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Friday 14 July 2023

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

We are now approaching the final few days of the 2022-2023 academic year and what a successful year it has been. The quality of education and opportunities and experiences we have provided pupils has been the best ever and we are busy planning to make next year even better - our GLC moto is 'Improve Upon Your Best' after-all.

Parent/Carer Support:

We would like to thank you for your support throughout the year for working in partnership with us to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child/children. We have witnessed some fantastic examples whereby parents/carers have worked closely with class teachers to support their child develop their reading fluency, achieve the expected standard in end of year SATs, prepare for the Year 4 multiplication check and learn sounds in preparation for the year 1 phonics screening check, to name some examples. Outcomes and progress for pupils have been at their best when parents/carers have prioritised their child's education and been aspirational for them - this includes making sure they attend school every day, on time and ensuring they complete homework.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Since pupils have returned to school from being off due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our whole school attendance has not been what it once was. Whilst there have been some improvements this year, there is still a lot of work to do for the next year - On average, pupils who attend school every day, on time, make better progress with their learning. Please remember:

- Pupils get once chance of an education - they cannot get this time back
- Good attendance habits are important for preparing pupils for the next stage of their education and the world of work
- Term-time holidays are not permitted or authorised - parents/carers who take their child out of school during term-time for a holiday, will receive a fine

Staff

We would like to thank the following teachers who are leaving Lansdowne Primary Academy this year and wish them all the very best for the future: Miss Lams: Year 2, Miss Gibson: Year 3, Miss Rasmussen: Year 3, Miss Badau: Year 5 and Miss Hyde: Year 6

We would like to welcome the following staff joining us in September 2023 - teachers: Miss Johnson: Year 2, Mrs Potts: Year 3, Miss Ackermann: Year 3, Miss Wright: Year 5, Miss Lambson: Year 5 and Mrs Sparks who is leading our alternative provision classroom.

Classes for 2023-2024

You should now be aware of who your child's class teacher is for next year and will have noticed classes are called the year group and then: L, P or A. As ever, leaders will be available on the gate to direct you to the right classroom.

Basic skills:

It is extremely important that your child practises their basic skills during the school holiday to avoid any regression of their maths knowledge and/or reading fluency. Please support your child to:

- Practise their sounds/phonetic knowledge so they can become excellent readers [Nursery to Year 2]
- Read by completing the summer reading challenge at the library, using the Oxford Reading Buddy website or by reading a book of choice
- Practise their numbers bonds using Numbots of their Timestables using TT-Rockstars
- Write about their holiday experiences

Returning to school in September 2023:

We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Tuesday 5 September 2023 - gates open at 8.20 and pupils are expected to be sat down ready for learning by 8.30.

Please ensure your child wears full school uniform without exception: <https://www.theglc-lansdowne.org.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=26>

Please remember that we do not break up from school until Wednesday 19.07.23 at 1.00pm and that pupils are expected to attend school until then please.

As ever, please do not hesitate to contact us anytime if you have any questions and/or need support via our support email address: Support4u-LPA@theglc.org.uk

We hope that you and your family have a great summer.

Kind regards, Dan George [Head of School]



IMPORTANT DATES

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Highlight in Green: Parents/Carers are invited to attend

Highlight in Blue: Pupils only [Parents/Carers are not required to attend]

Highlight in Yellow - Parents by invitation only

- Highlighted in red - late addition to the document*
 - Highlighted in pink - amended*
- Please note that additional dates for Autumn 1 will be released when we return to school in September 2023.

Date	Year Group	Event Information
Wednesday 6th September 2.30 - 2.55	2	Welcome to year 2 parent meeting - small hall
Wednesday 6th September 8.35 - 9.00	1	Welcome to year 1 parent meeting in the small hall
Thursday 7th September 8.30 - 9.00	4	Welcome to Year 4 parent meeting in the small hall
Friday 8th September 2.30 - 2.55	3	Welcome to Year 3 parent meeting in the small hall



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

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Reception	Maryam B Alina A Jamin T Olivia H	Aderinsola O Martin D Kaylen R Fox H	
Year 1	Logan Garwood Maliha Ali Aria Naidoo	Ainna A Charlie S Angel T	Selina G Nellie D Catherine P
Year 2	Janelle D-O Kayson TB	Kaleb P-S Emilia H	Blake H Tara S Nicolas Sophie Damian C Tyress L
Year 3	Cian B Ollie DR Maria M	Charlie W Leia C Shayaan M	Myra A Macie Ray E Teja G
Year 4	Kaiser B Oscar D Isabella N	Linda-Jane R Jude T Anum R	Anabia A Serenity S Fareed O
Year 5	Diana T Frazer B Harley H Daisy H	Jamie M Salma Alfie B Imaan	Gabriela Jack Aima David
Year 6	Kajus Tiana	Jessy Grace J	Levi Delia
Acorns	Zahraa	Carter	Leonardo





