



*A message from Viki Reid, GLC Chief Executive Officer:*

As we come to the end of the year I have been reflecting about how proud I am to be part of our lovely GLC family. Like any family we have had our happy times and sad times during 2023.

The death of one of our beautiful students, Kayla Ere, shook us to the core in March and our thoughts are with her family at this time of the year.

I know some other members of our community have also had difficult things to cope with and we send our love and thoughts to them too.

Our young people continue to amaze me with their resilience, compassion, responsibility and aspirations not only for themselves or their friends but for everyone across the GLC. I am so proud of them, whether it's seeing them excel academically, watching them perform 'We're all in this together' at High School Musical or sing in Spanish to name but a few. But most importantly I am proud that they are becoming such active and thriving citizens.

Thank you to all of you for your support this year-it really is appreciated. We are so pleased you chose to send your wonderful young people to The Gateway Learning Community.

We are also proud of our incredible team at the GLC across all areas who support our community with compassion whilst giving our young people an exceptional range of opportunities to support them in partnership with you to become whatever they want to be.

I hope you have a lovely Christmas Break with your family and friends.



## The GLC Student and Pupil Leadership Launch

On Monday 6 November, we celebrated our GLC leaders at **The GLC Student and Pupil Leadership Launch event**.

It was a wonderful opportunity to bring together all leaders and parents to discuss the responsibilities that our young people have applied for or been voted to take on by their peers. There are 6 groups: GLC Heads, GLC Captains, GLC Parliament, GLC Eco Council, GLC Arts Council and GLC Charity Council.

Incredible achievements that have already occurred as a result of collaboration were shared in the areas of Sustainability, Sharing Our Lives and Wellbeing. We were thrilled to see the dedication and impact of some of our leaders and look forward to seeing what they will achieve this year in each of the groups which will be supported by Mrs Reid, Mrs Carroll at GPFS, Mr Burnett at LPA, Mrs George at HPA, Mrs Bryant at GA, Mrs Jones at TPA, Mrs Lister from the central team.

They are all wearing GLC leader badges - ask them what they are going to improve!



## GLC Primary Holiday Provision

The GLC Primary holiday provision was held at Herringham Primary Academy on Monday 30th October - 1st November.

### Children comments: positive or any suggestions for improvements you would like to make?

- Yes, I enjoyed using the computers
- I enjoy mixing with my friends.
- I've enjoyed the paints and glitter.
- Yes, I enjoyed going to the book shop

### Parent Feedback: Please share any other questions/ thoughts/ ideas regarding the GLC holiday provision

- My 3 children attended Yr 2, 3 & 5. This is so great for my kids and it works really well with our family & the cost is reasonable. Maybe some trips to farms would be an idea? Even if parents could support???
- My daughter absolutely loved it and couldn't stop talking about what she had done that day
- Excellent holiday provision
- My son loved Forest School. He said he would love to attend again. He came home full of enthusiasm. He didn't stop talking all evening about the wide variety of things they did. Fab idea.



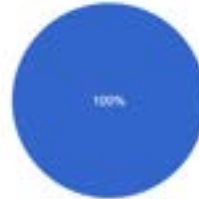
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Did your children enjoy the holiday provision?  
7 responses

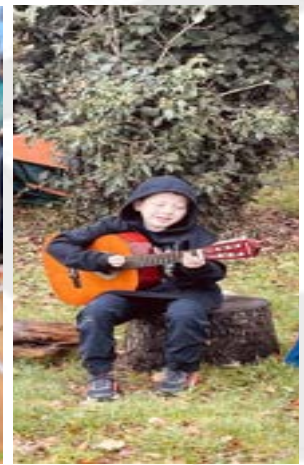


• Yes  
• No

My child made progress academically, socially and / or emotionally during the holiday provision.  
7 responses

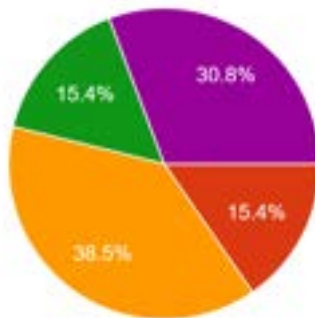


• Yes  
• No



What specific maths lesson did you enjoy the most? Please Tick .

13 responses



- Subtract a decimal number from a whole number
- Subtract fractions with different denominators
- Multiply proper fractions by whole numbers
- KS2 NCETM Mastering Number Programme
- 9 Times table lessons

## The GLC at Christmas Tilbury Lights Switch on Event

On Friday 1st December 2023, the community of Tilbury gathered to kick off the festive season with the annual Tilbury Christmas Light Switch on event organised by the fantastic Annie O'Brien at Tilbury Riverside Project. A large crowd gathered to join in with the festive occasion.

