

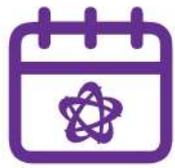
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# The GLC Parent Newsletter



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Our Spring newsletter is full of fantastic opportunities that our young have taken part in during the first half term of 2024. I hope you like the new design. If you click on the images on the front page it will take you directly to that section.

I am so proud of our wonderful community and I am very pleased that our academies continue to be full of amazing young people and staff who demonstrate our values; aspiration, compassion, resilience and responsibility. This helps us to achieve our mission of developing active, thriving citizens within a diverse, truly fair and equal community.

It has also been lovely to bring some new family events to the GLC this year:

- Young leadership presentation and action planning [watch this space for their events later in the term]
- Family Learning sessions at Lansdowne Primary Academy, Herringham Primary Academy inspired by those at the Gateway Academy [Tilbury Pioneer Academy and the Gateway Primary Free School to follow in the Summer term]

In all our academies our young people are working hard to improve upon their best. We are seeing some excellent results and progress in all year groups. Thank you for all you do to support your children by reading with them and supporting them with their homework. Our attendance continues to improve thank you for all you do. We also appreciate all you do to support their attendance at ALPs and after school provision. We have more things available than ever before.

Tomorrow sees the return of the great community event 'The Big Winter Wander' at Langdon Hills Nature Reserve at 10:30am in support of the WWF. See details in the communication section.

Finally, we look forward to seeing some of our young people at the GLC holiday provision next week-there is Bloco, sports, reading, maths and more.

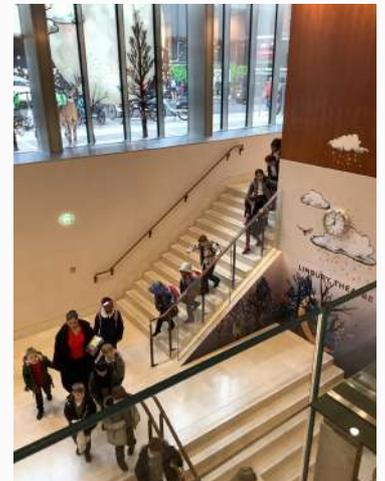
At the end of the bulletin there are other opportunities available for families and children to be involved in.



### Year 3 Visit: The Nutcracker.

Teachers and pupils have been following the Trailblazers 40/20/40 percent model for The Nutcracker in the classroom. Before the trip, they covered the first 40% - studying the music, characters and storyline, 20% was attending the event and the final 40% element of the learning was completed by writing a setting description of the set.

The GLC are piloting an action research project for the Royal Opera House to gather pupil voice on the Trailblazer 40/20/40 model which will be shared with schools nationally. Whilst at the theatre primary pupils from across the trust had the opportunity to share their thoughts on their learning in and outside the classroom, which they thoroughly enjoyed.



## Year 5&6 Sportshall Athletics

On Friday 19th January, 80 Year 5/6 children from across the Trust attended their yearly Thurrock SSP Indoor Sportshall Athletics competition at Basildon Sporting Village. Children took part in all different types of athletics events, these included sprints, long distance races, team relay, obstacle relay, jumping & throwing, all showcasing some of the excellent skills they have learnt in PE.



# **YOUNG VOICES**

On 30th January, 100 pupils from across the GLC primary schools took part in the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena. The concert is a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn a range of songs from different genres and perform them with a live band at the O2 Arena along with thousands of other children.

Our students have been busy learning a huge variety of songs at school and then took them to the concert to join with 8,000 other children in singing everything from a medley of Matilda Songs, a Moana mashup and the amazing pop medley, to Arirang - a Korean folk song sung in Korean and songs written especially for Young Voices and many more all ending up with an amazing version of River Deep, Mountain High!

They danced along with Urban Strides street dance company who also wowed them with spectacular performances and they sang along with young drummer Nandi Bushell stunning us all with her incredible playing as well as being backing singers for Natalie Williams.

It was amazing to be performing inside the O2 Arena and to get backstage previews of what rehearsals are like and how much energy and organisation goes into performing. We hope the audience enjoyed it as much as we did!





### **Pupil Quotes:**

"The lights were so bright and it was so exciting. The dancers were fun and I liked the drummer."

"It was really fun because everyone got to sing their favourite songs and got to see everyone dancing."

"It was really enjoyable because there was lots of other people singing and when everyone was showing their lights it looked really nice. The dancers were really good."

"It was fun because I love to learn new things that I've never done before. The best bit was dancing."

### **Parent feedback:**

"I just wanted to say a huge thank you to the team that took the children to young voices!!!! It was an amazing experience for them and R really enjoyed herself. It was so great to see the children having so much fun!"

"A big thank-you to you and the other teachers, J had the best time and was so excited and proud when she got home. Such a great experience for the children to have and I'm sure one they won't forget! "

## All Creating Our Future

All academies in the Gateway Learning Community [GLC] are involved in the #WeWill programme. At the beginning of the academic year we held a 'Student/Pupil Leadership Launch' – this event included the student leaders and their families, it described the role and project aims of each of the 6 GLC projects and gave them the chance to speak about their projects and be proud of their roles and responsibilities;

The 6 projects consist of 'All Creating Our Future' with the GLC Head Students/Pupils, 'All Thinking Critically' with the GLC Council, 'All Creating a Fairer World' with the GLC Captains, 'All Telling Our Story' with the GLC Arts Council, 'All Grateful' with the GLC Charity Leads, 'All Protecting Our Planet' with the GLC Eco Council

The project in focus this term is 'All Creating Our Future' with the GLC Head Students/Pupils. The Head Students/ Pupils represent pupils across their school; they are role models for their peers and promote the importance of 'improving upon our best'. Their project focuses on improving pupil outcomes across the GLC.

### Responsibilities include:

1. encouraging other pupils to have high aspirations for themselves, now and in the future
2. collecting pupil voice about interests and future aspirations
3. developing strategies to continue to improve attendance in our schools, so that all pupils have access to every opportunity available to help them achieve their best.
4. identifying and planning opportunities and events that enable pupils to:
  - develop their interests, talents and skills
  - develop their knowledge of different career paths and professions so that pupils understand the routes to achieving their aspirations.



The leaders arranged a student survey in order to find out what the students/pupils are interested in, with the goal of providing them with access to additional extra-curricular activities where children and young people can explore their interests, develop their talents, and gain a better understanding of potential career paths. If they are successful with the #wewill project bid then these additional, more specialised extra-curricular activities will be in place for the next academic year.

The survey also asked about the different careers that students/ pupils would like to learn more about and if they felt their academy supported them with working towards their future aspirations.

The head students/pupils met on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January to review the outcomes of this survey and recorded key points on a jam board. They spoke about inviting parents, staff, and external partners to visit schools during National Careers Week for 'The Big Me' in order to explore a range of careers. The secondary students will also be talking to the primary pupils about their secondary school experience and their aspirations for the future. Careers week activities are inclusive of all age groups, with the plan to place a bid for 'Little City' to come into school and provide opportunities for EYFS and Year 1 pupils to explore different careers.

The future goals for the GLC Head Students/ Pupils is to link with colleges and universities, organising workshops/assemblies in school and visits to their campuses, building on the current work with the Brilliant Club; as well as developing children's knowledge of different academic and vocational routes into employment. All of these opportunities will equip students with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the ever-changing world of work. By engaging with various clubs, becoming familiar with different employment sectors, and hearing from individuals in different professions, students will be able to make more informed decisions about their future aspirations and careers.