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Office Staff

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Inclusion team

Miss Sparrow - Inclusion manager

Miss Bass - Inclusion advocate: Nursery/Reception/Year 1/Year 2

Mrs Austin - Inclusion advocate: Year 3 and 4

Miss Bevan - Inclusion advocate: Year 5 and 5

support4u-lpa@theglc.org.uk



STAYING SAFE AND HEALTHY

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me, you, us
safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

THE NAMED MEMBERS OF STAFF FOR CHILD PROTECTION AT LANSDOWNE PRIMARY ACADEMY ARE:



MR BURNETT
DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL
DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD



MISS SPARROW
INCLUSION MANAGER
DEPUTY SAFEGUARDING LEAD



MISS SPINDLER
DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL
DEPUTY SAFEGUARDING LEAD

KEY CONTACTS WITHIN THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Thurrock Multi-Agency Support Hub [MASH] is available for advice on any Child Protection matter and can be contacted on 01375 652802 [Out of hours 01375 - 372468]

SUN SAFETY

- ✓ COVER UP**
Wear clothing that covers your skin.
- ✓ APPLY SUNSCREEN**
SPF 30 or higher, 20 minutes before sun exposure. Reapply every 2 hours.
- ✓ WEAR A HAT & SUNGLASSES**
Broad-brimmed hats provide better protection.
- ✓ SEEK SHADE**
Reduce UV radiation by taking shelter under a tree, umbrella or another shady spot.

Stay safe in the sun this summer

DON'T LET SUNBURN CATCH YOU OUT

Check the UV index at www.metoffice.gov.uk/uv to see how strong the sun's rays are.

UV INDEX SCALE:

- 1-2: LOW (No sun protection needed)
- 3-5: MODERATE TO HIGH (Think about sun protection, especially 11am - 3pm)
- 6-7: HIGH
- 8-9+: VERY HIGH (Sun protection needed for all skin tones)

If it's 3 or higher, think about protecting your skin, especially if you get sunburnt easily.

LET'S BEAT CANCER SOONER cruk.org

CANCER RESEARCH UK



STAYING SAFE AND HEALTHY PARKING PLEDGE

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GLC Lansdowne Primary Academy

All Different: All Equal: Together, Improving Upon Our Best

At Lansdowne, we operate a “**Parking Pledge**” with the main aim of keeping our children **safe**.

We ask that all parents/carers:

- think if their journey could be made in an alternative way to reduce pollution first, such as walking or cycling.

If a car journey is unavoidable we ask that parents/carers:

- avoid parking on Alexandra Road or Dunlop Road - Park a little further away and walk the last few minutes to help our community.
- slow down around our school - 20 mph is safer for all our children.
- park legally and safely away from our entrance gates, zig zag markings, railings and dropped curves.
- keep off the pavements as these are for pedestrians only.
- do not obstruct our neighbours driveways or park in disabled bays.
- keep junctions and crossing points clear.
- behave in a polite and courteous manner with our staff, other parents and the parking patrol officers.

Thank you for your continuous support.

