



A message from the GLC CEO, Mrs Viki Reid:

Our latest newsletter is full of fantastic opportunities that our children took part in last half term. We also had lots of visitors who said how impressed they were with our polite and hardworking students and our committed and passionate staff. They also noted how our motto 'different, all equal: together improving upon our best' is enshrined into everything we do.

I am so proud of our wonderful community and very pleased to welcome Hassenbrook Academy and Corringham Primary into our trust. If you would like find out more please attend the drop-in session on the 9th March from 5:00pm-6:00pm.

There is also a lovely community event happening, Lynsey Bevan [Lansdowne Primary Academy] and the LPA Wanderers have arranged for us to take part in 'The Big Winter Wander' supporting WWF on **Saturday 25th March at Langdon Nature Reserve at 10:30am**. You can sign up online or just turn up with your family and donate for this great cause: <https://wwf-uk.enthuse.com/pf/lynsey-bevan> - it would be lovely if you could join us.



Name the Crane Competition with the Port of Tilbury

A big well done to all the children who participated in the 'Name the Crane' competition with the Port of Tilbury. A huge well done to the winner Rebekah from Lansdowne Primary Academy, for the name **Giraffe** and Kitty from Tilbury Pioneer Academy, for the name **Big Claw**. The winners and runner ups are photographed below with Peter Ward, Commercial Director for the Port of Tilbury.





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GLC Primary Young Voices at the O2 Arena

Young Voices was an absolutely fabulous experience for the children to be part of. They saw a violinist play live accompanied by a beat boxing group, there was a street dance company performance and then to top it all off, not only did they perform with Heather Small from M People, but she recorded a charity single with them there and then. Our children are part of her choir! The single will be released later in the year.

Events like these open our children's hearts and minds to the opportunities that are out there and I look forward to bringing these opportunities to more and more of our young people.

Quotes from some of the children:

"I know I'm going to remember this for the rest of my life – thank you."

"This is awesome we are singing with famous people."

"I didn't know there was going to be lights and all of these people dancing."

"Wow – look at them – can I do that, I'd really like to do that!" (This is while we were watching the street dance crew).



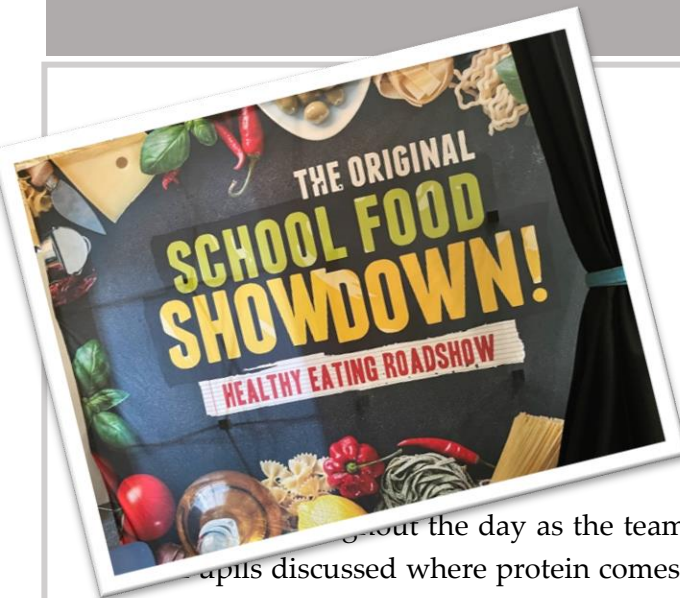
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GLC Food Show Down!



The school food show down, healthy eating food show was a fantastic event enjoyed by Year 4, 7, 8 and KS4 hospitality and catering students, pupils got to discuss food poverty and how we can try to overcome that by creating shopping lists on a budget. Chef Ben spoke to the students about a healthy diet and which meal is the most important, they all got the answer correct "breakfast of course". Pupils shared their ideas of a healthy breakfast whilst watching some of their year group cook with teachers. The cooking was in the style of 'Ready Steady Cook' - Green Peas Vs Red Chilli. The Red Chilli seemed to be a common theme throughout the day as the team won every session! The Red Chilli were the vegetarian option. Pupils discussed where protein comes from and about alternative proteins. Pupils came up and tasted and most importantly judged the teams. Well done to everyone who took part, absolutely fantastic effort. Mr Moruzzi, Mr Clark and Miss Bettel were very delighted that their team won throughout.