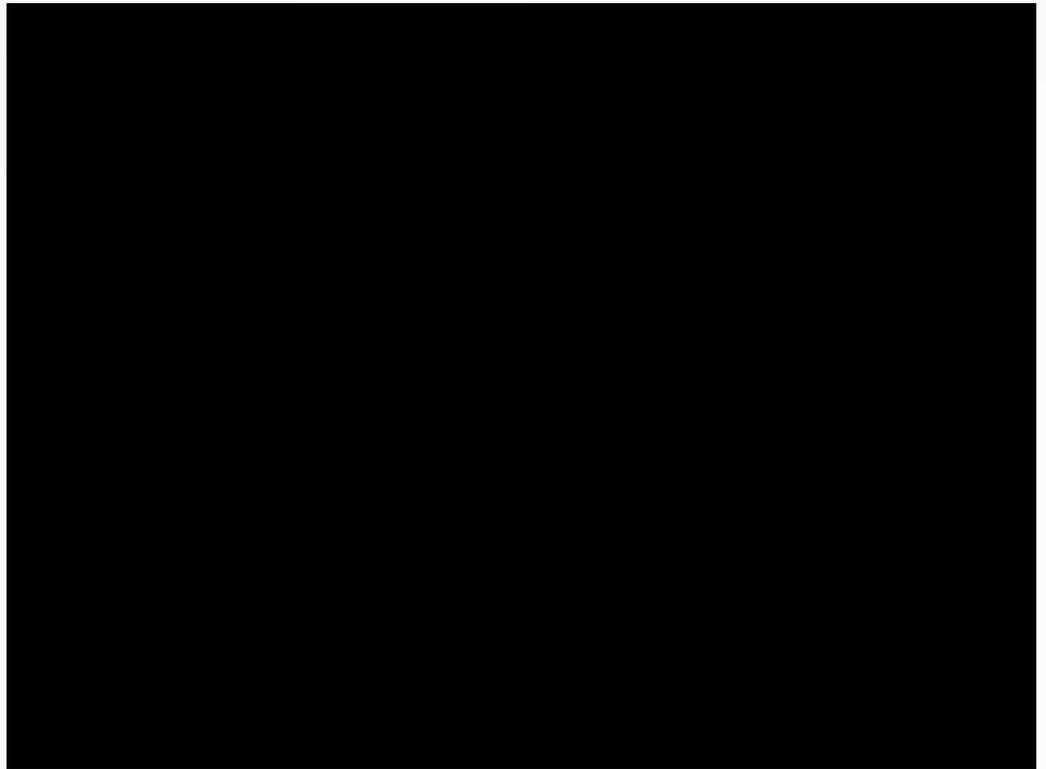


## My Voice Matters - Children's Mental Health Week

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, all academies have been involved in an information assembly and the mental health ambassadors across the GLC have been encouraging their peers to believe in themselves and that their voice matters.

They have been carrying out activities to encourage them to tell others about what has made them feel proud and also showing gratitude with a thank you letter.

Here is a short video of the children carrying out the activities.





Megan, a Year 10 student organised a wonderful coffee morning for members of the community and The GLC staff to raise awareness of Alzheimer's. She did a fantastic job raising over £136 for Alzheimer's UK.

Megan's dedication and hard work have made a positive impact on the cause and will contribute to the support and research for Alzheimer's disease. Well done, Megan!

### Success at the Year 7 and 8's First Jr.NBA Competition

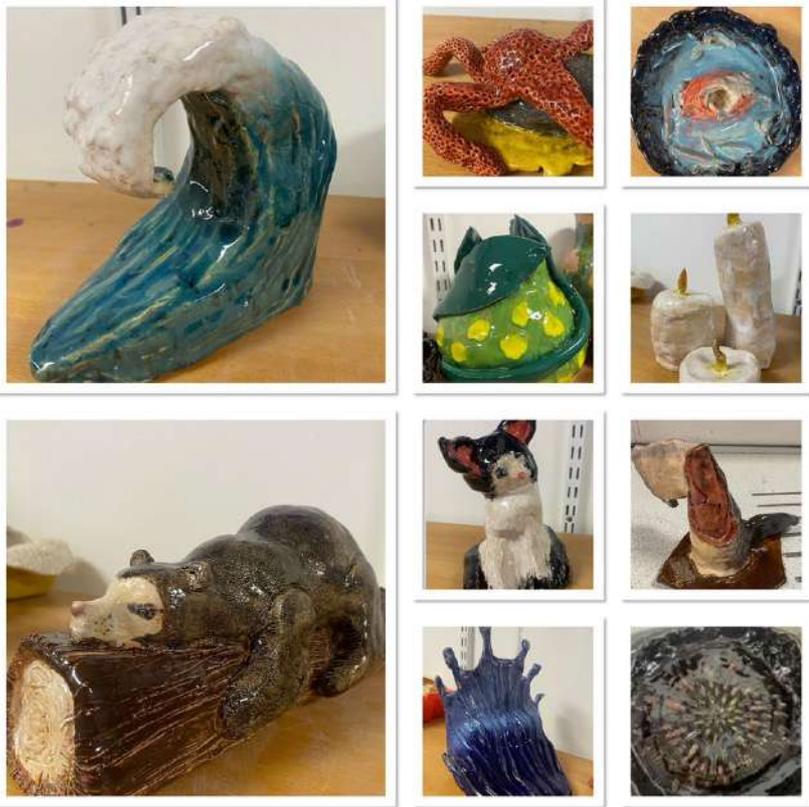
The Gateway Academy's Year 7 & 8s competed in their first JrNBA competition this half term, securing victories against tough opposition. The atmosphere in the sports hall was electric throughout with over 50 students watching. The Year 8s have also qualified for the Quarter Finals of the Essex Cup (top 8 schools). A huge well done to the Students and Coach Lee!



### Being creative with bread!

Year 7 students showed great creativity and skill in their bread-making challenge during cooking class. They successfully experimented with different shapes, showcasing their impressive baking abilities. Well done to all the students for their fantastic outcomes!





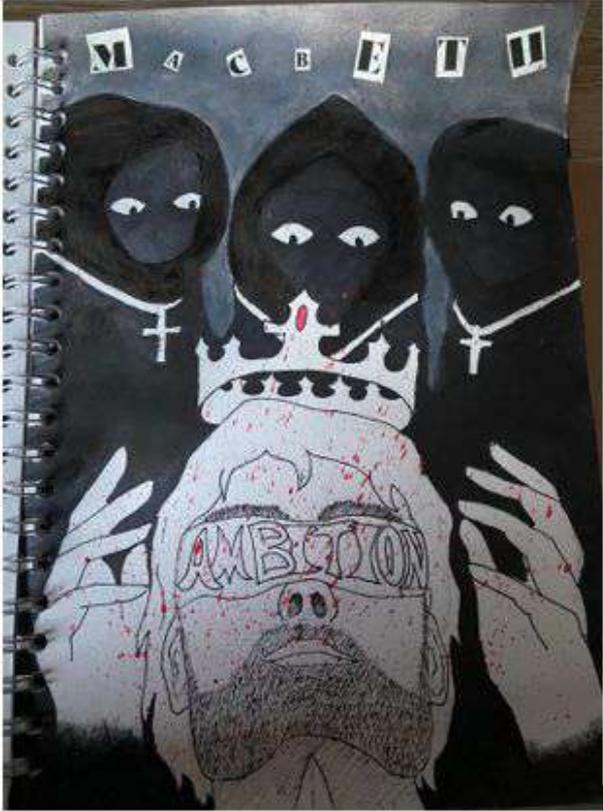
### Year 10 Ceramic Final Pieces

Year 10 Art GCSE students have been creating ceramic final pieces for their 'Movement Project'. The students have demonstrated a deep understanding of the concept of movement and have translated this into stunning ceramic artworks. Their final pieces are not only visually striking but also convey a sense of movement and vitality that is truly captivating. Well done to all the students on their fantastic work!

### Macbeth

In English, students are studying and analysing the play Macbeth. They are engaging with the themes, characters, and literary devices used in the play, and are likely also considering its historical and cultural context. Through this study, students are gaining a deeper understanding of Shakespeare's work and its relevance in contemporary society.

The students took their understanding of Macbeth and expressed it creatively by painting their own interpretations of the play. This artistic expression not only deepened their connection to the play but also allowed them to showcase their unique perspectives and creativity.