A highlight of the evening was the performances of the primary school choirs from The Gateway Learning Community. Each of the schools had their own choir, who had been practising for weeks to prepare for this special event. Their performance brought smiles to the faces of the audience. The Christmas lights were then officially switched on by Charlie Lawrence, a local man who is involved in many local charity activities.

The Gateway Primary Free School also arranged a stall where children could write and post their letters to santa. They also received a flag for joining in with the activity.

The annual Christmas Light Switch on event had once again brought the community together, reminding everyone of the true spirit of the festive season.



Letter to Santa, first class  
Elf delivery!

## Blocco Sharing Concert



On Tuesday 5 December 2023, the GLC Blocco after school club shared what they had been learning to their families in the end of term sharing concert.

Kinetika Blocco and Thurrock Music Services have worked extremely hard with the children to produce some fantastic music pieces, we cannot wait to see how the children progress throughout the year.

Thank you to all the parents for their support and a huge well done to all of the children involved.



## The London Philharmonic Orchestra Concert at The GLC!

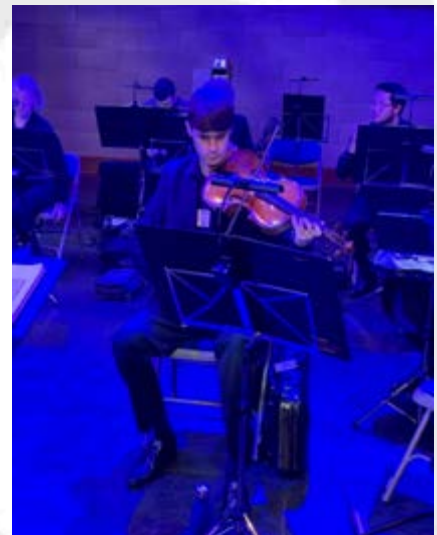
On Monday 11 December 2023, The GLC were extremely privileged to host the London Philharmonic Orchestra for the first day of 'Classical Unlocked' ; they introduced a diverse range of orchestral repertoire. The GLC Year 6 pupils and Year 7 students were fully engaged in the concert, they even created their own Hen soundscape in response to the music of Respighi! 2 of our students were invited to play alongside the orchestra. Feedback from the pupils/ students:

*"It was nice and fun, I am pleased they picked me and I enjoyed playing" - Year 7 Student*

*"I think it was really good because of the lights, instruments and the stories" - Year 7 Student*

*"It was really good, I liked the way they played and I also know that they work very hard to achieve how they play. I would like to play the flute in the future." - Year 6 pupil*

*I think it was really good when they did the animal part, I liked how they played the different instruments for different animal noises. I would like to play the violin in the future." - Year 6 pupil*



### Carol Singing at Lakeside Shopping Centre

The GLC primary choirs delighted shoppers at Lakeside Shopping Centre on the 4th and 7th December 2023 by spreading festive cheer through their beautiful carol singing. The GLC primary choirs performed a variety of carols, ranging from traditional favourites such as "Silent Night" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" to lively tunes like "Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." Each performance was a testament to the countless hours of practice and dedication put in by the students and their teachers. A big thank you to the pupils for singing with such pride and to all the parents that joined us not only to support us but for joining in.



## High School Musical

The Gateway Academy arts faculty had a vision in January to provide a fun, engaging show that would allow all children in ALL the GLC schools the opportunity to be involved in a professional performance. They held an open audition for the various parts. The response from the student body was phenomenal. Producing a musical with over 150 children involved was ambitious, but to complete it in less than 12 weeks was a real challenge. We are really proud of the result. The children have worked tirelessly and have often been at school rehearsing very late, not to mention giving up a weekend to carry out the technical and dress rehearsal.

It was vitally important to us that all aspects of this production were led by students, so everything was led by our children including the lights, sound effects, music and other backstage and support roles. Our youngest students should be commended for the hard work and dedication they have shown at all stages during this process.

There are so many people to thank that it would be impossible to list them all here, but above all we would like to thank students and parents for your support, both during the rehearsal period and by coming to the performances. Finally, the most important aspect is that all the students not only develop core skills of communication and confidence but have made life-long memories.