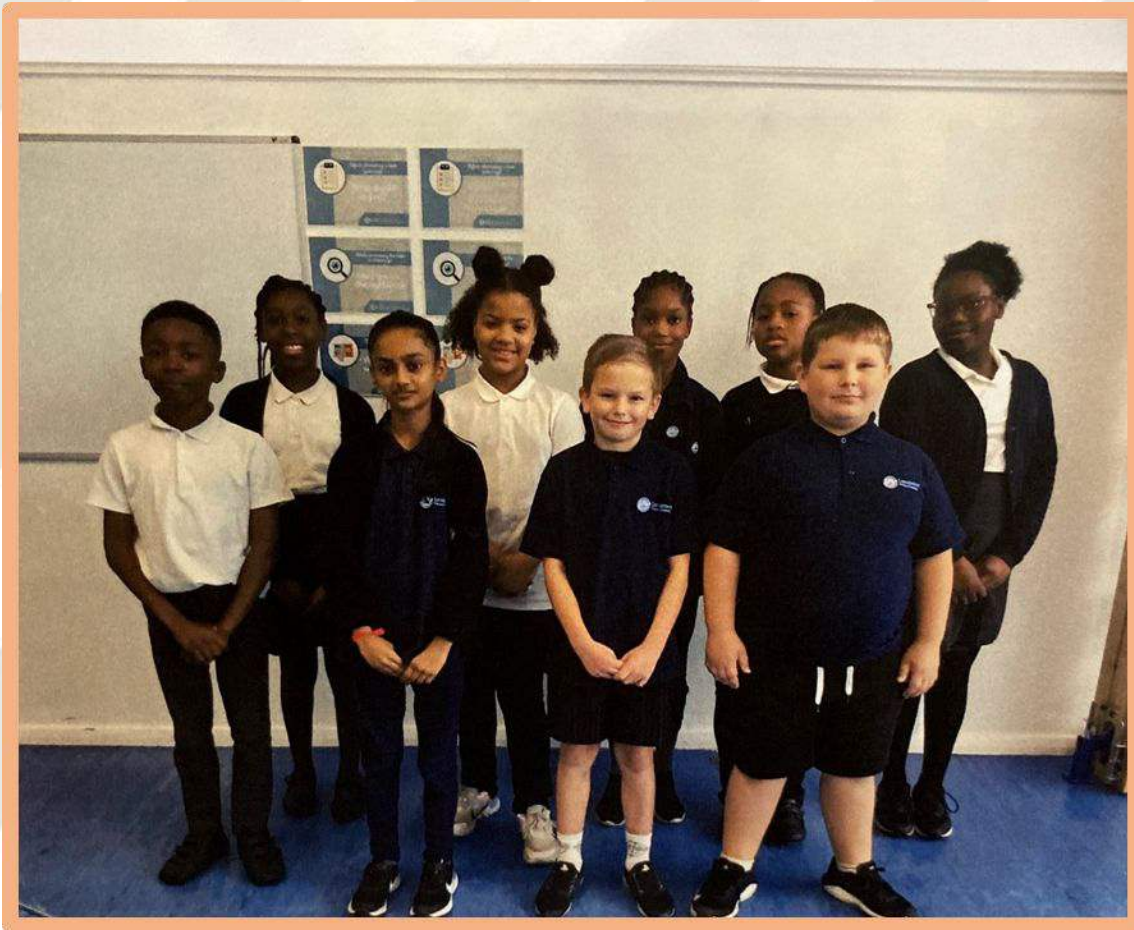




PUPIL LEADERSHIP

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Welcome to our “Meet the Leadership team” page.



We are the PE Ambassadors!

Being a PE ambassador means we meet with Miss Dimmock and learn more about PE and leadership skills.

We have practical sessions where we write activity plans, and create games. Our other session are physical sessions where we test the games and make lists of equipment we need or might use. This is helpful as we can test the games before delivering them to KS1.





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School Games Mark

The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.

After receiving Bronze last year, the PE team at Lansdowne are very proud to announce that for this academic year, Lansdowne Primary Academy have achieved gold!

This is a massive achievement for the PE team, the children and the school as a whole! A big thank you to all children at LPA, whether it has been during their PE lesson, Thurrock sporting events, GLC events, or training during their own lunchtimes the children have been very consistent with their enthusiasm, engagement And have shown a strong eagerness to learn all throughout the year.



Thurrock School Sports Partnership

All throughout the academic year, children from Lansdowne has been selected to represent the school in a variety of events. All together, Lansdowne has attended 24 sporting events. We are extremely proud to announce that Lansdowne have finished 6th within the Thurrock medal table. This is an amazing achievement and it's all down to the children selected. They have worked incredibly hard throughout the year, giving up their lunchtimes for event trainings and attending after school clubs, They have represented our school with pride with our core values evident all throughout the year. A big well done to every single child who has taken part within an event, your effort, enthusiasm and eagerness to succeed has not gone unnoticed!

Thurrock SSP Schools Medal Table 2022-23						
SCHOOLS	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	4TH PLACE	PARTICIPATION	Total
Belmont Castle Academy	7	1		2	12	890
Thameside Primary	1	11			18	830
Harris Primary Mayflower	4	1	1	1	20	685
Woodside Primary	1	2	6	4	23	620
Herringham Primary Academy	2	1	1		22	495
Lansdowne Academy	1		4	2	21	430