### U13 Girls Basketball Team Win

Congratulations to the Under 13s Girls' basketball team for their win this week. After some tough competition the girls' won 11-10. Fantastic teamwork and shown on the court, resulting in this victory.



### Year 7 Netball Win

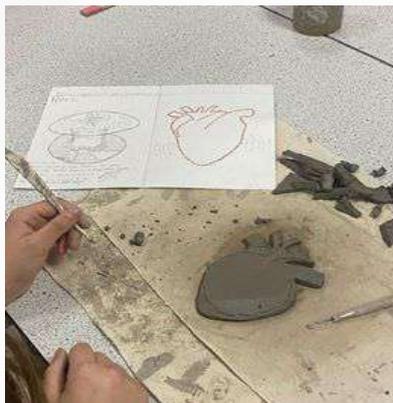
Congratulation to Year 7 Netballers on starting their district campaign with a promising 17-6 win!

Fantastic teamwork.

### Year 9 Ceramics

This week in Art, Year 9 students have started their ceramic pieces inspired by the artist Lisa Stevens.

Lisa Stevens is known for her unique ceramic sculptures that often feature exaggerated and whimsical figures. The students have been working on planning and designing their own sculptures, considering the proportions, shapes, and textures that they want to include.



## Creative Tech Fest - Greentech 2024

On Thursday 8 February, a group of 10 Year 7 students from the Gateway Academy attended the Greentech Festival. The festival took place at Ford Dunton Technical Centre and aimed to bring together local and national partners from the education, research, and STEM sectors. Its main focus was to increase the understanding of climate change among teachers and students by exploring the science behind it and its implications.



The summit also aimed to highlight the challenges we face regarding climate change and to explore potential solutions and future technologies that can help. By the end of the day, the students were excited and enthusiastic about implementing the practical ideas they had gained during the festival into their own lives.

## HealthTech Careers Roadshow

On Monday 12 February, 40 Year 10 students visited the The Health Sector STEAM and Creative Technology Careers Roadshow. It was designed to demonstrate the rich variety of roles in health-based STEAM careers. The event included interactive career stations, activities and workshops to help young people visually bridge the gap between what they enjoy doing and what they could potentially do as a future career. The students found the workshop extremely insightful and engaging.





## Exploring Timelines

On Tuesday 9 January, Year 3 made a human timeline, using the knowledge they have gained so far in primary school.

They learnt how to understand chronology, use appropriate historical vocabulary and when and how the Anglo-Saxons came to power. The children enjoyed this interactive history lesson.



## Scooter Training

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January the children in Year 1 at GPFS took part in scooter training, provided by Thurrock Council.

The children were able to develop road sense and awareness of traffic dangers. They also improved their ability to ride a scooter safely.

The children had a great time and were eager to showcase their newfound skills to others.



## Year 6 Trip to Borough Market

We're thrilled to share the highlights of our Year 6 trip to Borough Market and the Tate Modern on the 17th January 2024. The day was a delight as our young explorers immersed themselves in the vibrant atmosphere of Borough Market, discovering an array of fresh produce and delectable treats. From artisanal cheeses to exotic fruits, the students engaged in hands-on learning about the diverse world of food.

Following this gastronomic adventure, our journey continued to the Tate Modern, where budding art enthusiasts were captivated by the mesmerizing exhibits. The students delved into the world of contemporary art, sparking creativity and thoughtful discussions. It was a day filled with laughter, learning, and cultural enrichment, leaving lasting memories for our Year 6 cohort. A huge thank you to all involved in making this trip a resounding success!





## Tilbury FC Tour

On Saturday 27 January, the Gateway Primary Free School Year 5/6 Girls' Football team were Mascots for the Men's Tilbury FC first team at Tilbury FC.

The girls toured the grounds, met the players and took part in a training session before the game. To top it off they walked out of the Tunnel with the Men's first team prior to their game.



## Bedtime Stories

On the evening of 9th February, GPFS was filled with enchantment as children gathered in their pyjamas for a delightful bedtime story event. To add to the cosy atmosphere, hot chocolate was enjoyed by all!

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff and the incredible PTA for their unwavering support in making this event a special experience for our pupils. Together, we continue to establish a love of reading for all!





## Frozen Dinosaur Land!

During the night of Tuesday 9 January 'Dinosaur Land' froze! The Reception children enjoyed trying to melt the ice to help the dinosaurs to be free to explore the grounds again!



## Thank you from St. Luke's Hospice

Herringham Primary Academy received a thank you letter this week from St. Luke's Hospice. Together, HPA raised an astounding £1190.10, which was raised through their annual Santa Run in December. A fantastic achievement.



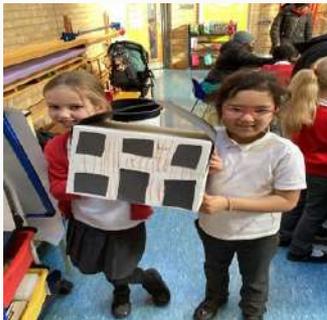
## Gardening Club is back!

This week, HPA Gardening Club made some tasty treats for the birds and other wildlife. They mixed lard and seeds to make a delicious concoction, then rolled, smeared or dipped paper and pinecones into the mixture. They are now ready to be put into some of the feeders, which they have started to hang on the trees outside.

## Exploring with the Royal Dinosaur Club

Reception have been exploring fossils, this half term they made fossils out of clay using lots of different types of pasta to make indents and patterns. They also had a special visit from Professor Memo from the Royal Dinosaur Club. The children searched for fossils, they were lucky enough to find some real dinosaur fossils! They sang, danced and dug to their heart's content!

At the end of the day the children were presented with a membership to the Royal Dinosaur Society. A fun day was had by all.



## Year 2 Parent Child Session

On Monday 5 February, Year 2 held a parent/carer and child session, Year 2 have been learning about The Great Fire of London. During the session they made some houses out of cardboard, ready for the big finale of setting them on fire and watching the fire pass along the line of houses!

## Year 5 and 6 Family Learning Workshop

On Tuesday 6 February 2024, Year 5 and 6 families took part in the Family Learning Workshop at HPA. During the workshop, parents were given practical tips and strategies that they could use to help their children with their schoolwork.

The workshop was well-received by parents who found it to be informative and helpful. Many parents expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to learn more about how they can support their children with their learning, and felt more confident in their ability to help their children succeed academically.

The GLC plans to hold more Family Learning Workshops in the future, as they believe that working in partnership with parents is key to supporting children in reaching their full potential.



## Year 3 Swimming Accomplishments

Congratulations to all Year 3 pupils, who have been making a splash with their latest accomplishment - all pupils have been awarded the Level 1 School Swimming Award!

Keep up the hard work, your commitment and perseverance are truly admirable - well done.



Our Forest School

Long, rigid logs, burrowing.  
Fluffy, green moss, swinging.  
Dead, brown bamboo, scraping.  
Leafless, brown trees, towering over me.  
Slim, brown bamboo, decaying.  
Long, pink worm, crawling.  
Fluffy, green moss, engulfing.