**We are 'All Different, All Equal, Improving Upon or Best' and We're all in this together! - The Arts Faculty**



*"The performance was fantastic, I really enjoyed it. You could see the amount of effort that all the pupils and staff had put into the performance. They had all worked really hard."*

- Chris Coles, GA Governor

*"I enjoyed the show last night especially the singing. It ran very smoothly and you could tell how much the children had rehearsed. Say well done to all the cast and the staff involved in the production."*

- Maggie Wright, HPA/ GPFS Governor



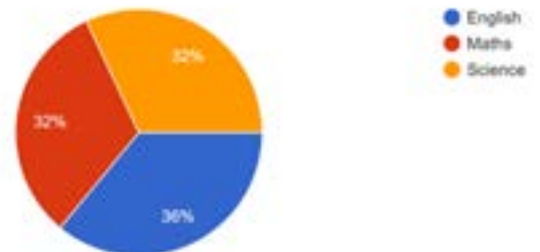
### GA Holiday School Success

We have been working tirelessly to ensure our students maximise learning through the offer of an October Holiday School where our aim was to provide ambitious, challenging curriculum activities in order to rapidly improve attainment and support our children's wellbeing. This intensive learning programme focused on English, Maths and Science whilst having a practical approach to learning in a fun and safe environment. Children were also offered the option to attend a variety of fun, enrichment sessions that included Halloween Puff Pastry treats, Halloween Clay Art, Halloween Dance Spectacular, the climbing wall, a range of sports sessions and an external trip to Flip Out in Lakeside.



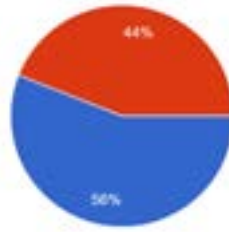
#### Student Reviews:

Which session do you feel you made the most progress in?  
25 responses



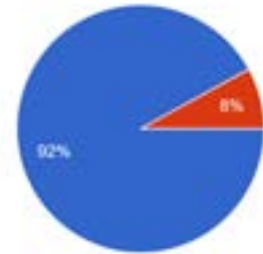


Staff understood and identified what/how to help me learn.  
25 responses



- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

October School supported my social and emotional well-being  
25 responses

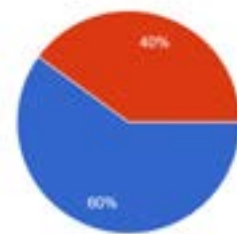


- Yes
- No

What sessions were your favourites in school?  
25 responses



I enjoyed working with staff and other students  
25 responses



- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree



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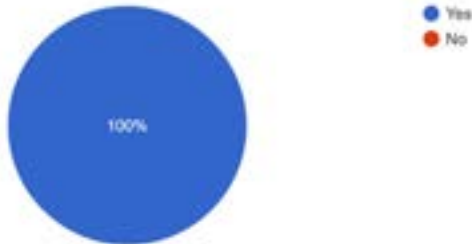
All Different: All Equal  
Together, Improving Upon Our Best



Did October School meet your expectations?  
25 responses



Did you enjoy the Flip Out Trip?  
25 responses



**Parental Review:**

Any comments? Positive or any suggestions for improvement you would like to make?
You guys doing great, carry on the good work
None at all. Lacey enjoyed it all.
My daughter had loads of fun
Both children attended October school and both said they enjoyed it
Thank you, happy to attend.
Perfectly organised, my daughter felt socially and emotionally involved, happily looked forward to the next day to go to school, and then shared with me what happened during the day, the apple puffs were very tasty) Thank you very much for organising this kind of event, this really helps our children become good people
Keep up the work
No it's an amazing thing you have all done for the kids and I can see my son coming out of his shell since he attended October school and he has loved it

## Anti-bullying week 13th - 17th November 2023



The GA enthusiastically celebrated Anti-Bullying Week across the Academy, embracing this year's theme, 'Make a Noise.' Our kickoff event for Anti-Bullying Week was Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, where students were encouraged to wear mismatched socks in solidarity with the Anti-Bullying Alliance. Odd Socks Day conveys a crucial message to our students, emphasising the importance of embracing individuality and celebrating the unique qualities that make each of us special.

Throughout the week, students engaged in discussions on how to 'make a noise' about bullying during tutor time and through their weekly assemblies, with a specific focus on distinguishing between 'banter and bullying.'

As a proactive measure, the Academy has appointed a dedicated group of students as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. These ambassadors underwent comprehensive training at Hassenbrook School, delivered by the Diana Award, and are now certified anti-bullying ambassadors.