U12s Cup Result #LetsGoSparks!



The Gateway Sparks U12s have progressed to the quarter finals of the Essex Girls Cup following a victory against Sacred Heart School. The Sparks started the game well and created a number of chances to take the opposition which saw the Sparks trail by one. Moments later, Rox C equalised for the home team before she found the net again to help the Sparks lead 2-1 at half time. The away team battled back and got an equaliser moments after the restart but the Sparks were resilient and scored two more goals (both by Gracie S) to lead 4-2 and put the home team in a better position. Towards the closing

of the game, Sacred Heart grabbed another goal and made it 4-3 to make it a dramatic ending! The Sparks held on and saw out the game and will now play either Sydney Russell, All Saints or Redden Court in the quarter finals. "I am extremely proud of this group! The work we're doing with the Women's Football Academy is benefiting the girls. There's still a lot we need to improve on but they're making tremendous progress in training. Bring on the next round!" added Head Coach, M Kamutero. #LetsGoSparks!

Celebration of the Arts

The Gateway Academy Arts Team have offered a wide variety of creative opportunities to students across the GLC. Following on from last year's success, Kinetica Bloco are now offering drumming and steel pan workshops on Tuesday evenings open to all GLC students. Earlier this month Trailblazer theatre company Complete Commedia visited Year 9 students and extra-curricular clubs and peripatetic lessons have been running weekly in Dance, Music and Art. Our talented Year 11 dance students have been developing excellent leadership skills teaching a Monday afternoon dance club to students from the Gateway Primary Free School and Lansdowne Primary Academy. In drama, Year 9 students enjoyed performing to Year 5 and 6 students at the GLC primary academies. Our Head of Arts, Jenny Hill has this week begun the first of the tailored clay workshops offered in the Trailblazer catalogue to visiting schools and Graffiti and sculpture workshops are planned for the new year for Gateway Art students in Years 9-11.



Well done Harry!

Harry S (Year 7) has been representing the Gateway Academy in the Thurrock schools football district team since September. He scored a hattrick in a recent match, helping the team win 12-3 against Waltham Forest. Big well done from all of us!





Congratulations...

Congratulations to Adrian G on being named the Year 10 student of the term. Adrian is a truly outstanding student that gives 100% each day and is a shining example of a student that promotes the school values.

Congratulations to Finley C for winning the Last Man Standing Competition. Jamal C K & Reece C were both runners up. 10C were winners of the 5 a side football competition. In a great show of charity, they donated their JD sports vouchers to the Gateway Academy school giving tree.

Dylan S won the player of the tournament. Dylan is an exceptional footballer and an excellent all-round student. A shout out also should go to Vitys C who donated £10 to the Gateway Academy Giving Tree. Finley C, Frankie F, Reja R & Bailey B G all won footballs. Next half term the year 10 students will take part in a basketball competition. This will be a fundraiser for a local charity.



A Fantastic Experience for the Gateway Sparks

To top off our excellent week with our football academy, the players attended a WSL match between West Ham Women vs Man City Women on a chilly Sunday evening at the Construction Stadium in Dagenham. The experience was invaluable for our Gateway Sparks as they were able to watch a professional match and had the opportunity to take photos with some of their idols, including Lionesses #WEURO2022 winners Chloe Kelly, Alex Greenwood and Lauren Hemp. We hope that the experience will inspire them to go along the same path as their idols!

A Little Taste of Italy in Cooking Club

Well done to those who attended cooking club with Mrs Reynolds, Miss Akumanyi and Mr Lovelock who made a little taste of Italy with their focaccia bread. Pupils developed skills in kneading, proving and seasoning. Well done to those who came.