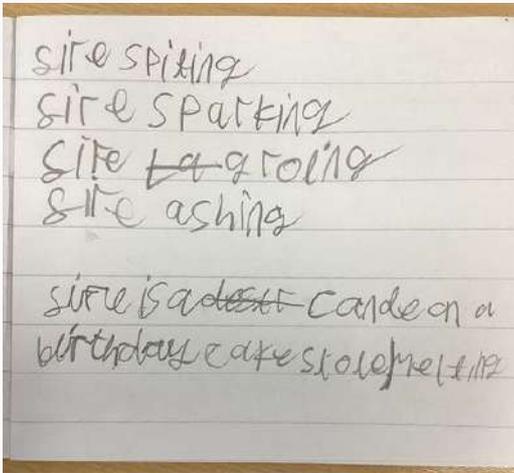
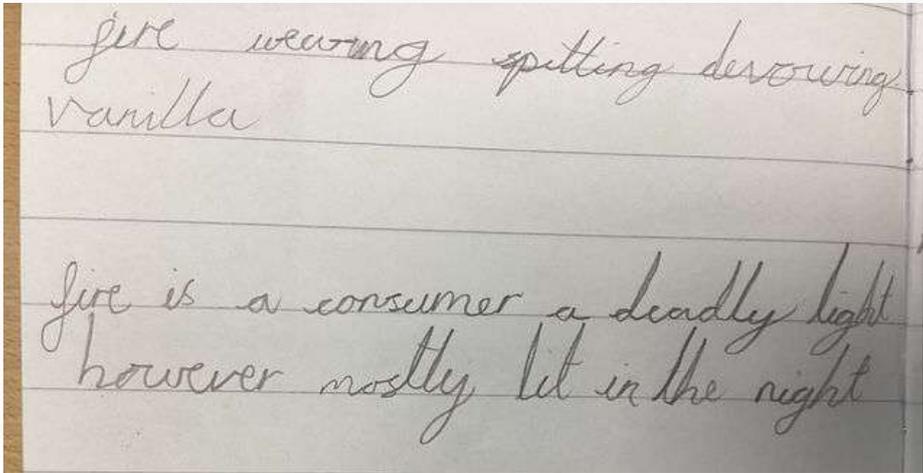
**Green Tree School Silver Award**

Congratulations to Herringham Primary Academy who have been awarded the Green Tree School Silver Award from the Woodland Trust! The pupils chose to complete the 'Share your woodland words and images' activity to gain the

extra 2 points that they needed to gain this award.

A group of Year 6 pupils have been visiting our Forest school to explore vocabulary and have been writing poetry. They created some shared poems which were sent off in order to achieve the Silver Award.

The Eco council will be picking the next activity to complete so that they can achieve their Gold award next.



## LPA Christmas Market

On Friday 15th December Lansdowne held their Christmas Market and it was a great success. The children had worked extremely hard preparing their goods to sell. We had a fantastic performance by the choir, Mrs Sutcliffe entertained people playing the saxophone and Santa made a visit.

We are grateful to all the parents and carers that attended the event and hoped they enjoyed the market. We raised £704.15. A fantastic amount that will be added to our school fund!



## Exploring Rivers

This half term, Year 5 students have been learning about rivers in Geography lessons. During a hands-on learning experience, students created their own rivers using soil, sand and pebbles and labelled the different features of their river, including the *source*, *meander* and *mouth*.

It was a fantastic session to consolidate our learning of river features.

Thank you to the Year 5 parents who joined in and helped us to create our rivers!





## Celebrating Individual Success

So far in his kickboxing journey, Thomas AKA 'The Tank' has successfully won 10 medals. In Thomas's most recent tournament, he worked extremely hard, competing in two fights and walked away with two medals. Along with a variety of medals, Thomas has also achieved the next step within his kickboxing journey and is now an orange belt!

Well done Thomas, keep up the good work! Everyone at Lansdowne are extremely proud of you!

## Thurrock Badminton Competition

On 12th January, a group of students from Lansdowne Primary Academy started the New Year on a high note by participating in the Thurrock Badminton competition.

Despite facing tough competition from 6 other schools, they managed to secure second place in their group, narrowly missing out on the top spot by just one point!

The children's success can be attributed to their dedication and commitment. In addition to their excellent performance, they also represented our school in a remarkable manner, embodying our core values.



### Reception Parent/ Carer and Child Session

On Thursday 1 February, Reception invited parents and carers in to make chinese lanterns with the children to celebrate the Lunar New Year. It was a fun and festive way to celebrate Chinese New Year and the children had a fantastic time participating in the activity with their loved ones.



### Nursery Parent/ Carer and Child Session

On Wednesday 7 February, the Nursery children enjoyed welcoming their parents and carers in to play with them during their session. After playtime they all sat down and enjoyed a story.



## Visit to the Imperial War Museum, Duxford

On 2nd February, the Year 4 LPA pupils took a trip to the Imperial War Museum in Duxford. They were securing their knowledge on The Blitz and World War II which they have been learning about in history.

Some of the highlights of the trip included seeing the famous Spitfire and Hurricane planes up close, learning about the important role of women in the war effort, and experiencing what it was like to be in an actual Anderson Shelter.



The children were able to ask questions and interact with knowledgeable staff members who shared fascinating stories and information about the exhibits.

The trip was a fantastic hands-on learning experience for the Year 4 pupils, bringing their history lessons to life and giving them a deeper understanding of the impact of The Blitz and World War II. The children left feeling inspired and grateful for the opportunity to witness history firsthand at IWM Duxford.

## KS1 Sportshall Athletics

A huge congratulations to our Year 2 children who attended the Sportshall athletics event on Friday 9th February. The selected children have worked extremely hard during their lunchtimes to ensure that they were prepared for the event.

Out of 18 schools, we are very proud to announce that LPA finished second, bringing back the silver medal! Not only did they shine through their performance, their behaviour was perfect and represented our school brilliantly. Throughout the tournament our core values were evident! Well done to everyone who participated. We are very proud of you!





## Year 2 Florence Nightingale Visit

As part of our History unit, Year 2 was visited by Florence Nightingale. We spent the morning taking part in various activities; including: making medals, writing a letter of application, making a diary, painting a locket and making a candle holder.

After break, children worked in groups and investigated the contents of different suitcases. They had to look at all the artefacts and decide which passenger the suitcase belonged to. After lunch, the children spent time in role-play. They could play the part of a nurse, soldier etc. We had a fantastic day!



## Visit to Borough Market

On Tuesday 16 January 2024, Year 6 from TPA visited Borough Market and the Tate Modern as part of the 'Eye on London' topic.

The children enjoyed sampling a range of food and drink – as did the staff! It was an exceptionally chilly day, but the children kept the spirits high. On our return to school, we used our experience of the day to add to a persuasive leaflet about London.



## Dinosaur Fossil Hunting!

On 24 January, Reception came to school dressed as dinosaurs ready for their visit from KIT Theatre. Professor Memo and the children dug in the Reception garden for dinosaur bones. They found T-Rex, Velociraptor and Triceratops bones!

The professors were impressed with the children's knowledge about dinosaurs and loved the welcome cards that the children had prepared for them.

Marley said that when he went into the time machine he nearly got eaten by a T-Rex!

At the end of the session the children were presented with certificates from the dinosaur society club.



## Planting Trees with the Woodlands Trust Team

On Friday 26 January, children from Reception to Year 6 at TPA were visited by volunteers from the Woodlands Trust Team. They were each given a fantastic opportunity to plant a tree as part of the 'Trees for Climate National Funding scheme'.

The children climbed the mound, located in the middle of our school, to work alongside their peers and the volunteers to plant their very own tree. The behaviour of the children was impeccable with one of the volunteers commenting;

**"The children are a credit to not only you but the school and their community."**

The children can observe the changes in the tree as they grow, providing them with a sense of accomplishment and connection to nature. They may even be able to spot more wildlife. This experience will not only enrich their understanding of the natural world but also foster a sense of responsibility and stewardship for their environment.

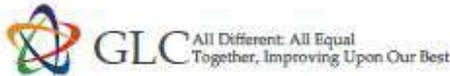
It is through experiences like these that children can develop a deep appreciation for the beauty and importance of trees and wildlife, inspiring them to continue to care for and protect the natural world around them.



### Year 3 Parent Child Session

On Friday 9th February, Year 3 were joined by their parents and carers as they completed their unit on Ancient Art. The focus has been on dyeing and weaving. With the help of their parents, the pupils completed their amazing mats. They created a checkerboard effect by weaving plain fabric (weft) through their dyed fabric which acted as their warp. The outcomes were brilliant!





# Gateway Learning Community Eco-Warriors are organising a sponsored walk to raise money for WWF!

The money raised is used for essential protection of our local wildlife and nature reserves.

Please come along and join the fun! Bring family and friends along to immerse yourself in nature and to walk for a worthwhile course.