They actively collaborate with both students and staff to cultivate a culture of respect throughout the Academy. These ambassadors are equipped to recognise and respond to instances of bullying, and they also serve as part of the student voice, conveying concerns raised by their peers. During assembly this week, the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors launched their new initiative, "No-One Sits Alone." This initiative aims to establish a safe and welcoming environment during break and lunch where students can make new friends, participate in activities, and feel supported throughout these times in the academy day. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all students involved in this initiative.

## A win for the GA Year 7 Netball Team

On 20th November 2023, the Year 7 netball team started their Essex campaign with a win! The girls worked extremely hard and showed great resilience and determination.

**The players player:** Katie **Coaches player:** Taylor



## Year 11 Next Steps



This half term, Year 11 students had the valuable opportunity to engage with several organisations, exploring possibilities for their next steps after school.

We were delighted to welcome representatives from various organisations, including National Rail, the NHS, the British Army, St Cleres Sixth Form, and many more.

These interactions are part of our ongoing efforts to enhance our careers programme at the Academy, skilfully overseen by Mrs. Fuller. We are committed to providing students with meaningful insights and connections that will contribute to their informed decisions about future career paths. This initiative reflects our commitment to supporting and preparing our students for the exciting journey that lies ahead after their time at the Academy.

## U16 Sports Success



It was the first Essex Cup Basketball game for our U16 boys on Tuesday 21 November and they secured a win! It was a fantastic game with some great play against a tough opposition. The score was: 43-31. Well done boys.

On Tuesday 28 November the U16s Netball team played against Thames Park, they played a phenomenal game and came away with a 23-2 win. Well done girls, you showed great skill, resilience and teamwork.

Player of the Match - Chloe

## Student Voice



The inaugural student voice session of the year was spearheaded by our Head students, who shared insights from the entire school on a diverse range of topics. Guiding their peers through presentations and discussions, they provided valuable input to Mrs McLaughlin.

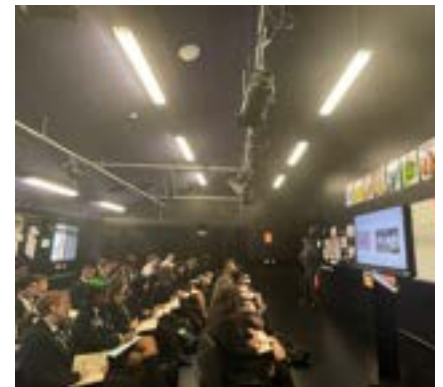
Our students raised thoughtful and compelling issues for the academy to address, contributing to ongoing efforts to enhance the overall quality of our academy experience.

## Gateway Academy Masterclasses

As part of the strategy to broaden the educational landscape of our more able students at the Gateway Academy, we have held four Masterclasses so far on super-curricular themes to support students' wider understanding of their subjects. So far, there have been over 250 engagements to the classes with more planned for the remainder of this academic year.

Students have fed back that they enjoyed learning about themes they wouldn't ordinarily have covered in lessons, and that the classes made them think about the connections to their curriculum.

Masterclasses so far have been:  
"Gender bias in history" (Sarah Shaw),  
"How medicines are developed"  
(Michael Prince), "How the reigns of Elizabeth I and James I influenced Shakespeare" (Alex Mitchell), and  
"Why don't we all speak the same language?" (Dave Zeffie).



## Year 7 visit to Hertford College, University of Oxford



On November 30<sup>th</sup>, 27 Year 7 students visited the University of Oxford as part of the more able programme at the Gateway Academy.

The purpose of the visit was to find out more about University life, experience the feel of the buildings and enjoy lunch in one of the refectories. Students met and spoke to a number of undergraduates, including former Gateway student Andrea Neville, currently in her final year studying history.

Feedback from the visit was overwhelmingly positive with 100% of students saying they would be working hard towards securing a place at University in the future.

## GPFS Celebrating Parents' Evening Success



Miss Pattison expressed what a pleasure it was to speak to parents at Parents' Evening and to hear all of the wonderful praise you had for the GPFS.

The survey which had 71 responses reflects this:

99% of families agreed or strongly agreed their child was happy at the school (the other one said they didn't know).

99% of families agreed or strongly agreed that we ensure pupils are well behaved.

97% would recommend our school to others.

EVERYONE surveyed said their child felt safe at the school.

EVERYONE surveyed said their child does well at the school.

## Remembrance Wreath Display

Wreaths were made by the pupils as part of their Remembrance Day activities, which included learning about the significance of the occasion and creating their own poppies and wreaths.

The wreaths are a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by those who served and continue to serve in the armed forces. They are also a symbol of the school's commitment to honouring and remembering those who have fought for our freedom.

