



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Reception children kicked started what has been a brilliant week at Gordonbrock. Their Mini Musical on Monday was beautiful—from the singing and storytelling, to their well-rehearsed actions. A huge well done to you all!

It was fantastic to see so many parents—and prospective parents—attend our Open Morning on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see you working alongside your children in class and we really appreciated your positive feedback on the day. There was a lovely atmosphere in school.

We also received our Year 6 SATs results on Tuesday. The children have done brilliantly—we are very proud of them all!

We hope you found your child's end-of-year report and parents' evening informative. It was a joy to see all the smiles—from the children and parents—as they left school on Thursday!

A polite request: Dog owners, we kindly ask that you refrain from tying your dogs to the barrier fences outside the school and leaving them unattended. We have noticed that some dogs are becoming distressed, which is upsetting some of our children. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated as it helps ensure a calm and safe environment for everyone.

Don't forget, next week, it's our **Y1/2 Big Sing on Monday**. We invite Year 1 parents to the morning performance (9.15am) and Year 2 in the afternoon (2.45pm). Also, next week, it's the **Year 6 Disco on Thursday**, **Y3/4 Big Sing on Friday (2.45pm)** and our **Take One Building exhibition on Friday, after drop off and pick up**—9-9.20am or 3.30-4.15pm.

Roll on the Summer Fair—we hope to see you there! And, of course, it's the Euro final on Sunday—c'mon England!

Gordonbrock World Cup

It's been another successful Gordonbrock World Cup! A massive well done to all children who took part and those who supported everyone playing. It was a huge success and the football on show was of such a high standard throughout. Everyone who took part should be very proud with how they played and the effort they put in to the event.

	First place	Second	Third place
		place	
Boys	Luther	Leonardo	Cassius
	Joseph	Zach	Louis
	Archie	Noah	Ben
	Prince	Jack	Flynn
	Bryn	ΤJ	Osman
	Amos	Justin	Aaron
	Sonny	Ezra	Chen Xi
Girls	Evie	Iris	Giulia
	Cherry	Penelope	Jocie-Ella
	Sophie	Jenaya	Amaia
	Emilia	Tori	Bess
	Millie	Hannah	Michelle
		Sylvie	



A big thank you has to go to Jason, our PE coach. Without his hard work and commitment, this tournament would not have been able to happen. A special mention to lunch time staff for being accommodating and understanding to all players during lunch times.

The winning teams and award winners are listed (left).





Mrs Wright



Y5 Maths Learning

This week, we have been using our knowledge of perimeter and area to redesign the playground.

First, we measured up the playground.

Then, we worked together to calculate the perimeter and area of all of the various sections of the playground.

We then used the Playground Catalogue to plan and budget a new playground design.

Mr Goode and Mr Gustave were kind enough to join us and look at our plans, giving us a score out of 10 for them! Great news!







A busy week in Year 6

It has been all go in Year 6 this week. We have been writing our historical accounts, answering the question, "How did the lives of people change in Britain during prehistory?"

Some of us have also been completing persuasive arguments in the form of a letter to someone who has the power to make changes in an organisation. We practised putting forward relevant arguments during a mini debate.

We have been revising measures and shape in Maths.

In P.E., we have been practising our throwing and jumping skills as part of our athletics focus.

Our team leaders and conductors have been taking the lead during samba drumming lessons, creating and organising the multi-part pieces.

And let's not forget our preparations for the end-of-year performance!





Last Friday, Year 3 went to Sydenham Woods to compare it with the Amazon Rainforest. We had a lovely walk looking for different types of trees and different animals. We also spotted some interesting flowers and fungi which were very unusual but fascinating!

We also really enjoyed Open Morning where we made our own 'Save the Amazon' board game. After thinking about different effects deforestation has, we considered what actions we could take which contributed to climate change and deforestation and what we could do to help the situation. It was a lot of fun!







































Just Like Me by Louise Gooding

An anthology of 40 inspirational figures who are neurologically or physically diverse. The world is full of people who are a little different. Our uniqueness makes us who we are. This is a collection of the true stories of 40 inspirational figures from around the world, all of whom are physically or

Age 7-16

neurologically diverse. Each story includes struggles and triumphs, a motivational quote and information on each condition.