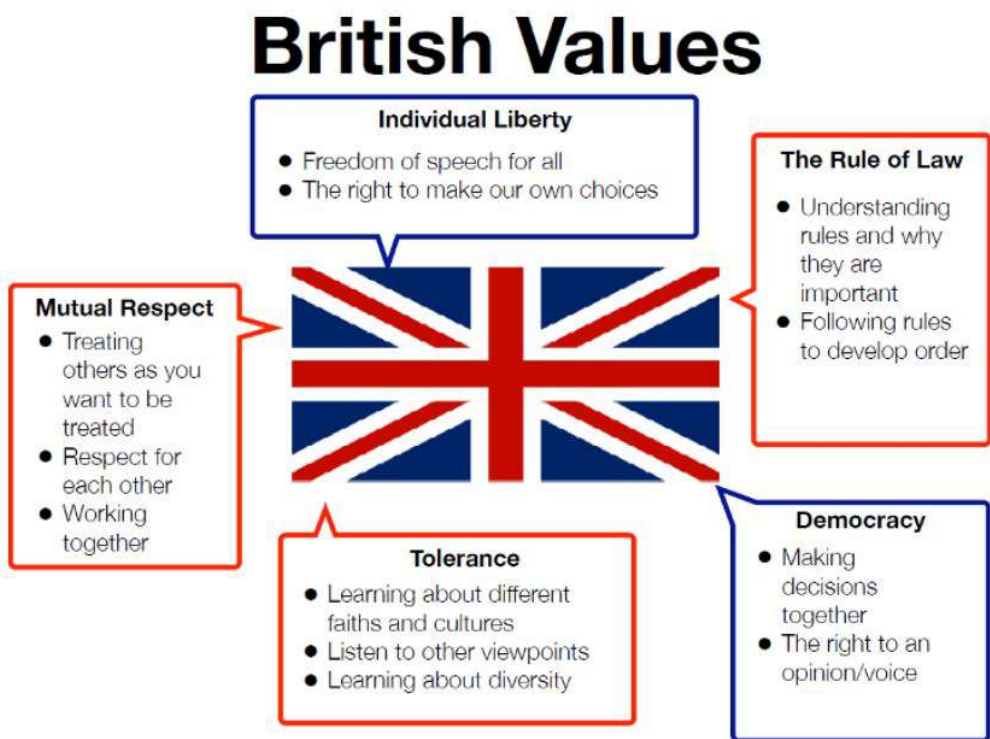
9 Protected Characteristics

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The GLC: all different and all equal

Imagine the GLC ... A thriving and prosperous place where all are equal and where every one of all ages matter. It is expected in each GLC academy, that all people are treated fairly, equality of opportunity and good relations are expected and individual different characteristics including age, ethnicity, academic ability, disability, gender, religious beliefs, sexual orientation are not discriminated against in any way. We will create environments where people are not fearful of others, and where individual difference or family circumstances don't act as a barrier to success.

Our curriculum and programme of personal development teaches pupils the British values, which includes:



9 Protected Characteristics: <https://www.gov.uk/discrimination-your-rights>
It is against the law to discriminate against anyone because of:

Age	Gender reassignment	Being married or in a civil partnership
Being pregnant or on maternity leave	Disability	Sexual orientation
race including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin	religion or belief	Sex



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Early Years Bedtime stories

Nursery and Reception had an amazing time participating with the sunshine stories! We read a fun story, sang some songs, had an ice-lolly and even met our reading Owl! The sun made an appearance which put a smile on everyone's faces!





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Thurrock Music Festivals

This term, the children in Year One had the opportunity to take part in the Thurrock Infant Music Festival on Tuesday, 4th July. The performance the children gave was amazing. We are extremely proud of their performance and all the hard work, both the teachers and the pupils, did to ensure such a fantastic outcome. Well done, Year One!



On Wednesday 12th July, our Junior Choir and our children who are part of the Bloco Troop took part in the Thurrock Junior Music Festival at The Civic Hall in Grays. The children performed to a sold out venue. The singing was beautiful as was the instrumental performances. It was a true celebration of music that got everyone there on their feet to join in. Well done to all the children who performed.



Summer Arts Festival 2023

On Thursday 13th July, children at Lansdowne Primary Academy from year groups across the school had the opportunity to participate in the Summer Arts Festival, which took place in the Ellis Theatre at the Gateway Academy, alongside the other schools from the Gateway Learning Community. It was a true celebration of the creative arts that the children can access by being part of the GLC.

We had children from Year 1 performing a cultural dance and singing to the children of Year 5 performing a song they co-wrote from being part of the Sharing our Lives Project to the sharing of the Windrush Festival and children sharing songs they have learnt and so much more. It was a magical, creative evening that showcased the children's talents.

We are so proud of all the children that performed and would like to thank all the parents for their support.





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We are at the end of the school year and while it's a well-deserved break for our staff and many of our pupils we know that the summer holidays can be a difficult time for some of our children and families with additional needs.

Please see below for links to advice and support groups that you can contact if you need support.