Overall, the display of the Remembrance Wreaths at The Gateway Primary Free School has been a moving way to pay tribute to those who have served our country. It serves as a reminder of the bravery and sacrifices made by so many and encourages us all to remember and honour their legacy.



## Celebrating Read Write Inc. Success in Reception



Congratulations to Gateway Primary Free School, the Reception Read Write Inc. [RWI] data is showing that 81% of children in Reception are at the expected level - this is an excellent achievement.

Well done to the staff for ensuring the children are making great progress in their reading and writing skills. This achievement is a testament to their commitment in providing high-quality RWI sessions.

Thank you to parents for supporting their learning at home.

## Visit from Essex Fire Safety

On Tuesday 7 November 2023, Year 6 were visited by Essex Fire Safety for a special information session about online safety and showing respect.

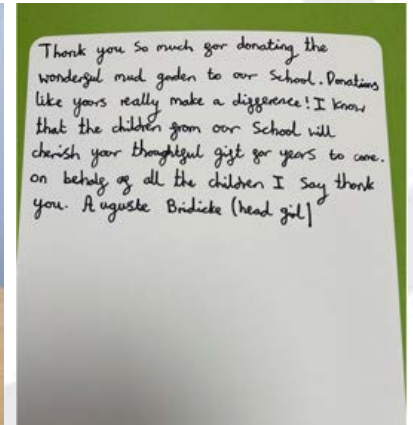
The children were given useful tips on how to stay safe online, such as creating strong passwords, being mindful of what they share on social media, and reporting any inappropriate or harmful content they may come across. They were encouraged to talk to a trusted adult if they ever felt uncomfortable or threatened online.

Additionally, the session also focused on the importance of showing respect to people from different backgrounds. They discussed diversity and inclusion. They learned about the importance of empathy and understanding, and how these qualities can foster positive relationships and a more harmonious society.



### Mud Kitchen Donation, Mears Trade School

The Gateway Primary Free School were extremely grateful to receive a fantastic mud kitchen kindly donated by MEARS Trade School. The children are very excited to use it! The Head Pupils wrote a lovely thank you card to them for their kind donation.



### Year 3 Trip to Colchester Castle

On Tuesday 21 November 2023, Year 3 enjoyed an educational day at Colchester Castle. They visited the basement which was built around 2000 years ago and found out lots of interesting facts about the Celts and Romans. They dressed up and enjoyed a role play session in the Colosseum and experienced how to drive a chariot. The children enjoyed learning about the Romans' traditional herbs and pottery, squeezing into a freshly built Celts house and Roman Fireplace.

Overall, it was a memorable day filled with fun and learning for Year 3.



## Learning Outside in the GPFS Nursery



Taking learning outside is a wonderful way for children to explore and engage with their surroundings. In the GPFS nursery this half term, the children had the opportunity to experience the sounds of nature in the garden. They sat quietly, listening intently to the diverse noises that surrounded them.

As they listened, the children were invited to document their observations on clipboards. Armed with paper and pencils, they began to draw pictures of what they believed was making each specific sound. This activity encouraged their imagination and critical thinking skills, as they tried to visually represent the sounds they were hearing.

## The History of Puppets

This half term we have been learning about identifying the purpose of puppets and how to use them. We can identify some similarities and differences with puppets in history and puppets used now.

We discussed what the children like and dislike about the different types of puppets and the purpose of puppets.



## Amazon Donation

On Friday 15 December, Amazon UK visited the Gateway Primary Free School and generously donated watches to the children. The watches became a valuable tool for the children to practice telling time and they embraced this opportunity wholeheartedly. We are extremely grateful to Amazon UK for making a difference in the lives of our pupils and brightening their day with a gift they will cherish.



## Year 5 and 6 Art Club

During Art Club, this half term Year 5 and 6 pupils have been using watercolour paints to create an autumnal landscape. They learned different techniques like wet-on-wet and dry brushing to create textures and effects. The students were inspired by examples of autumn landscapes and discussed the vibrant colours of the season. They experimented with different techniques to create elements of the landscape. They learned to layer the paint and gradually add darker tones for contrast.

The paintings showcased their creativity and newfound skills in watercolour painting. The art club project not only allowed the students to explore their artistic abilities but also helped them appreciate the beauty of autumn.



## Exploring Forest School

Reception at HPA have been having a great time so far this half term in Forest School. They have been building dens, finding and identifying minibeasts, playing on the rope swing and feeding the birds. The children enjoyed exploring and discovering the natural environment around them.