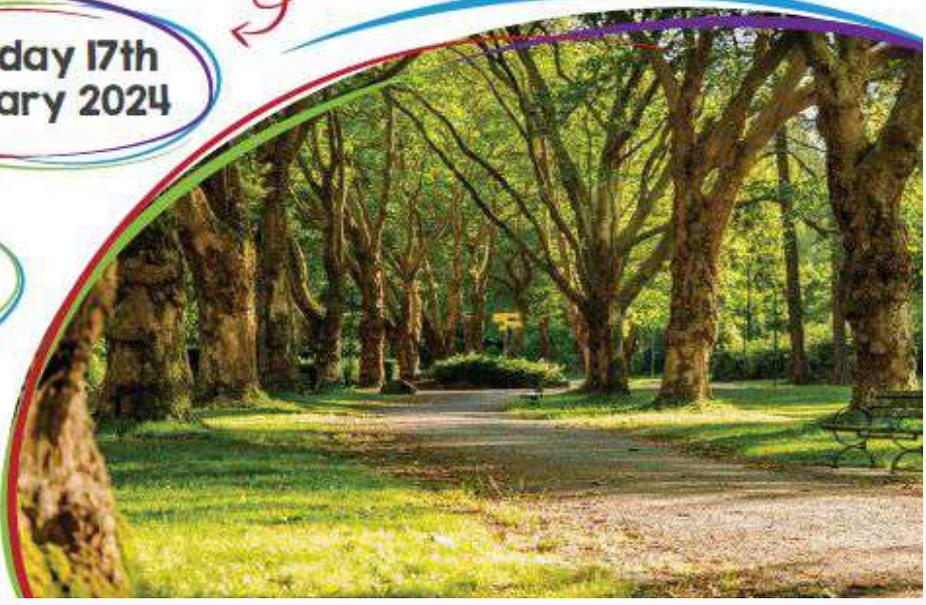


The location for our Big Winter Wander Walk is Langdon Nature Reserve, Lower Dunton Road, SS16 6EB

“ A small act can make a big difference. ”

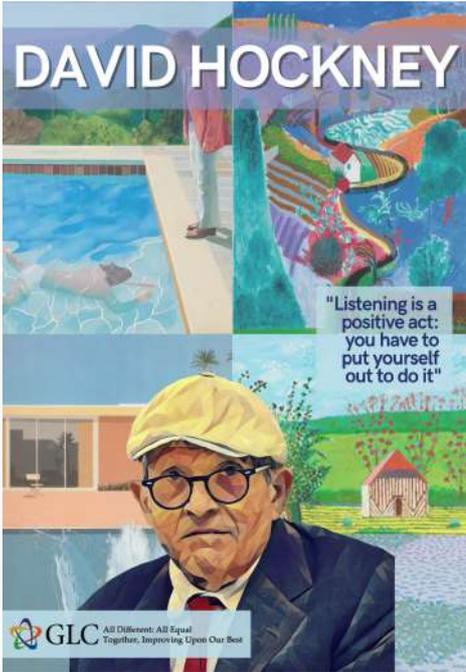
Saturday 17th February 2024

Walk starts at 10:30AM



Each half term influential people connected to the curriculum are displayed around the GLC primary schools. Next half term influential artists will be displayed:

## DAVID HOCKNEY



"Listening is a positive act: you have to put yourself out to do it"

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

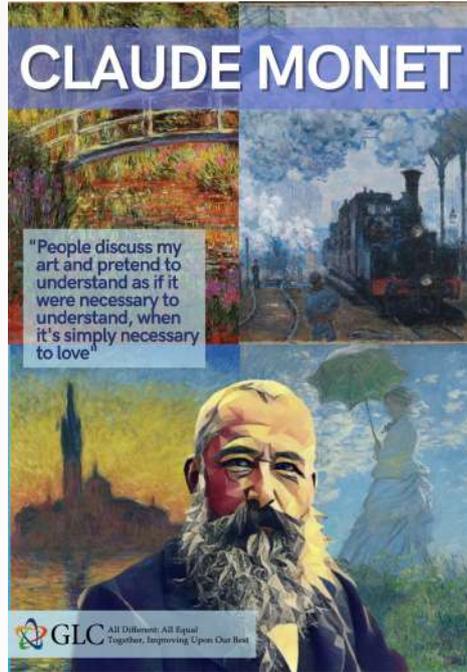
## ANDY WARHOL



"The idea is not to live forever; it is to create something that will"

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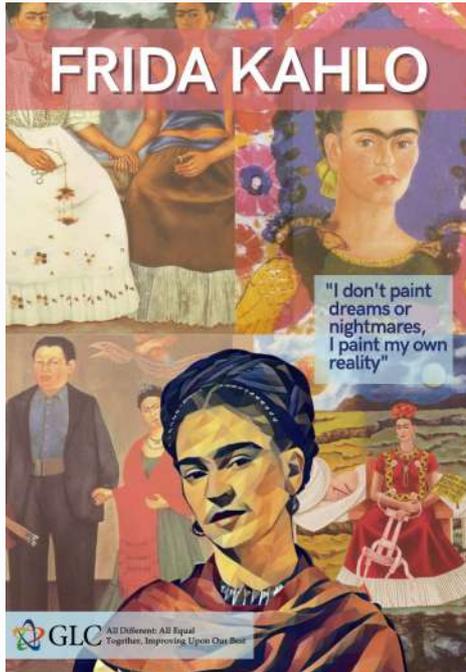
## CLAUDE MONET



"People discuss my art and pretend to understand as if it were necessary to understand, when it's simply necessary to love"

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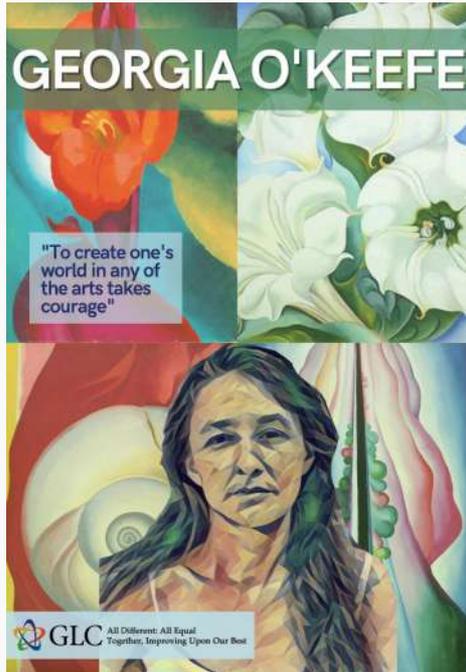
## FRIDA KAHLO



"I don't paint dreams or nightmares, I paint my own reality"

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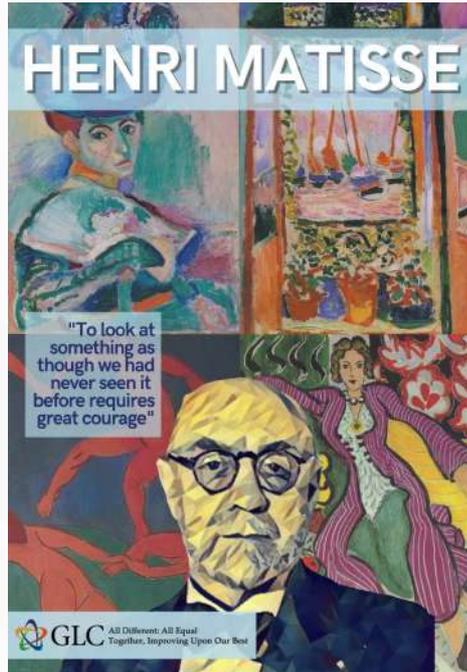
## GEORGIA O'KEEFE



"To create one's world in any of the arts takes courage"

