GATEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Inspiring Curious Minds

Weekly Newsletter: **Friday 20th November**

Current Topic: **'We are Voyagers'** Current Value: **Self-Awareness**

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

EYFS — Ducklings 96%

KS1— Parrots 97%

LKS2— Owls 96%

UKS2— Peacocks 92%

End of Week House points totals:

Spitfire — 221

Lancaster — 156

Hurricane — 171

Wellington — 191

Tea Party Guests

These children have attended this weeks value tea party: Nate (Robins) Flo (Owls) Edward (Robins) Hennie (Doves) Sienna (Doves) Sophie (Robins) Daisy-May (Doves) Ayda (Owls)

Stars of the Week



An update from Mrs Anstee



Staff Farewells and Welcomes

This week, we say goodbye to two members of our team as they move on to exciting new opportunities.

Mrs Rathbone, who has worked across KS1 and in The Mess at After School Club, is leaving us to take on a new challenge in a nursery setting. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment during her time at Gateway and wish her every success in this next adventure.

Mr Morgan, who has worked predominantly with our EYFS children, is also moving on to a new role outside of school. However, we are pleased that we will still see him at Gateway in his role as a play worker in The Mess at After School Club! Thank you, Mr Morgan, for all you have contributed to the school and our children.

It is always sad to say goodbye to valued members of our team, but we know that the skills, care and enthusiasm they have shared at Gateway will continue to make a difference in their new roles and within our local community. We wish them both every happiness and success for the future.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Morse into a new role as a Teaching Assistant. Mrs Morse is already a familiar face to many of our children and families through her work as a lunchtime supervisor, and we are looking forward to her joining the KS1 team in this new capacity. We know she will be a wonderful addition to the team!

An update from Mrs Gardner



On Monday, we kicked off Anti-Bullying Week with our fantastic Odd Socks Day! It was lovely to see so many children celebrating what makes us all different and unique.

During our assemblies, EYFS and KS1 explored the importance of kindness, friendship and including others, while KS2 took a closer look at bullying, including online bullying, exclusion and the importance of speaking up when something isn't right.

This year's message, 'Break the Silence', reminded us all that bullying is never acceptable and that speaking to a trusted adult can make a real difference.

Our message to every child is simple: Be kind, include others and never be afraid to speak up.

Please continue these conversations at home by asking your child what they learnt and how they can help make Gateway a happy, safe and welcoming place for everyone.

An update from Mrs Summers



Buddy Club is a service support session for children that have a parent/ carer deployed. An opportunity to meet with children going through the same experience. There are a variety of activities on offer plus the opportunity to talk to me about any worries or concerns. It is really helpful to be notified of a deployment or repeated time apart either using the deployment form or via Dojo/email. That way, I can make sure the relevant staff are aware and I add the child to my Buddy Club register. I am unable to add children to my lists just by children telling me and if possible some notice is helpful to make sure I do not miss anyone.

There are occasionally opportunities specifically for the Buddy Club children. For instance BFBS come to record messages and I select children going through deployment to represent the school. Please reach out to me if you need any more information.

An update from Mrs Diamond



This week in The Hangar, some children have been exploring the theme of sharing a space. Through stories, games and shared activities, we have been thinking about how we can make others feel welcome, include those around us and how sharing something special can make us and others feel happy. This theme has been carefully chosen to support some changes to groupings in The Hangar, as we are now running daily sessions for all groups who attend our enhanced provision.

Other groups have been taking part in activities linked to Road Safety Awareness Week, with a particular focus on understanding traffic lights and how they help us to stay safe. To support this learning, our Makaton sign of the week has been 'stop', giving the children another way to recognise and communicate this important road safety message.







EYFS





It has been a special week in the EYFS this week, as it was time for Numbers and Digit (our 2 maths friends) to celebrate their 5th birthday. We were all invited to their party on Friday afternoon - the only trouble was that neither of them had ever been to a birthday party before. The Chicks and Ducklings have been working hard all week helping to make preparations for their friends. We have written lists of party items, made birthday cards, created bunting with repeating patterns and have written a guest list. We even helped with the catering and made cupcakes by following a recipe. On Friday afternoon we had a great time at the party, playing party games and tasting the goodies.

In Phonics this week we have been learning even more new sounds - we all should now know s a t p i n m d g o - we are starting to write real words containing them.

As well as all of this we have also been busy working on our performance skills as we have been preparing for our Nativity Show. Please make sure you have the correct date in your diary. Its going to be amazing. The show will start at 2.15pm.

THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER for CHICKS PARENTS

FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER for DUCKLING PARENTS

All of the children are performing in both of the shows - by splitting the audience into classes it means we are able to extend the invitation to parents, grandparents and smaller siblings.

Please support us by coming along to the correct performance.

Maisey - Chicks - for being brave and saying her line in the nativity so confidently

Freya - Chicks - for trying hard with her party list writing

Darcey - Ducklings - for some fabulous party writing, including lots of people on the guest list



Year 1 and 2

This week marks the beginning of our exciting new topic, ‘We Are Voyagers!’

We have been busy exploring the short film The Way Back Home in English, using it to develop our sequencing skills and learning how to use time adverbials to make our storytelling even more engaging.

In Maths, Year 1 have been focusing on partitioning numbers, while our Year 2 children have been practising adding and subtracting multiples of ten from two-digit numbers.

We have also begun exploring the fascinating world of flight and discovering how it all began. We particularly enjoyed watching some of the early attempts at flying and are very grateful that those early pioneers never gave up!

Our school value for this topic is self-awareness. We have been taking time to think about ourselves, what makes us happy and the things we sometimes find a little tricky.

Finally, this week we said a fond farewell to the lovely Mrs Rathbone as she sets off on her next adventure. We would also like to give a very warm welcome to Mrs Morse, who has joined our KS1 team. We wish them both lots of happiness in their new adventures!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Year 3 and 4

This week we have been finalising our own made up river pages by creating historical, geographical and mythological facts about them using world rivers as our inspiration. In RE we are thinking about communities and which communities we are proud to be a part of we will then begin to look at different religions and how their communities come together and create a sense of belonging. Then we have had a really hands-on start to our new topic “We Are Voyagers”. We have been extremely lucky that the Oxfordshire Museum have lent us a box of artefacts all linked to the Anglo Saxon period. We then had the opportunity to handle them and think like archaeologists to try and figure out clues to what life was like in Anglo Saxon times. We can’t wait to continue to discover more and explore the artefacts further.



Year 5 and 6

We have had a super first week for our new topic – We are Voyagers. The children have enjoyed their first History lesson all able the space race. We discussed the Cold War and just why two rival countries were competing against each other. They looked at pictures and descriptions and ordered the events on a timeline. Good class contributions and ideas were shared.

Toucans had their second swimming lesson and everyone is trying really hard and making good progress in their groups. They are very supportive of each other which is lovely to see.



Eagles are making excellent progress with their ukulele lessons. They are following a range of notations, including rests, all while playing the melody. They are able to play a range of rhythmic patterns and some are volunteering to play to the whole class. Well done.

We are learning some new sporting skills this term with our Tag Rugby lessons. This week, we were focusing on passing the ball accurately backwards to our group and moving forwards! The children showed super resilience and were very encouraging to each other. A great start!

The children have been listening to, ‘Mars’ by Gustav Holst as part of our topic. They identified the instruments and repeated rhythmic patterns, the changes in dynamics and tempo throughout the piece. We discussed what the music reminded us of and why and we also learned some facts about the composer.



