GATEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Inspiring Curious Minds

Weekly Newsletter: **Friday 13th November**

Current Topic: **'We are Conservationists'** Current Value: **Empathy**

RESILIENCE R EMPATHY E SELF-AWARENESS S POSITIVITY P EXCELLENCE E COMMUNICATION C TEAMWORK T

Attendance Award— Classes with the highest attendance this week are:

EYFS — Chicks 93%

KS1— Parrots 95%

LKS2— Kingfishers 93%

UKS2— Peacocks 97%

End of Week House points totals:

Spitfire — 217

Lancaster — 168

Hurricane — 207

Wellington — 191

Tea Party Guests

These children have attended this weeks value tea party: Elsie (Peacocks) Evelyn (Penguins) Finley (Penguins) Arwen (Peacocks) Trixie (Robins) Flo (Owls)

Stars of the Week



An update from Mrs Anstee



This week, our school community has come together to mark Remembrance and reflect on the importance of remembering those who have served, sacrificed and continue to serve our country.

On Sunday, Mrs Summers was joined by Daisy-May and Lily-May to lay a wreath at the town's Remembrance service, representing Gateway with great pride and respect. Today, our House Captains attended the RAF Brize Norton Remembrance Service, where they once again represented our school community beautifully.

Back at Gateway, we came together on the playground for our own two minutes' silence, taking a moment to pause, reflect and remember.

A big thank you also goes to Mrs Barnes for creating a wonderful poppy display in our main school library. The display brings together a beautiful collection of crafted poppies made by our pupils, staff and families. Each poppy represents a contribution from someone in our school community, and together they create a truly fitting and meaningful tribute.

We would also like to congratulate all of our pupils who proudly represented their Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers and Cubs groups at Remembrance events over the weekend. It is wonderful to see so many of our children playing an active part in their wider community.

We are incredibly proud of the respect, thoughtfulness and maturity shown by our pupils throughout the week. Lest we forget.

An update from Mrs Gardner



Oxfordshire County Council's Public Health Team has shared a helpful guide for parents and carers on supporting children's emotional health and wellbeing.

The attached document offers practical advice on building resilience, encouraging positive mental health, recognising when children may need additional support and accessing local services.

What can you do at home?
We encourage families to take a few moments to read the guidance, make time each day to check in with their children, talk openly about feelings and look out for any changes in behaviour or mood.

At Gateway, we believe that supporting children's wellbeing is a shared responsibility. **If you have any concerns about your child, please reach out to their class teacher or our pastoral team.** We are always happy to listen and work together to provide support. Mental health support for families

An update from Mrs Summers



November's Mingle in The Mess will be on Tuesday next week but timings will still be the same. Fran from the School Nurse Team will be there again if anyone has any questions or concerns. We have a quiet space if anyone wishes to speak to her more discreetly. I hope to see many of you there for a chance to catch up over a cuppa and some cake. Younger siblings are also welcome there are plenty of toys to keep them occupied.

There has been a recent addition of The Hive Bulletin, this has information for all families not just military so it's worth a look. Here is the link

https://sway.cloud.microsoft/DKSduM1aTQXBaXwv?ref=Link

I highly recommend that our service families register for the mailing list on camp to keep up to date with events and regular groups. There really is something for everyone.

An update from Mrs Diamond



This week in The Hangar, our activities across all groups have been centred around Remembrance Day. The children have taken part in a range of creative and hands-on experiences, including making their own remembrance medals, constructing poppy scenes and designing poppy-inspired LEGO structures.

Alongside exploring the theme, each activity has provided meaningful opportunities to develop key learning skills. Through shared projects, the children have practised communication, listening, turn-taking, expressing ideas and making choices. Creative and sensory experiences have supported fine motor development, coordination, sensory exploration and physical engagement, while working alongside peers has encouraged positive relationships, confidence and emotional regulation.