They can't wait for their next adventure in Forest School!



## Finding Futures Essex Outdoors Adventure

On Thursday 23 November 2023, some of the Finding Futures children from Year 5 went on an outdoor adventure trip at Essex Outdoors. They tackled varying difficulty climbing walls, competed in archery and took on high obstacle courses with harnesses. Overall, they all had a fantastic time and showed great resilience, aspiration and courage.



## Voice of the Week!



Herringham Primary Academy choir have been practising their songs for the exciting upcoming Young Voices event at the 02 Arena in January 2024.

Each week the children are awarded the 'Voice of the week' certificate.

They have even been adding some dance moves to the music too! Great work!

## Year 1 Festive Weaving

Year 1 achieved some wonderful weaving in Forest School. There was a lot of concentration from the children as they created their festive red and green stars, trees or patterns on the weaving blocks. Lots of resilience was displayed when they realised it wasn't as easy as they first thought! There was a rare moment of quiet as the children were engrossed in what they were trying to achieve which led to fantastic outcomes.



## Christmas Pots

In the final gardening club of 2023, HPA made Christmas pots to give to friends and family over the holidays. They filled them with soil and a few spring bulbs. Then, came into the warm and decorated strips with festive pictures which they stuck to the pot as decoration.



## Lansdowne Primary Academy receives prestigious Artsmark Award



**Artsmark  
Gold Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

Pupils and staff at **Lansdowne Primary Academy** are celebrating after receiving a prestigious Artsmark Award in a momentous year for the programme as it celebrates 20 years of arts, culture and creativity in schools.

The Artsmark Award is the only creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. It

supports schools to develop and celebrate arts and cultural education, putting creativity and wellbeing at the heart of the curriculum. Artsmark ensures every young person can be creative and access a diverse, high-quality cultural education. In order to achieve their Artsmark Award, **Lansdowne Primary Academy** had to develop their arts and culture provision to embed a broad and ambitious curriculum. This was achieved by creating an overall plan that was committed to and delivered across the whole school.

The Artsmark assessor commended **Lansdowne Primary Academy** -

*Lansdowne Primary Academy has developed an impressive creative curriculum provision, using the arts to engage children in wider learning and to foster children's personal development. Collaborating with a wide range of arts providers, you have enhanced staff skills and confidence and enriched the children's cultural capital. Your Cultural Partnership Leader has put her 'Leaders for Impact' training into practice, forging new cultural collaborations. Your pedagogy has been influenced by the work of Lucas and Claxton and creativity is now very strongly embedded in your teaching practice, further supported by the introduction of peer coaching. You have recognised the importance of children's agency in their learning and have adjusted your offer in response to the views of your children's Arts Council. This agency extends to all children in the range of collaborations with arts organisations such as the Royal Opera House, RSC, English Touring Opera, the National Theatre and others. It is impressive that you are embedding these experiences within*

*the curriculum and seeing the benefits of connecting the arts to learning across the curriculum. You can evidence the impact of drama experiences and drama processes on the quality of writing, notably with disadvantaged boys. Your 'All different: All Equal' projects have led to a review of reading texts to reflect and celebrate diversity and you have seen a strong improvement in reading outcomes. Your 'All Telling Our Story' project gave pupils the opportunity to use their creativity to explore and give voice to the stories of migrants, captured in the children's writing of a song performed at a community Windrush 75 event. Creative days in the community, collaborating with other schools, have further enhanced your presence in the community and you have developed parental engagement through workshops and performances. Your commitment to using the arts as a vehicle to drive empathy, equality and diversity is powerful and admirable.*

Lansdowne Primary Academy was supported by Royal Opera House Bridge in planning and developing their objectives. They worked alongside the school at various stages to support their Artsmark Award achievement.

Dr Darren Henley CBE, Chief Executive of the Arts Council, said:

*"I would like to congratulate the Lansdowne Primary Academy on their Artsmark Award. Becoming an Artsmark school demonstrates that through offering a broad, ambitious, and creative curriculum, every pupil can develop character and resilience, increasing their knowledge, curiosity and skills that will remain with them through to adult life."*

### Roman Immersion Day

For the wow start to Autumn 2, Year 3 immersed themselves in history, dressing up as Romans. They thoroughly enjoyed learning about ancient Roman culture, daily life, and important historical events. The students enjoyed seeing their classmates in colourful togas and robes, just like the Romans used to wear. They participated in various role-playing activities to better grasp the way Romans lived and interacted with one another.