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## HENRI MATISSE

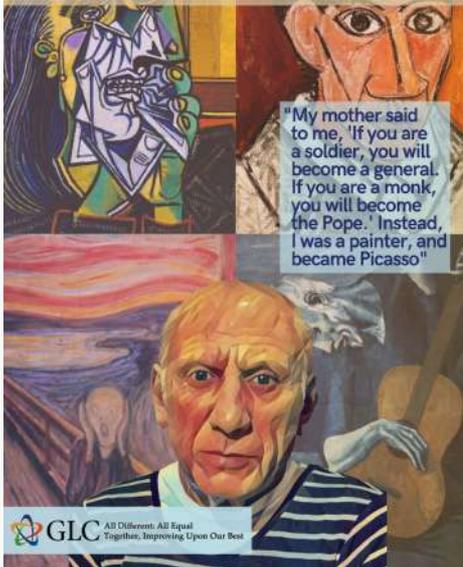


"To look at something as though we had never seen it before requires great courage"

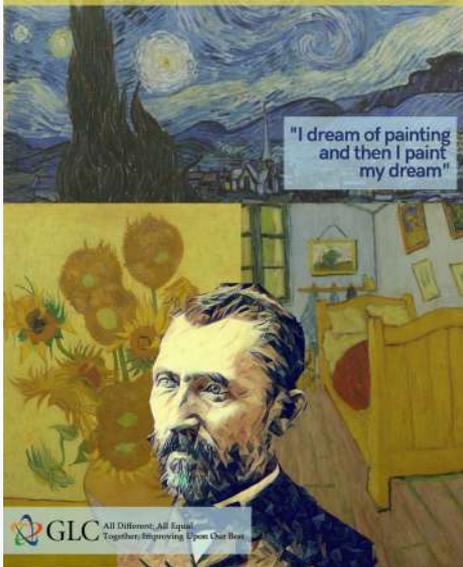
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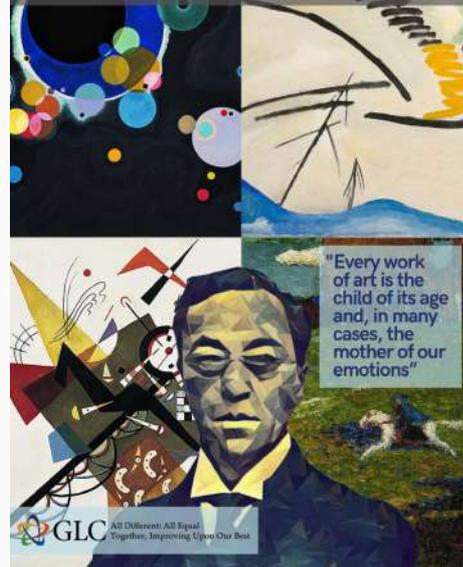
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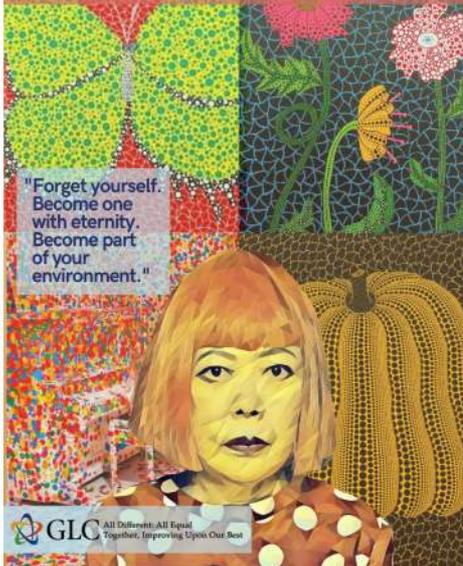
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Please see the details of the latest **vacancies**:

GA	GPFS	HPA	LPA	TPA	GLC
	<a href="#">Midday Assistant</a>	<a href="#">KS1 Class Teacher</a>	<a href="#">KS1/ KS2 Class Teacher</a> <a href="#">SEND LSA</a> <a href="#">Assistant Head of School - Responsibility</a> <a href="#">Negotiable</a>	<a href="#">Cover Supervisor</a>	<a href="#">Class Teachers - KS1/ KS2</a> <a href="#">Primary Trainee Teacher [Bursary Available]</a>

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Please share with your friends and family and on your social media platforms to encourage the right candidate to join our team. #jointheglctrust



## Upcoming Events

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The events are subject to change in individual schools:

<p><b>26th February 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Return to school</li> <li>Year 7 - 9 Assessment Week/ Year 10 PPEs</li> </ul>	<p><b>7th March 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>WORLD BOOK DAY - Mad Hatters Tea Party</b></li> <li>GLC Y5 &amp; 6 Football Cup - Round 2</li> </ul>	<p><b>21 March 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Thurrock Poetry Competition: Finals</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>29th February 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GLC Y5 &amp; 6 Football Cup - Round 1</li> </ul>	<p><b>8th March 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2024</b></li> <li>POT Round Table</li> <li>Careers Session</li> <li>Trailblazer: Art Sculpture Workshop - LPA</li> <li>British Science Week 8th - 17th March</li> </ul>	<p><b>22 March 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ROH Create and Dance Mad Hatter's Tea Party celebration</li> </ul>
<p><b>1st March 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key steps 1, 2 &amp; 3 gymnastics event All years William Edwards 0930-1530</li> </ul>	<p><b>14th March 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Thurrock Poetry Competition: Heats</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>27th March 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spring Concert Thurrock Music Service, hosted by the GLC - Ellis Theatre</li> <li>GLC Y5 &amp; 6 Football Cup - Round 3</li> <li>Year 2 KIT Theatre: Alien Arrives meeting</li> </ul>
<p><b>4th March 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alice Adventures rehearsal at LPA 10am-2pm</li> <li>Year 7 - 9 Assessment Week/ Year 10 PPEs</li> </ul>	<p><b>15th March 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GLC Charity Day: Comic Relief</li> <li>GA World Book Day</li> <li>Tag rugby tournament Y3&amp;4 Orsett Heath Ac 1130-1500</li> </ul>	<p><b>28th March 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day of term</li> </ul>
<p><b>6th March 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rotary/ GLC Athletics</li> <li>Trailblazer: Art Sculpture Workshop - TPA</li> </ul>	<p><b>18 March 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 Formative Assessment week</li> <li>Year 3 - 5 Assessment Week</li> </ul>	<p><b>15th April 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Return back to school for Summer Term 1</li> </ul>



**"THIS MORNING, HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT SCHOOL... BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!"**

**MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.**

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## STAY AND PLAY

SESSIONS FOR 2-3 YEAR OLDS!

PLAY, EXPLORE, DEVELOP SOCIAL SKILLS, MEET NEW FRIENDS, BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENJOY RHYME TIME!

**FREE**

Every Thursday  
10am - 11am

Gateway Primary Free School  
(Term time only)

Open to the wider community not just families of existing pupils.

Refreshments are available!

Contact us for more information:  
 ☎ 01375 489094  
 ✉ support4u@theglc.org.uk  
 🌐 <https://www.theglc-primaryfreeschool.org.uk/>

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## GLC Primary February Holiday Provision

THROUGHOUT THE DAYS THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN CREATIVE ACTIVITIES, PERFORMING ARTS, FOREST SCHOOL AND MULTI-SPORTS.

**Lansdowne Primary Academy**

8:30AM - 3:30PM

£12 per child

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Spaces available for Year 1 - Year 6

Please bring a spare change of clothing

What to bring: packed lunch and water bottle

SCAN TO FILL IN THE HOLIDAY PROVISION FORM








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## Nursery Enrolling Now For Academic Year 2024-25

The Gateway Primary Free School have a teacher led nursery who will ensure that your child makes the best possible start to their schooling.

Your child can start as soon as they turn 3

Places for both 15 hours and 30 hours are available now and for September 2024.