As always, our focus has been on using motivating, purposeful activities to support each child's individual learning needs, develop independence and provide opportunities to practise and build upon their personal targets in a supportive environment.

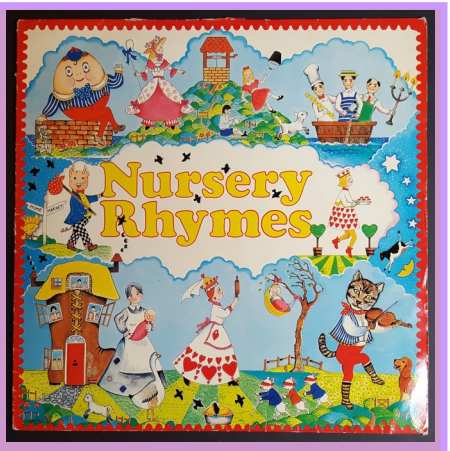








EYFS



This week has been World Nursery Rhyme Week so we have been thinking about a different rhyme each day. We enjoyed singing Hickory Dickory Dock, learnt about poor Dr Foster who had a very bad time in Gloucester, and rowed our boats down the stream. We performed the rhymes we learnt at home for our friends to watch and we invited our grown ups to come and sing with us on Friday afternoon, which was great fun!

This week we also learnt all about Remembrance and why we wear our poppies. We did some beautiful watercolour paintings of poppies growing in a field based on the story 'Where the poppies now grow'. We made poppies from our red playdough and even sis some poppy sewing. We made collage poppies which were made into a wreath to take with us on our walk to the War Memorial. We walked sensibly and safely all the way there and looked at all the other wreaths at the memorial. We had a 2 minutes silence to say thank you to all the brave soldiers. It was a long time not to talk but we all did it! Our teachers were very proud of us.

Now we are focusing on our Christmas nativity. We are already singing some of the songs. They are very catchy! We can't wait to share them with you in our show.

Stars of the week:

Ducklings

Bonnie B- For trying really hard with her cutting skills to fill Dr Foster's bag.

Noah -For fantastic nursery rhyme singing. Noah performed his rhyme to the group with a loud voice and a big smile.

Chicks

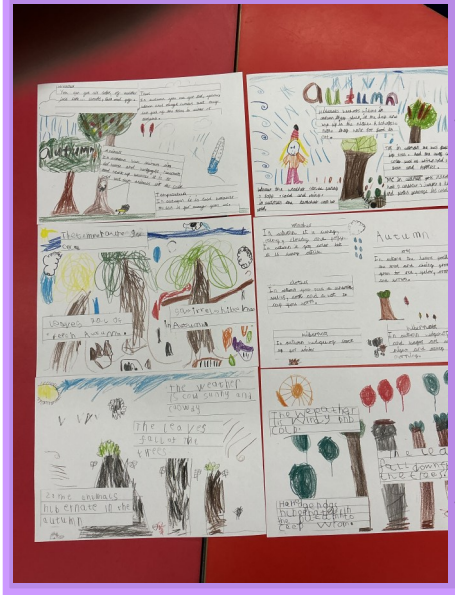
Nancy V- For a confident start to gateway life. Nancy has settled into Chicks class perfectly.

Arthur D- For making a beautiful collage poppy for our Remembrance Wreath.

Year 1 and 2

KS1 has had a very busy and exciting week!

As part of our 'We Are Conservationists' topic, the children have been working hard on a range of creative and informative activities. We have been writing fact pages all about autumn, including lots of interesting information and developing our use of commas and conjunctions. We have also created beautiful collages of British animals using painted papers and crayons. They look fantastic!



In Geography, we have been monitoring changes in the weather and recording our findings in bar charts. In Maths, Year 1 have been developing their understanding of parts and wholes, while Year 2 have been applying their knowledge of single-digit calculations to solve calculations involving two-digit numbers.

It was lovely to meet some of you this week and share how well your children are doing. We look forward to welcoming the rest of you next week!