Information about services in Thurrock can be found by following the link to Thurrock Council SEND Local offer:

<http://www.askthurrock.org.uk/kb5/thurrock/fis/localoffer.page>

The Parent Advisory Team Thurrock: <http://www.patt.org.uk/>

Special Educational Needs & Disability Advisory & Support Service

Useful website for parents:

<https://www.snapcharity.org/>

Autism

<https://www.autism.org.uk/>

<https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance>

Dyslexia

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/>

ADHD

<https://adhdfoundation.org.uk/>

Speech, Language and Communication

<https://www.afasic.org.uk/about-talking/what-are-speech-language-and-communication-needs-slc/>

Emotional and Mental Health

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/for-children-and-young-people/>

<https://healthyyoungmindspennine.nhs.uk/resource-centre/external-links/kooth/>



YOUNGMINDS
fighting for young people's mental health



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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM



Mid and South Essex
Health and Care
Partnership

NELFT **NHS**
NHS Foundation Trust

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM ONLINE SUMMER WORKSHOP SERIES FOR PARENTS & YOUNG PEOPLE

Emotional Wellbeing
Support, Advice and
Toolkit Ideas



Finding Calm in the Chaos

Helping you put some routine
and structure into the chaos of
the summer holidays - open to all
parents

2nd August 10-11am
3rd August 3-4pm

**Moving on to
Secondary School**
Open to all parents and
young people in year 6

30th August 10-11am
31st August 3-4pm

To book your place on one of the workshops, please scan the QR code
above or access the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/mental-health-support-team-summer-workshop-series-2367169>



ATTENDANCE

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At Lansdowne Primary School we place great importance on good attendance and punctuality. Unfortunately, overall school attendance this year is 93.3% which is significantly below the Academy target of 96%.

We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Those children who are regularly absent from school and regularly late do not achieve their potential and do fall behind in class. Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn.

#be at the gate at 20 past 8

15 minutes late every day is 10 days lost learning time in a school year!

School- why is it so important?

There is a misconception that missing the odd day at school here and there to celebrate birthdays and days out can't do much harm. But even taking a short amount of time can be a problem. Your child might fall behind in their work and not be able to catch up. If there are gaps in their knowledge they will suffer when school assessment time comes around. There could be other problems too; children who miss school are missing out on the social interactions which affects their ability to make and keep friends and it can dent their confidence to attempt new work and work alongside others.

Holidays and Absence during term time

Please try your best not to book medical treatment or make other appointments in home countries during term time. Extended trips abroad and families not returning promptly at the start of a new term are impacting pupils' attendance and progress.

Absence will not be authorised during term time except in exceptional circumstances. Please ensure that you complete a Leave of Absence Form to request any leave of absence and submit this 4 weeks before the planned absence.

It is very important that all parents and carers understand that children with unauthorised absences, including holidays, and unexplained absences are at risk of receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice from Thurrock County Council (Currently £60 per parent per child)..

We know that you value school and education as much as we do, and would appreciate your support to improve the children's attendance during the next academic year. If there are any issues that are affecting your child's regular attendance then please contact Mrs Davey on 01375 487202 to see what support can be offered.

100% Attendance

Well done to the 38 children who have achieved 100% attendance this academic year. This is a fantastic achievement and we will be holding a small celebration on Monday 17th in recognition of this.

Top 3 Classes

6H -95.7% attendance

6B- 95.1% attendance

2W-95% attendance

Happy Holiday! Enjoy the summer break when it arrives. Relax, have fun and stay safe in the sun. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on 5th September 2023.



PE AND SCHOOL SPORTS

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KS1 Borough Athletics

On Friday 7th July, Lansdowne Primary Academy attended the KS1 Borough Athletics event. The selectec children have worked incredibly hard giving up their lunchtimes to ensure they were fully prepared for the event. Due to this, we are very proud to announce that Lansdowne finished 3rd, winning around 20 medals individually! Well done to everyone who took part!

Paula Nita Morariu (3KG)

On Saturday 1st July, Paula Nita Morariu attended her annual dance show with her local club 'Razzamataz'. Paula has been working incredibly hard the past two years developing her singing and dancing skills. Due to this, Paula was very successful and came away with a medal!

This is an amazing achievement, well done Paula!



Wimbledon 2023

On Thursday 13th July, some of our year 5 children had the incredible opportunity of attending the Wimbledon tournament and watch a game on No.1 court!

The children spent the day soaking in the whole Wimbledon experience, watching multiple games of tennis, visiting the Wimbledon museum, sitting on the infamous Henman Hill/ Murray Mound and eating the iconic strawberries and cream!