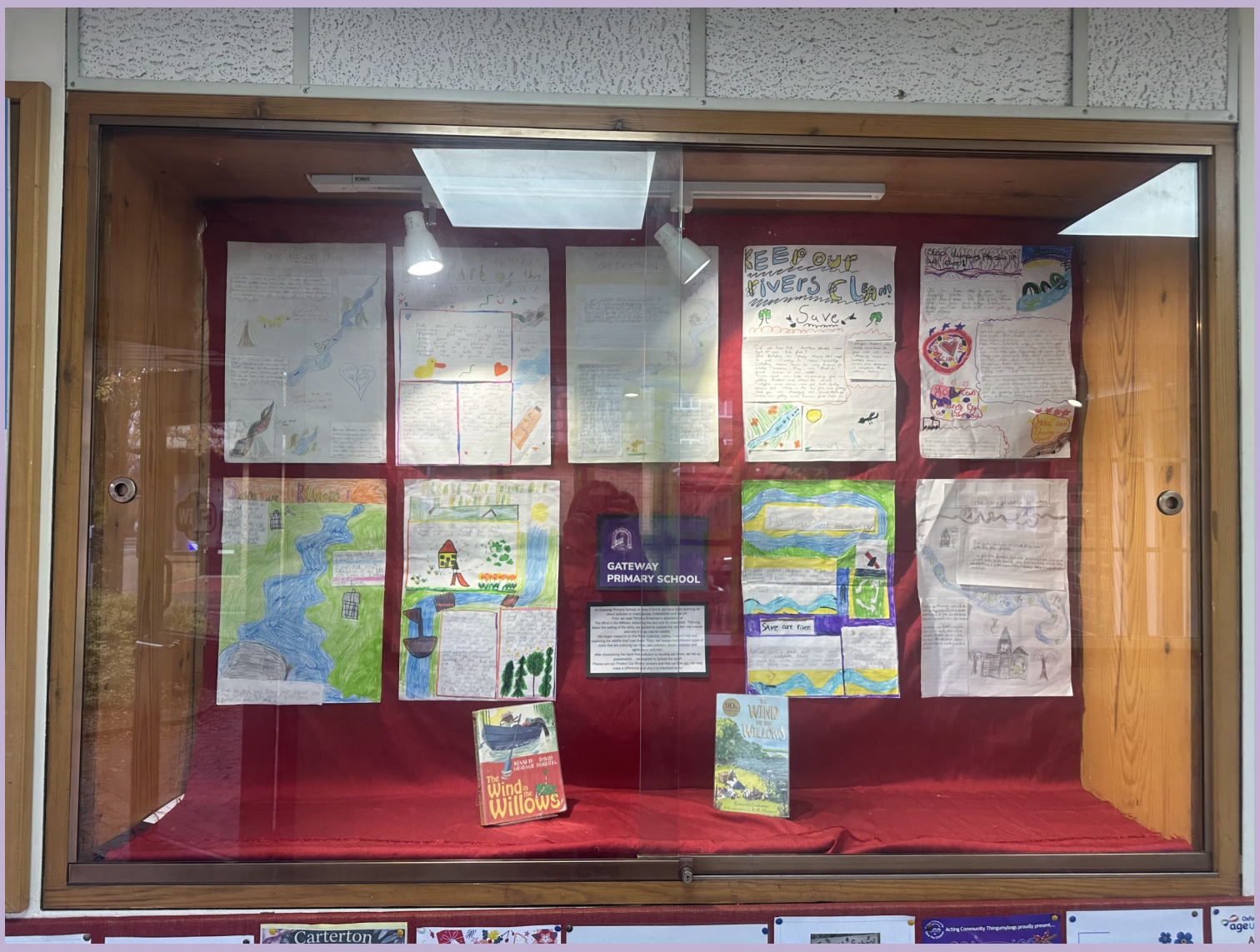
UKS2 also had the exciting opportunity of the Wonderdome workshops. This was an amazing experience as the leader took us through the solar system, sharing fascinating facts ranging from the sun to the 293 moons of Saturn and how they were created. As an extra bonus, while we were learning about the planet Mars, Holst’s ‘Mars’ composition was playing in the background which really set the scene for the planet of war. The workshop was enjoyed by all the children and adults!



Exciting news! Year 3 and 4 river persuasive posters encouraging others to protect rivers are on display at the Carterton Library! Please pop down and have a look. Many Thanks to Miss Morgan and Andrew from the Library for organising this.

The book fair is back on Tuesday 24th November until Monday 30th November. This is a great opportunity to purchase some books before Christmas. We only accept payments via QR code and cannot reserve books. T

We look forward to seeing you there, weather permitting, we will be at the double doors under the canopy in the playground. Thank you.



Dates For The Diary

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 — 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

Monday 10th May — Thursday 13th May — Year 6 SATs Week

Beginning Monday 7th June — Year 4 Multiplication Check

Beginning Monday 14th June — Year 1 Phonics Screening


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



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PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

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our traditional Lantern Parade
and
Christmas Lights Switch On Event

FOOD - STALLS - ENTERTAINMENT

NOVEMBER

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Raising Self-Esteem	30 Nov 10am
Introduction to OCD	30 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	7 Dec 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	7 Dec 7pm
Improving Family Communication	8 Dec 10am
What is ACT?	8 Dec 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	14 Dec 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	14 Dec7pm
Understanding Anger	15 Dec 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	15 Dec 7pm

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUBS



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To: ENGLAND SOUTH - HENLEY TRIATHLON

Where: Henley Leisure Centre and Gillotts School, Oxfordshire, RG9 1PS

Who: For ages 5 to 17 years **When:** Saturday 5th June 2027

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BRONZE	10 - 13 yrs	50m	3000m	1500m
SILVER	12 - 15 yrs	100m	4000m	2000m
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