Reflective of our diverse society, this book features Simone Biles, Selena Gomez, Temple Grandin, Warwick Davis, Daniel Radcliffe, Stephen Hawking, Greta Thunberg and many more.



Fungus the Bogeyman

Written by James Campbell Life under ground in Bogeydom is full of

snot, smells, slime, scum and other unspeakable things. The Bogeymen that live there revel in every kind of nastiness imaginable - especially their day-job of scaring human beings. But there's one Bogeyman who isn't so sure he wants to be part of Bogeydom after all . . .

Age 5-9

Beloved classic author Raymond Briggs has created a whole new world in this sophisticated cartoon-strip picture book for

older children which will entice the most reluctant of readers into books.

Grumpy Bird Written by Jeremy Tankard

This hilarious story about shaking off the grumpies with a little help from your friends by the talented Jeremy Tankard is now a board book!

Bird wakes up feeling grumpy. Too grumpy to eat or play. Too grumpy even to fly. "Looks like I'm walking today," says Bird. He walks past Sheep, who offers to keep him company. He walks past Rabbit, who also could use a walk. Raccoon, Beaver, and Fox join in, too. All the while, Bird grows grumpier and grumpier! But before he knows it, a little exercise and companionship help Bird overcome his bad mood.



UN Convention on the Right of the Child Article of the Week

We are very proud to be a Unicef Rights Respecting School, having achieved the **Unicef UK Silver - Rights Aware Award**.

To help children carry on the discussion at home, we will be focussing different articles of the convention in each newsletter so that our families can explore the rights and meanings together.

We know that there are many clubs, from a range of providers, over the summer break offering plentiful activities. Highlighting the importance of such clubs, UNICEF's Article 15 underscores every child's right to participate in community activities, ensuring they have the freedom to explore, learn and grow in a nurturing environment.

Children can join or set up groups or organisations, and they can meet with others, as long as this does not harm other people.





When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help students master the times tables!

The children should go to <u>https://</u> <u>play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/3584</u> and login using their login details.

<u>Little and Often:</u> In order to get the best out of Times Tables Rock Stars children should regularly play for short bursts so we would ask you to allow your child to play for 5-10 minutes at a time.

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The sharing of intimate images online can be a dangerous avenue through which abusers seek to exploit children and young people, forcibly exposing them to explicit material, coercing them into sharing self-generated intimate images, and extorting them with the threat of sharing such images more widely. From reputational impact to potential blackmail or emotional distress, and even legal consequences, exposure to this harmful behaviour can have a severe impact.

It's important to remember that the creation and distribution of explicit material featuring under-18s – even by the child themselves – is illegal under UK law. Our guide looks at the serious concerns associated with this behaviour, and lets parents and educators know how best to address these issues and protect young people.

Sources https://www.childline.org.uk/







IMPORTANT DATES

15/07/2024	Year 1/2 Summer Sing 9.15am (Y1) and 2.45pm (Y2)	
19/07/24	Year 3/4 Summer Sing 2.45pm	
19/09/24	Take One Building Exhibition 9.00-9.20am or 3.30-4.15pm	
22/07/2024	Y6 End of Year Performance for Parents and Carers, 6pm	
23/07/2024	Y6 Leavers' Assembly, 2.15pm	
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24/07/2024	Last day of Summer term	
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Reminder of the week

If your pick up arrangements change, remember to email pickup@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk before 3pm

Thank you!



We endeavour to be a NUT-FREE SCHOOL

Please help us to achieve this aim by not sending any nuts or nut containing products into school. This extends to sesame seeds, too. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Did you know? This year, so far, there has been 10,881 minutes lost learning due to lateness.

Please support us by getting your child into school on time. Unfortunately, some children continue to arrive late into school and we will be writing to Parents/Carers where lateness has become a concern.

Being 15 minutes <u>late</u> each day is the same as missing <u>two</u> weeks of school.

See our minutes lost calculator below to find out how much school you miss each year if you are late:





