BA chosen by a random generator: — she gets to choose a book from Miss Bowers' selection of prize books.

New Welly Racks for YR: Thank you to the 'Men in Sheds' from Littlehampton who have not only made the puddle suit hangers, previously shown, but now the welly racks ready for the new YR children joining us this term.



Summer holiday work:

The holidays are the perfect time for any major work to be completed on the school building and infrastructure. This year was no exception. The photos show just how busy workers have been in for the past 6 weeks. Along with contractors, Mr Greener has worked tirelessly to spruce up, mend a lot around school. The quad area begins its transformation into the STEAM zone, to be known as **'THE NEBULA'**.



'Before'



'During'



Once fully complete, more photos will be published.

Music News:

Music Lesson Spaces

Music Makers (for early years), Singing, Piano, Keyboard, Guitar, Ukulele, Drums & Percussion. There are a few spaces available on Fridays this term. Please contact me directly: MR.CJ.BRITT@gmail.com

Summer School

Thank you to everyone involved this year. We had a great time studying and learning to play pieces from many genres. From Classical to Latin-Jazz, Musicals, Baroque to the Beatles - we had it covered!

It was lovely to see how well the children from different year groups worked together playing music, and how they support each other. Thank you to all the teaching assistants that helped, and of course Elliot & Elisha our student helpers



Piano Exam Result

Congratulations to Marissa in Year 6 who has completed her Initial Piano grade exam.

Marissa achieved a Distinction, which is the highest mark.

Lunchtime Band Club

Just a reminder that our band is a free club open to everyone. It runs at break (10.15) and lunchtime (from 12.20) on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.



Joanna's Piano

For those not aware, in 2022 the school received an email offering us a baby grand piano. A 'kind lady' wanted to give her late husband's piano to the school. Unfortunately it turned out to be an elaborate scam. So we wrote a song, 'No Thank You Joanna (We Don't Want Your Husband's Piano)', which we then turned into a mini-musical.

We will be opening up the lid of Joanna's piano again this year, exploring the magical stories the strings hold!



Unbelievably Joanna is still at large, and still sending scam emails!

WANTED

Beware! Joanna uses many aliases!

Reading:

The children have been busy choosing their new books this week and it has been a joy to see so many excited by their reading. Rewards have already been given to children for the amount they have read—great that this is so early in the new term.

It is crucial that all children are given the time and space to read at home for enjoyment. If you could do with a refresh of books to come along to the book give-away on Wednesday 11th September on the playground, after school. Free books!

If you are looking for tips and hints about reading with your child at home take a look at this website: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips> The Book Trust has a wealth of information and videos with ideas on how to get the best out of reading with your child.



Free Tooth Brushes:

Many of you will have received the kind gift of a free child’s toothbrush and toothpaste. The donation has been organised from The Chichester Hygiene Bank by Grace Sims (our wonderful volunteer librarian) and her husband, Charlie. Katie, Josh and Max from Y6 are showing a selection of the brushes and toothpaste for a variety of age ranges which have been donated.



Car parking:

We know that the area around the school can become very busy during drop off and pick up time. Wherever possible we would encourage parents to park further away and walk to the school to avoid heavy congestion and risk to the pupils.

There is some parking available in Sanctuary Housing car park behind the school, however parents must adhere to the rules which are clearly displayed. Any breach of these rules, including **overcrowding in the car park, disrespectful behaviour to the residents or their property (including littering), using outside the specified times** could result in this being revoked and parking issues being even more complicated.



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FREE BOOKS TO TAKE HOME AND ENJOY

Five books by 11th September

3:15pm-3:45pm in the school playground

Encourage your children to read for pleasure.
Help your children to build a life-long reading habit.

We have a brilliant selection of books in good condition that are no longer required by the school.

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