For more GA news visit: <http://www.theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk/419/gateway-times-2022-23>

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Karate Club has started

GPFS have started their Karate club for Year 3 - 6 alongside the Gateway Academy, looking at karate and how it is used in self-defence. Children have the opportunity to earn their different coloured karate belts starting from white belt all the way to black belt.



Wow Start in Year 1

In Science in Year 1 the children are learning about animals which includes humans. For their wow animal. They had fun putting themselves into the different animal categories.



Year 6 have an 'Eye on London'

This term our school has an eye on London and Year 6 were lucky enough to visit the capital city itself. Children loved seeing Borough Market up close and they were able to sample some of the market's delicacies. The children tasted some of the market's most popular cheese and some salami. Elsewhere, a sample of olives did not go down so well! After taking in the sights and sounds of Borough Market, we explored more of the city by walking to The Tate Modern Art Gallery. Children loved seeing some abstract art up close!



Special Visit for Year 1

Year 1 were visited by a variety of animals to link to their science topic. The animals included owls, salamanders, millipedes, a skunk and a snake. They compared how the animal groups are different and the characteristic between them. They touched and held the animals, they were careful and washed their hands after. It was a lot of fun and they enjoyed it very much!



Year 2 Visit to the Tower of London

The children participated in a workshop where they acted out the Great Fire of London, showing off all of their previous knowledge about this topic. We then explored the towers and learnt about the history behind them. This included the Bloody Tower and The White Tower. We saw armour, guns and medals. We also saw which animals were previous owned by the Tower and used to live there. Our favourite was discovering a polar bear used to live there and hunted for fish in the Thames. Before we went home, we saw the Crown Jewels and the soldiers that guarded them. It was an amazing trip.





The Royal Dinosaur Club

Apples and Pears had a special visitor this week - Professor Memo wanted some help to join the Royal Dinosaur Club. We searched for fossils in our forest school where we found some real dinosaur fossils, such as a dilphosaurus frill and a t-Rex tooth. The Royal Dinosaur Club were so impressed, not only did Professor Memo become a member but Apples and Pears were



Year 2 Trip to the Tower of London

When we arrived, we first went into The White Tower. We explored the armoury, admiring the different equipment, arms, armour and treasures that were used over the years as well as the different methods of torture they used. We completed a workshop with Sir Thomas, where we wowed him with our knowledge about The Great Fire of London, detailing where, how and why the fire started, what happened to the Farriners and London during and after the fire. We got to see how an original house was built before the fire - The King's House was built in the 1500s.

We climbed what felt like thousands of steps as we crossed the stone battlements surrounding the tower, spotting different London landmarks and talking about their defensive tactics. Additionally, we looked at the guardians of the tower, the ravens; met a Beefeater and Yeomen Warders; explored the different royal beasts that would have been kept at the Tower of London as well as marvelling the crown jewels.



Dinosaurs in Reception!

Reception had some very special visitors this week, which included Sophie the T-rex. We met some baby dinosaurs and found out about what they ate. We discussed herbivores, carnivores and omnivores, and luckily Sophie had eaten breakfast before we met her as we found out that she is a carnivore. We spent some time being palaeontologists and discovered a variety of fossils and identified the creatures that they came from. Apples and Pears had a very exciting morning and now all want to be palaeontologists when they grow up!



A busy week for Year 4...

Year 4 at Herringham have been very busy in the last week. They visited Duxford IWM and enjoyed looking at the WW2 vehicles they had been learning about and drew some accurate sketches of the Spitfire, Hurricane and Messerschmitt. They also performed the Steel Pan drumming to the Year 4 parents. The children demonstrated they could read music, keep in time and careful listening of each other.





£209.66 Raised for St. Luke's

The LPA choir performed at Lakeside Shopping Centre on Wednesday 7 December 2022 and raised a fantastic £209.66 for St. Luke's Hospice. Well done to those involved.