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It has been a super half term of learning all about growing in nursery. We have been learning about how plants grow but also how we grow and how some children prepare for their move to reception. We also enjoyed a Teddy Bear's Picnic where we made jam sandwiches and enjoyed a story with our new reception teachers!



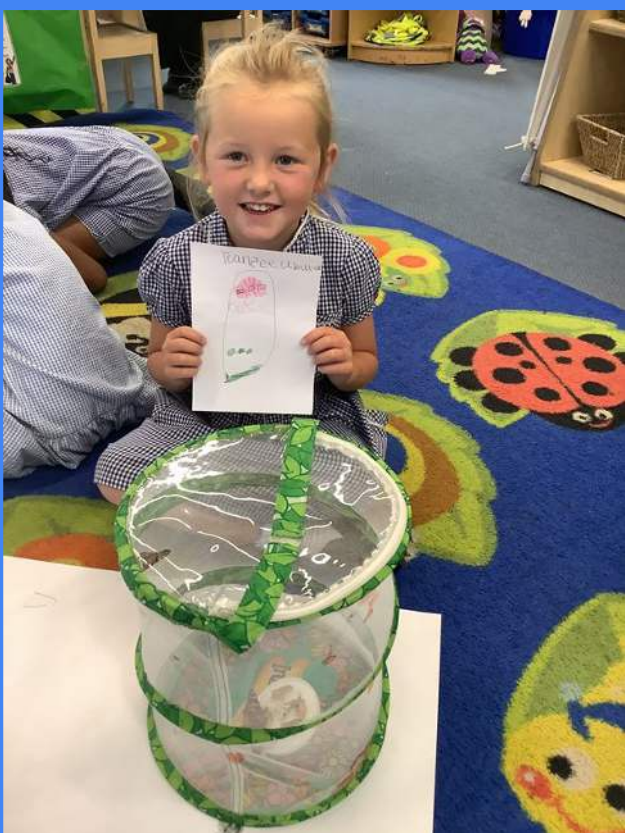
Last week we had our Nursery Sports Day and enjoyed taking part in our different sports races. We even had a parent race which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone!



RECEPTION

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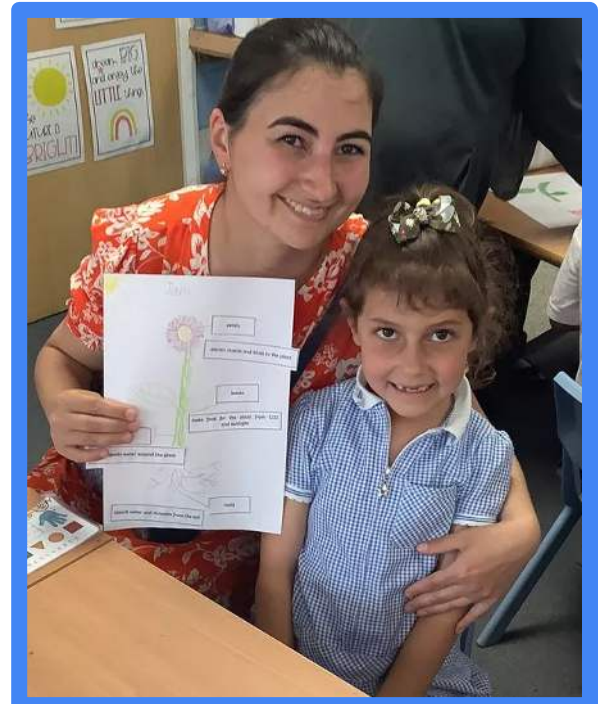
Reception have had a fun filled half term. We have visited the Zoo and met a range of different animals, engaged with a fun 'Sunshine story' session and watched our baby caterpillars grow into beautiful butterflies! So much fun and learning!



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Year 1 have had a great half term, with lots of wonderful learning happening every day. In science, the pupils have been learning all about the parts of a plant. They had a lovely family learning session, thank you to all of the families who came to help their children.