Year 3 and 4

This week in year 3 and 4 we have started to finish up our Rivers topic for 'We are Conservationists'. We have continued to explore the works of Claude Monet in art, reflecting on the scale of pieces and how the use of different brushes and strokes can create realistic art. We used watercolours to try and recreate a Monet piece before creating our very own art inspired by Monet! Using inspiration pictures of real rivers we created our own river artwork with watercolours, being careful to use all of the skills we have been focusing on and creating some fantastic final pieces.

In English we have been using fronted adverbials, prepositions and subordinate conjunctions to improve our writing. Once we felt confident in these areas, we planned our very own non-fiction river page! We started to think about historical stories, geographical facts and myths to include on our pages and planned the language we would include.



In Maths we have been partitioning and ordering 3-digit numbers. Once we understood our hundreds, tens and ones place value, we looked at multiples of 10 and how we can represent this in different ways.





Next week we will be starting our new topic and can't wait to dive in!

Year 5 and 6

We have had another super week in UKS2 as we come to the end of our topic, 'We are Conservationists'. All the classes have taken part in a debate about: Does the Amazon rainforest need our protection? The children were placed into groups and looked through their topic books to find facts we have covered ready for the debate all about deforestation. They made notes ready to share depending on which side they were arguing about. Half the class were arguing FOR deforestation and the other half were arguing AGAINST deforestation. All the children listened carefully to each point and responded appropriately with opposing arguments. They also included key phrases and vocabulary used in debates. This was an amazing lesson to end our topic especially as it showed how much the children have learned and understood. We have also been continuing with multiplication in our maths lessons but this week, we have moved on to multiplying 3 digits by 1 digit. We are using a variety of methods such as: Expanded method, Grid method, Partitioning and Short multiplication. Toucans had their first swimming lesson and everyone was placed into their groups. Everyone had a positive attitude and behaved very well. We have also completed our first assessment week and we are so impressed with everyone for trying their best and showing resilience. Well done.





Dates For The Diary

Monday 16th November — Odd Sock Day

Tuesday 17th November — Mingle in The Mess 8:45 — 9:45am

Wednesday 18th November — Year 5/6 Wonder dome in School

Wednesday 18th November — Parents Evening

Monday 23rd November — Year 5/6 Lego Robotics and Coding Workshop

Friday 27th November — GSA Christmas Bingo

Thursday 3rd December — Flu Vaccination In School

Thursday 3rd December — EYFS Nativity to CHICKS Parents

Friday 4th December — iRock Concert 9:30am — iRock Parents Invited

Friday 4th December — EYFS Nativity to DUCKLINGS Parents

Tuesday 8th December — Vision Screening EYFS

Friday 11th December — ACT Panto Performance to Whole School

Wednesday 16th December — Mingle in The Mess — 8:30 — 9:30am

Friday 18th December — End of Term 2 — 1:30pm Finish

Monday 4th January — Inset Day

Tuesday 5th January — Start of Term 3

Tuesday 5th January — Year 3/4 Young Voices

Wednesday 13th January — Mingle in The Mess 8:30— 9:30am

Wednesday 10th February — Mingle in The Mess 8:30 — 9:30am

Friday 12th February — GSA Mix It Up Day

Friday 12th February — End of Term 3

Monday 22nd February — Start of Term 4

Monday 1st March — NCMP Year 6 and EYFS

Thursday 4th March — World Book Day

Friday 5th March — GSA Gateway Golden tickets




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Christmas
BINGO
Friday
27th November
Doors Open:
7pm
Eyes Down:
7.30pm
Bar
Refreshments
RAFFLE
Raffle
Music
Round
Presented by
The Gateway School Association

THE BARN ABC @ BRENNAN'S GYM, CARTERTON

FREE BOXING



NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

Boys and girls welcome

AGES 9–16

FREE UNTIL
31 OCTOBER 2027

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