### Remembrance Day

Staff and children from Lansdowne Primary Academy participated in the Tilbury Remembrance Service on Sunday 12 November, 2023.

They joined the community at the Cenotaph to honour and remember those who have served and sacrificed for their country.

This demonstrates the school's commitment to instilling values of remembrance and respect and the school's core values compassion and responsibility.



## Space Immersion Day

In History, Year 5 pupils immersed themselves in Space, they took part in astronaut training and learned about the challenges and technology involved in travelling to space. They studied the history of space exploration, from the first manned missions to the moon to current missions to Mars. They designed and made their own rockets and were delighted to be able to 'launch' them in the school field.

Overall, the Space activities in History gave pupils a comprehensive understanding of space exploration and its significance in human history. It sparked their curiosity and inspired them to explore the wonders of the universe further.



## Florence Nightingale Visit



Travelling with Florence to Scutari hospital and role-playing scenes from her life, Year 2 explored her childhood memories as well as her nursing legacy in an exciting drama workshop.

Florence took the children on a journey of her lifetime. Firstly talking about her home and family life, they went on to

learn all about her travels and what inspired her to become a nurse. Using drama activities such as roleplay and tableaux to explore her life and times. One of the main activities in this workshop involves re-enacting the Scutari hospital, with the children taking on roles such as patients, nurses and even rats!

### Donation from the Charity Give a Bear



Mr and Mrs Telok, parents of children attending Lansdowne Primary Academy, delivered their very kind annual donation. The charity is called 'Give a bear', they donate bags of Christmas gifts for some of our pupils at Lansdowne Primary Academy.

We are very appreciative of this donation.

### Festive Biscuits and Beautiful Coasters



In Lansdowne Primary Academy's Reception, the pupils were enthusiastically engaged in making delicious festive biscuits and beautiful coasters to sell at the Christmas market.

They were extremely proud of their outcomes, well done!



## Poetry Slam

To mark National Poetry Day, 5th October 2023, Pioneer immersed themselves in poetry. All children participated in a performance poetry lesson to get them engaged.

They also had a choice to enter the Poetry Slam! Children could perform individually or in a small or large group. Some children even wrote their own poetry to perform!

Heats were held across year groups until there were just two finalists per class who would then go on to perform their poetry to the judges.



## Walk Online Roadshow



Year 5 Pupils at TPA attended the annual Thurrock Walk Online Roadshow. The programme aims to raise awareness for children and young adults around the positives and also the risks associated with today's ever-changing technology.

The event is led by Essex Police Online Investigation Team and some of the content included the risks and benefits of the internet and bullying both real and virtual.

The children had an amazing time. We hope that this opens up some conversations between children and their parents.

## Year 4 Reading



The Year 4 pupils have been using a vocabulary booklet to help them with their vocabulary and word classes of tier 2 and 3 words. It has given the learners a better understanding of the story 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' by Kate DiCamillo.

## Roman Shields and Colchester Castle Visit

Year 3 had a great time making Roman shields and visiting Colchester Castle all in the same week! They were supported by some wonderful parents who came into the DT lesson to help cut, paint and stick the different parts of the Roman shields together. They visited Colchester Castle, to learn more about Roman and Celtic life in Britain. They were able to explore artefacts in the museum, work in teams to build a Roman villa and Celtic roundhouse and even went underneath the castle to learn more about Roman life in Colchester.



## Year 4 Digestive System



The Year 4 children invited their parents in to do a simulation of the digestive system. They used biscuits, banana and orange juice in a bag to represent the mouth. Next, they poured their contents into a stocking, which represented the intestines, and squeezed it to show the nutrients being absorbed into our blood vessels to form energy. Finally, they placed the stocking content into a cup with a whole and pushed it through to represent the final stage of the digestive system.

## Fencing at TPA - EN GARDE!



Year 4 at Pioneer have been learning the art of Fencing with a focus around coordination in footwork!

Excitement brewed as the Sabres were introduced and began to piece together footwork and striking an opponent. Pupils also learned how the sport represents and encourages 'RESPECT' which every child has shown during these lessons.

## Brentwood School's Theatre Company

On 28th November, children in Years 1, 2,3 and 4 were treated to an inspirational performance of Charlie Cook's Favourite Book. Students from **Brentwood School's Theatre Company** adapted the popular Julia Donaldson book and created their own stage performance for younger children.

We were delighted to be able to welcome Brentwood School students to our school. The TPA children thoroughly enjoyed a piece of drama including, song, instruments and some creative use of props, mime and drama.