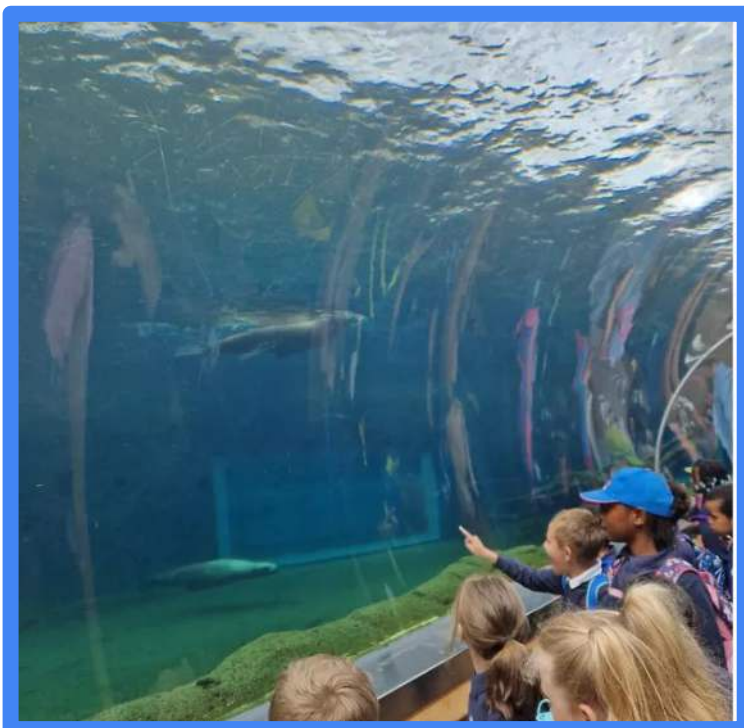
In Religious Education, the pupils have been learning all about Judaism. They experienced Shabbat, the Jewish day of rest. They drank juice and ate challah bread. This helped the pupils understand how Jewish people belong to their faith.



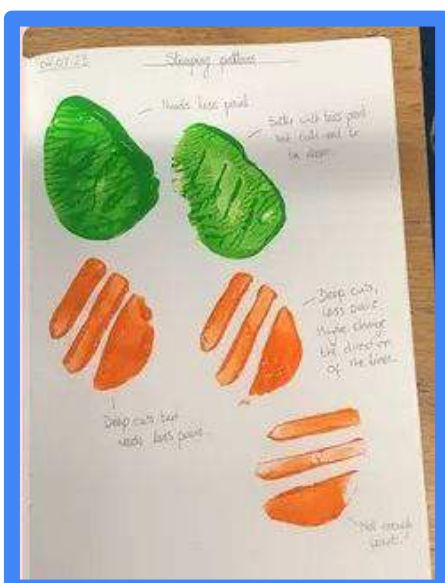
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Year 2 have been super busy this half term learning lots of new knowledge. They had a fantastic school trip to Colchester Zoo. The pupils loved watching the animals, reading information about them and talking about their habitats.