Anglo Saxons

In Year 3 we have been learning about the Anglo Saxons. On our special Anglo Saxon day, we had a range of fun activities to learn more about their way of life. We learned how to dye fabric using a range of natural materials such as grass, black beans, red cabbage and berries! We also went to Forest School where we made our own peasant bread and cooked it on the outdoor fire! Finally, we learned how to weave and write our name in runes.



Campfire Stories

Years 3 and 4 had a fantastic time toasting marshmallows and listening to stories around the campfire.

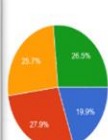


Adopting a Sea Turtle with WWF

On the 16th January the Eco-Warriors launched a project to adopt an endangered animal with the WWF.

We narrowed the choices down to; the polar bear, the sea turtle, the black rhino and the orangutan and then put this to a democratic vote so that the whole school could take part in this great cause. We have now come to the end of the process and we are pleased to announce that the sea turtle has won!

Please select the animal you would like us as a school to adopt:



This adoption will help to support the marine turtle habitats and will help to protect nesting grounds. Look out for the turtle at the main office!

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Active Learning in Reception

We looked at some of the places that a dinosaur would live, we created our own environment and showed Professor Memo.

What can we use to make a dinosaur den?

We went foraging in Forest School for materials to make a den. Once the materials were collected, we started to make our dinosaur dens.



Celebrating TTRS Day!

The children came to school dressed as Rockstars to celebrate Timetables Rockstar day! A fantastic effort was made and the children had fun.



Year 4 Trip to Duxford

Year 4 enjoyed their trip to Duxford. They saw the different planes and bombers that were used in the war and learned all about the Battle of Britain. They also got to experience what it was like in an Anderson shelter.



Year 3 Anglo Saxon Workshop

On Tuesday 24 January Year 3 were involved in an Anglo-Saxon Workshop. They learnt about their lives, the clothing and armour before going into battle!





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Extra-curricular clubs across the trust!

Extra-curricular clubs began this week with children experiencing a wide range of new sports like badminton, gymnastics, fencing, spikeball and more!



Year 6 have started the term working and mastering their accuracy and precision skills using archery. This term, Reception are developing their coordination skills with a strong focus on their footwork. Year 5 are looking at mastering their static balance using bench ball and yoga.



Fixtures & Events

During the last week, HPA football teams have been busy with league fixtures. The girls had an outstanding win over Graham James. The boys had a tough game against TPA which saw a combined 18 goals scored.



LPA Girls make the Semis!

After an extremely close game between the GPFS girls football team which ended in a penalty shootout, LPA girls made it through to the semi-finals of the cup! Our next game is a tough game against Dilkes, with the winner reaching the finals!



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Spring 2 Key Dates:

21 February 2023

- Brilliant Club graduation ceremony [Oxford]

23 March 2023

- Thurrock Poetry Competition Final
- GLC Football Tournament Round 2 Year 5/6 Football

23 February 2023

- Sharing our Lives Workshop 4
- Sharing our Lives Workshop 5

24 March 2023

- Year 3/4 Sports Hall Athletics – Basildon Sporting Village

2 March 2023

- World Book Day
- Gateway: Year 11 Parents' Evening [2]
- Sharing our Lives Workshop 6
- Sharing our Lives Workshop 7

30 March 2023

- Gateway: Year 9 Parents' Evening and Options
- GLC Football Tournament Finals Year 5/6 Football

6 March 2023

- Careers week with the Port of Tilbury

10 March 2023

- British Science Week 10 -19 March 2023
- Key Step 1 & 2 Gymnastics – GA
- Key Step 3 Gymnastics – William Edwards

8 March 2023

- International Women's Day 2023

16 March 2023

- Gateway: Year 8 Parents' Evening and Options Evening

9 March 2023

- Thurrock Poetry Competition: Heats

17 March 2023

- GLC Charity Day [3]: Comic Relief

Dates are subject to individual school changes, any changes will be communicated to you via your school communication app.**Ormiston Trust**
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Events

Fridays
3 - 4.30pm

6th January
17th February
17th March
21st April
19th May
16th June



Saturdays
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7th January
18th February
18th March
22nd April
20th May
17th June