Session Type	Time	Funded Daily Hours
AM	08:40AM - 11:40AM	3 Hours Per Day Funded (15 Hours Per Week)
PM	12:20PM - 15:20PM	3 Hours Per Day Funded (15 Hours Per Week)
30 Hours Funding	08:40AM - 15:20PM	6 Hours Per Day Funded* (30 Hours Per Week)

For a tour of the school or an application form, please contact using the details:

☎ 01375 489094  
✉ [gpfs-nursery@theglc.org.uk](mailto:gpfs-nursery@theglc.org.uk)

Apply now by completing the admission form





**GLC Tilbury Pioneer Academy**  
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## Nursery Enrolling Now For Academic Year 2024-25

Tilbury Pioneer has fully qualified staff who will ensure that your child makes the best possible start to their schooling.  
We have morning and afternoon nursery sessions.

Session Type	Time	Funded Daily Hours
AM	08:25AM - 11:25AM	3 hours per day funded (15 hours per week)
PM	12:15PM - 15:15PM	3 hours per day funded (15 hours per week)

Your child can start nursery here at Pioneer as soon as they have had their third birthday. If you would like a tour of the school or an application form, please use the contact details below:

For a tour of the school or an application form, please contact using the details:

☎ 01375 488420  
✉ [admin.pioneer@theglc.org.uk](mailto:admin.pioneer@theglc.org.uk)

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**GLC Lansdowne Primary Academy**  
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Lansdowne Primary Academy have fully qualified staff who will ensure that your child makes the best possible start to their schooling.

Session Type	Time	Funded Daily Hours
AM	08:25AM - 11:25AM	15 hours per week
PM	12:15PM - 15:15PM	15 hours per week
30 Hours Funding	08:25AM - 15:15PM	30 hours per week

\*30 hours funded positions are subject to eligibility and a successful application. Please visit: [www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare](http://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare)

Your child can start nursery the term after they turn 3 years of age. If you would like a tour of the school or an application form, please use the contact details below:

For a tour of the school or an application form, please contact using the details:

☎ 01375 487200  
✉ [admin.lansdowne@theglc.org.uk](mailto:admin.lansdowne@theglc.org.uk)

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## DO YOU WANT TO WORK IN A FORWARD-THINKING & SUPPORTIVE TRUST?

We are looking for passionate and enthusiastic staff who are ready to make a positive difference to our young people and to support our mission of developing active and thriving citizens within a diverse, truly fair and equal community.

### WHY TEACH AT THE GLC?

The Gateway Learning Community Trust (GLC) is a partnership between one secondary and four primary schools located within Tilbury and Chadwell St. Mary in the borough of Thurrock.

We are a vibrant, innovative and highly successful organisation: Across the 5 academies of the GLC, we pledge that everyone enjoys an equality of opportunity. We create environments characterised by mutual respect where difference is celebrated and where individual differences do not act as a barrier to success.

### BENEFITS FOR TEACHERS WORKING WITHIN THE GLC

- A £1000 Golden Hello is awarded to successful candidates who have applied directly to the GLC, after a qualifying period of six months [this applies to teachers paid on main scale to UPS 3].
- The staff well-being programme includes access to Perkbox and multiple discounts.
- Staff receive long service awards after: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service.
- Access to state of the art facilities and access to high quality resources to support learning
- A paid 'My Day' each year.
- Excellent career development and training.
- 2 week October half term break.
- A supportive central team [e.g. reprographics, ICT, HR, Finance] which enables teachers to focus on teaching
- Paid opportunities to teach during school holiday clubs.
- Subsidised holiday provision for children of staff.



## GLC Primary Recruitment Fair

Date: Thursday 7 March 2024

Time: 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Location: Tilbury Pioneer Academy  
Dickens Avenue, Tilbury RM18 8HJ

We are looking for passionate and enthusiastic staff who are ready to make a positive difference to our young people and to support our mission of developing active and thriving citizens within a diverse, truly fair and equal community. #jointheglctrust

### Drop in to The Gateway Learning Community Recruitment Fair:

Register your attendance via our Google form:  
<https://forms.gle/U2UrDHRbjkk5T5d36>

Walk-ins are welcome  
Scan below to visit our Vacancies page:



SCAN THE QR CODES FOR AN INSIGHT INTO LIFE AT THE GATEWAY LEARNING COMMUNITY & INFORMATION ON HOW TO JOIN OUR TEAM.

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Welcome to The GLC



Join our Team



About The GLC

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# U10-11 MIXED

SATURDAYS	COST
1-2PM	£5

SCAN TO REGISTER

At The Gateway Academy, RM16 4LU



# U13 BOYS

SATURDAYS	COST
11-1PM	£5

At The Gateway Academy, RM16 4LU

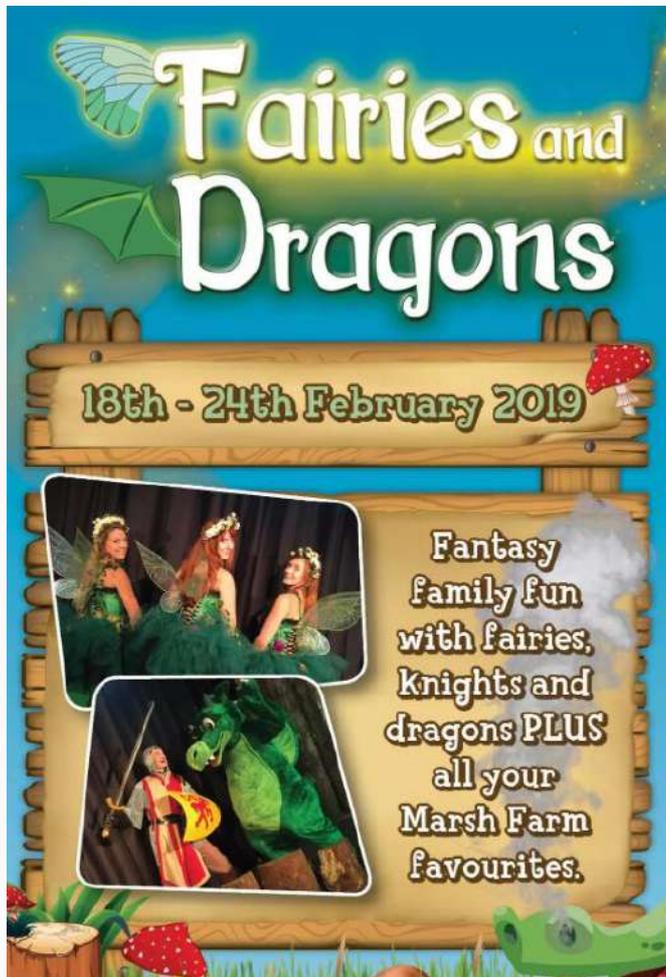


# U13 GIRLS

SATURDAYS	COST
11-1PM	£5

At The Gateway Academy, RM16 4LU

Events happening in the community:



**Fairies and Dragons**

18th - 24th February 2019

Fantasy family fun with fairies, knights and dragons PLUS all your Marsh Farm favourites.

Visit our free, safe and supportive

# WARM SPACES

during the colder winter months

Tilbury Library & Hub: Mondays 2pm to 4pm

- Free hot drinks
- Free Wi-Fi and computers
- Space to study
- Jigsaws and board games in some libraries/hubs
- Local information support

To see a list of Warm Spaces in Thurrock, visit: [strongertogetherthurrock.org.uk/support-for-residents-2/](http://strongertogetherthurrock.org.uk/support-for-residents-2/)

Thurrock Libraries would like to thank the following organisations for supporting Warm Spaces




# Bata

Shoemakers To The World

## Heritage Centre Open Day



**Bata Shoe Factory**  
Princess Margaret Rd  
East Tilbury  
RM18 8RH

**East Tilbury Library**  
Princess Ave  
East Tilbury  
RM18 8ST  
Tel- 01375 652688

**SATURDAY**  
**20th APRIL**  
**2024**

**TWO CENTRE**  
**FACTORY**  
**10am to 1pm**  
**LIBRARY**  
**10am to 4pm**

**Guided Tours of the Estate**  
From Factory at **10:30am 11:15am & 12:15pm**  
**£5 per Head**  
**Bata Heritage Talk**  
Library at **1:30pm**

# Green Light

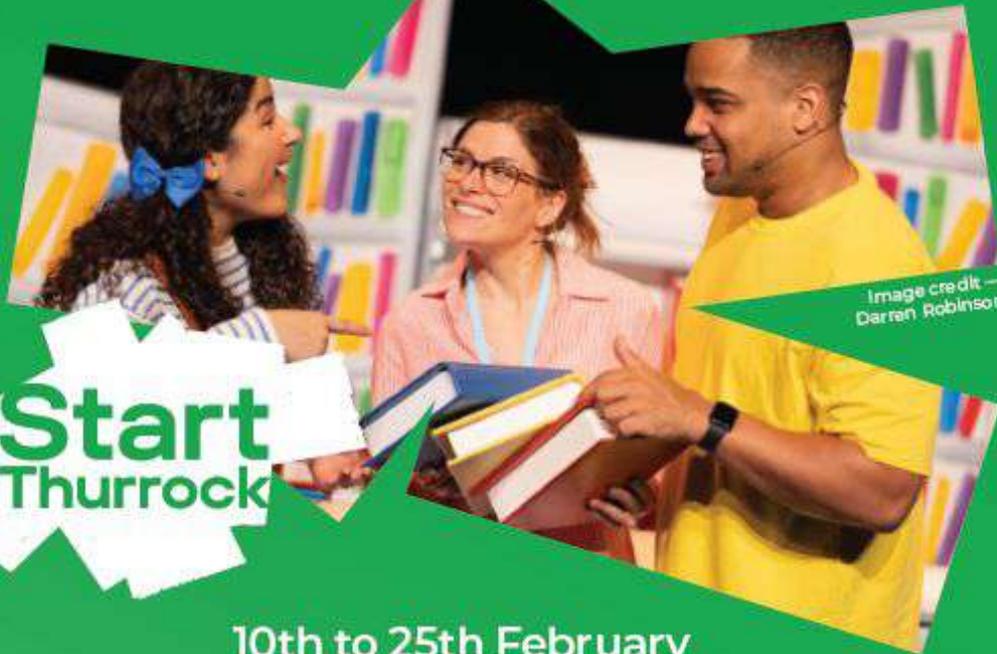


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**Start  
Thurrock**

10th to 25th February

## Give something new a go!

Free experiences and tasters for everyone.  
Full programme and booking details inside!

- Zine making
- Musical puppetry
- Sign writing
- Photography
- Dance and extended reality technology
- Family theatre
- Plus much more

# Green Light programme

**Sat 10th Feb**

**Introduction to Zine Workshop**  
**Lu Williams**

- Venue **A**
- Suitable for families
- 1pm to 3pm

**Drama Improvisation Workshop**

**Michael Spencer**

- Venue **B**
- Suitable for age 18+
- 4pm to 6pm

**Sun 11th Feb**

**Luna Loves Library Day: Musical Theatre Performance**

**Little Seeds Music**

- Venue **C**
- Suitable for age 5+
- 11.30am and 2.30pm (1 hour show)

**Tues 13th Feb**

**Introduction to Zine Workshop**  
**Lu Williams**

- Venue **I**
- Suitable for age 14+
- 12pm to 2pm

**Wed 14th Feb**

**Smartphone Portrait Photography**  
**Amy Ryall**

- Venue **K**
- Suitable for age 14+
- 11.30am to 1.30pm

**Sat 17th Feb**

**Boxed In: Theatre Performance**  
**A Daryl & Co and Half Moon production**

- Venue **J**
- Suitable for ages 3 to 6 years
- 1pm and 4pm (45 minute show)

**Lantern Making Workshop**

**Arts Outburst**

- Venue **H**
- Suitable for families with young children
- 1pm to 3pm

**Sun 18th Feb**

**Sign Making Workshop**

**Disco Dickins**

- Venue **J**
- Suitable for families
- 3pm to 5.30pm

**Sewing Workshop**

**Grace Nambafu**

- Venue **J**
- Suitable for age 10+
- 3.30pm to 5.30pm

**Mon 19th Feb**

**Sign Making Workshop**

**Disco Dickins**

- Venue **B**
- Suitable for age 14+
- 1.30pm to 4pm

**Tues 20th Feb**

**Sign Making Workshop**

**Disco Dickins**

- Venue **F**
- Suitable for age 14+
- 1.30pm to 4pm

**Wed 21st Feb**

**Silk Batik Workshop**

**Kinetika / T100**

- Venue **D**
- Suitable for age 7+
- 10am to 5pm

**Smartphone Portrait Photography**

**Amy Ryall**

- Venue **E**
- Suitable for age 14+
- 12pm to 2pm

**Thurs 22nd Feb**

**Drama Workshop**

**Teatro Vivo**

- Venue **D**
- Suitable for age 14+
- 10.30am to 12pm

**Dance and Extended Reality Technology**

**Workshop**

**CoDa Dance**

- Venue **F**
- Suitable for age 18+
- 12pm to 4pm

**Drama Workshop**

**Teatro Vivo**

- Venue **B**
- Suitable for age 14+
- 2pm to 3.30pm

**Fri 23rd Feb**

**Talkaake**

**The People Speak**

- Venue **J**
- Suitable for age 14+
- 10am to 4pm

**Lantern Making Workshop**

**Arts Outburst**

- Venue **J**
- Suitable for families with young children
- 10am to 4pm

**Silk Batik Workshop**

**Kinetika / T100**

- Venue **J**
- Suitable for age 7+
- 10am to 5pm

**Sat 24th Feb**

**Talkaake**

**The People Speak**

- Venue **I** (outside)
- Suitable for age 14+
- 9.30am-12pm

**Sun 25th Feb**

**Dogs Don't Do Ballet: Puppetry Performance**

**Little Angel Theatre**

- Venue **C**
- Suitable for ages 2 to 6 years
- 11.30am and 2.30pm (45 minute show)



Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

**Green Light**

**Start Thurrock**

**A** **Purfleet Community Hub**  
53-54, River Court,  
Purfleet-on-Thames  
RM19 1ZY

**B** **St Stephen's Church**  
London Rd,  
Purfleet-on-Thames  
RM19 1QD

**C** **The Barn at High House Production Park**  
Vellacott Close,  
Purfleet-on-Thames  
RM19 1AF

**D** **All Saints Church & Hall**  
112 Foyle Dr,  
South Ockendon  
RM15 5HF

**E** **Belhus Library**  
South Ockendon  
Centre, 57 Derry Ave,  
South Ockendon  
RM15 5DX

**F** **Brandon Groves Community Club**  
Brandon Groves Ave,  
South Ockendon  
RM15 6SB

**G** **The Pyramid Resource Centre**  
Heath Rd, Chadwell  
St Mary RM16 3AP

**H** **Thameside Complex**  
Cresett Rd,  
Grays RM17 5DX

**I** **Chadwell St Mary Village Hall**  
Waterston Rd,  
Chadwell St Mary  
RM16 4NX

**J** **Chadwell St Mary**

**K** **Arthur Barnes Court**  
Halton Rd,  
Chadwell St Mary  
RM16 4SA

**L** **Photography workshop**  
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**M** **Silk batik workshop**  
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**N** **Drama workshop**  
Image credit: Suzi Collier

**O** **Dance workshop**  
Image credit: Cave B Sky

**P** **Zine workshop**  
Image credit: Jay Williams

**Q** **Sign making**  
Image credit: Disco Dancers

**R** **Luna Loves Library Day**  
Image credit: Dawn Robinson

**S** **Dogs Don't Do Ballet**  
Image credit: Elle Horst

**T** **Talkaoke**  
Image credit: The People Speak

Visit [StartThurrock.org](http://StartThurrock.org) to book  
For further information,  
call us on 01375 531410  
All events are free, but spaces  
are limited, booking essential