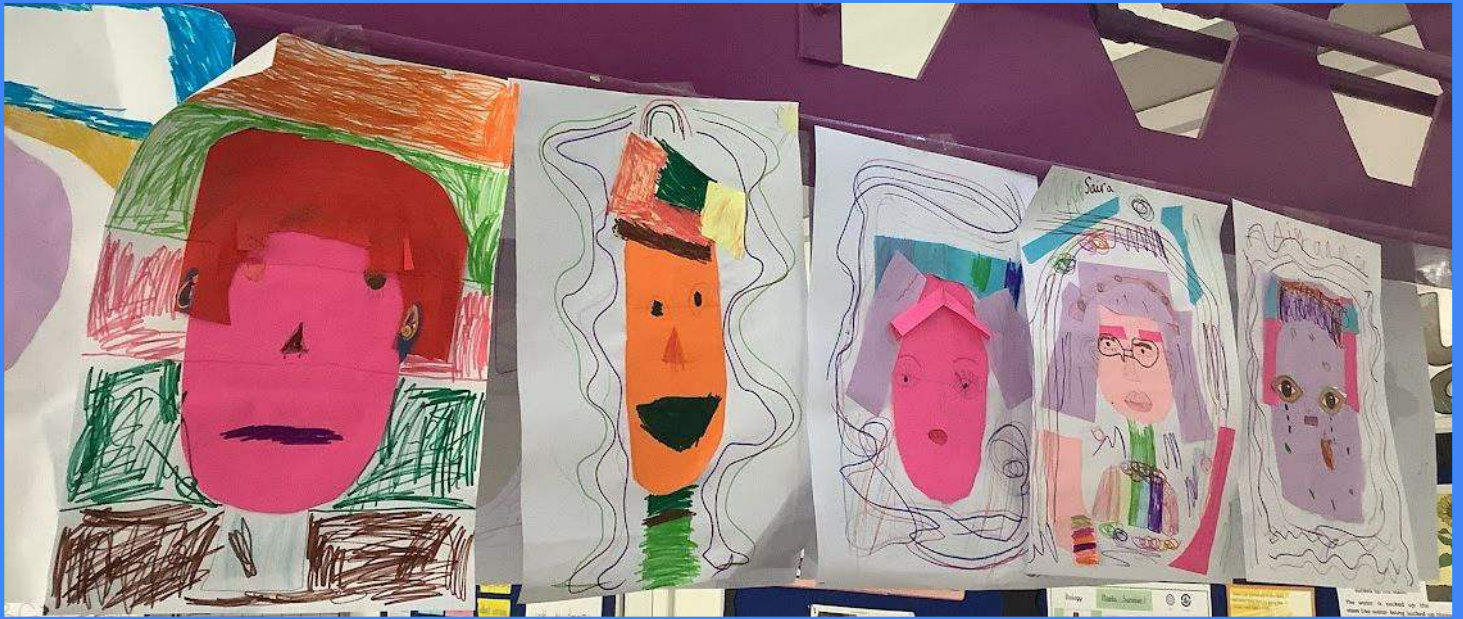


In art, the pupils have been learning how to print. They have used a range of printing techniques to create their own picture. It was great when lots of families came to join the pupils for the potato printing during the family learning session.



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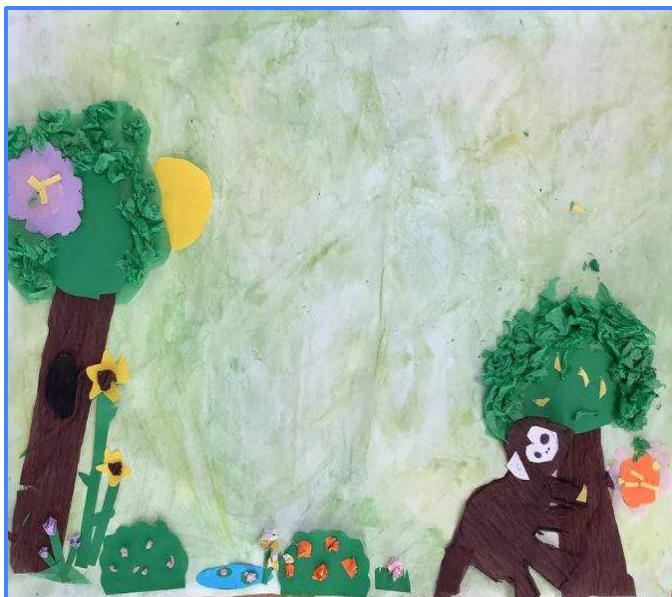


Wow! What a fantastic Summer term it has been. We have been learning lots about Cubism and abstract art. You may have noticed some beautiful pieces of art constructed if you came to the family learning session last week! These were made with an artist from Southend - The Focal Point Gallery. A massive thank you to all those who came and supported the session. As the academic year comes to an end, the Year 3 team would like to thank you for your support throughout the year. We wish you a happy and safe half term.

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In Art, Year 4 have been learning about Henry Rousseau and Pablo Picasso. We have been looking at their paintings of the rainforest and comparing their work. We have created our own collage, using the styles of Rousseau and Picasso as inspiration. During our family learning session, we created our final piece. Below are a few examples of us and our work.



Year 4 have worked incredibly hard this academic year. The children had a positive attitude towards their learning and produced great outcomes in all subjects. The children were resilient when it came to learning their times tables and did incredibly well in their multiplication tables check. They are becoming avid readers and we wish them the best of luck in Year 5.

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It has been a very busy term in Year 5, the children have taken part in lots of activities and celebrations such as the Summer Arts festival and Bedtime Stories. They have been learning all about climate change in their topic lessons and designed and made keyrings during their family learning session. The children have worked hard this year in Year 5 and have developed their independence and resilience. We wish them the best for Year 6.



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Last week, many of the year 6 pupils were able to attend their year 7 transition at their new secondary school. It gave all the children a great insight into the fantastic opportunities that they will have in the up and coming change in September.

This week, year 6 pupils have been rehearsing for their leavers assembly. They are all so excited to show you their great acting skills and singing as we take you through their Lansdowne memories.



On Friday 23rd, 47 year 6 pupils were able to attend Kingswood for their residential trip. The children had the opportunity to complete some thrilling activities such as leap of a faith, fencing and problem solving which focused on team building exercises. This was a great chance for children to develop their resilience and responsibility skills.



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We had a fantastic time on the Acorns trip to Call of the Wild. During the day, we saw lots of different birds and animals, including monkeys, parrots and wallabies. The children also enjoyed meeting and stroking some of the animals, especially the donkeys and the goats.

Last week we also had a great family learning afternoon, trying out some different games and activities, such as mini golf, the balance boards and curling.