We hope that this will be the start of a wonderful collaboration between our schools and are already looking forward to a further performance in January of "How to Train Your Dragon" which will include some workshops for the children too.



## Thank you Friends of Pioneer




The Friends of Pioneer successfully raised funds for a stage for Tilbury Pioneer Academy. The stage has arrived in time for TPA's Christmas performances, thanks to various fundraising events including discos, a stall at 'My Money Week' market, and selling discounted Adventure Island wristbands.

The Friends of Pioneer will continue supporting the school and community with a stall at the Christmas Market, featuring a tombola stall and Christmas raffle. A huge thank you Friends Of Pioneer, your support is extremely valued.

### Curriculum Posters

Each half term influential people connected to the curriculum are displayed around the GLC primary schools. This half term celebrated international influential people:


## ABRAHAM LINCOLN



Abraham Lincoln (1809–1865) was the 16th president of the United States and is regarded as one of America's greatest heroes due to his role as saviour of the Union and emancipator of enslaved people. His rise from humble beginnings to achieving the highest office in the land is a remarkable story. Lincoln's distinctively humane personality and incredible impact on the nation have endowed him with an enduring legacy.

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## BRUCE LEE



Bruce Lee (1940–1973) comic actor, director and martial arts expert. Bruce Lee was a child actor in Hong Kong, who later returned to the U.S. and taught martial arts. He was a devoted teacher and taught mostly a style he called Jeet Kune Do, or "The Way of the Intercepting Fist." Bruce Lee starred in the TV series *The Green Hornet* (1966–67) and became a major box office draw in *The Chinese Connection* and *Fists of Fury*.

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## FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE



Florence Nightingale (1820–1910) part of a middle family, she defied the expectations of the time and pursued what she saw as her God-given calling of nursing. During the Crimean War, she and a team of nurses improved the sanitary conditions at a British base hospital, greatly reducing the death toll. Her writings sparked worldwide health care reform, and in 1860 she established St. Thomas' Hospital and the Nightingale Training School for Nurses. A reward hero of her time.

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## MAHATMA GANDHI



Mahatma Gandhi (1869–1948) was the primary leader of India's independence movement and also the architect of a form of non-violent civil disobedience that would influence the world. Ghandi was assassinated in 1948, his life and teachings inspired activists including Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela.

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## MALALA YOUSAFZAI



Malala Yousafzai (1997-present) as a young girl, defied the Taliban in Pakistan and demanded that girls be allowed to receive an education. She was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman in 2012 but survived. In 2015, she gave a speech to the United Nations and published her first book, *I Am Malala*. In 2014, she became the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

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## MICHAEL ROSEN



Michael Rosen (1944) is one of the best-known figures in the children's book world. He is renowned for his work as a poet, performer, broadcaster and scriptwriter. As an author and by selecting other writers' works for anthologies he has been involved with over 140 books. He also served as Children's Laureate from 2007 to 2009.

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## MOTHER TERESA



Mother Teresa (1910-1997), nun and missionary and canonized in the Catholic church as Saint Teresa of Calcutta, devoted her life to caring for the sick and poor. Born in Skopje in parents of Albanian-descent and having taught in India for 17 years, Mother Teresa experienced her "call within a call" in 1946. Her order established a hospice system for the blind, aged and disabled, and a hospice colony. In 1979, Mother Teresa received the Nobel Peace Prize for her humanitarian work.

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## MUHAMMAD ALI



Muhammad Ali (1942-2011) was a boxer, philanthropist and social activist who is universally regarded as one of the greatest athletes of the 20th century. He became an Olympic gold medalist in 1960 and the world heavy-weight boxing champion in 1964. Muhammad Ali had a career record of 36 wins, five losses and 37 knockouts before his retirement from boxing in 1981 at the age of 39. He was also known for his brave public stance against the Vietnam War.

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## PRINCESS DIANA



Princess Diana (1961-1997) became Lady Diana Spencer after her father inherited the title of Earl Spencer in 1975. She married the late to the British throne, Prince Charles, on July 29, 1981. They had two sons and later divorced in 1996. She served as a strong supporter of many charities and worked to help the homeless, people living with terminal illnesses and children in need. Diana is remembered as the "People's Princess" because of her widespread popularity and global humanitarian efforts.

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## SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL



Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965) was a British politician, military officer and writer who served as the prime minister of Great Britain from 1940 to 1945 and then again from 1951 to 1955. After becoming prime minister in 1940, Churchill helped lead a successful Allied strategy with the U.S. and Soviet Union during World War II to defeat the Axis powers and establish post-war peace.

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