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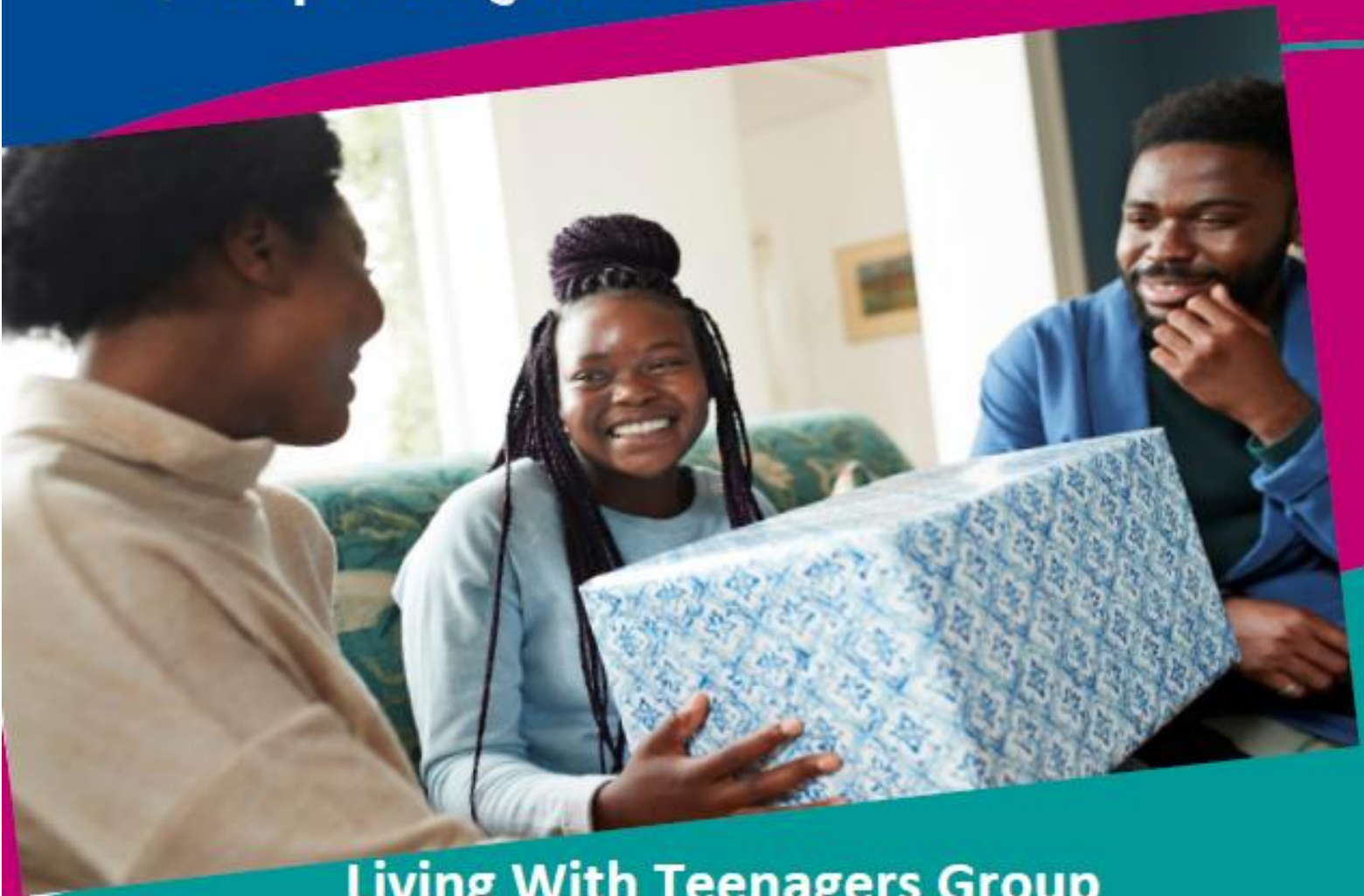
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