

Gloucester House Newsletter



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Message from our Headteacher

Dear GH community,

October marks Black History Month, and throughout the month, pupils will have opportunities to explore and celebrate Black history, culture and achievements through a range of activities across the curriculum. Whilst Black History Month provides an important opportunity to celebrate and deepen our understanding, equality, diversity and inclusion are embedded throughout our curriculum and wider school life. We remain committed to ensuring that pupils learn about, appreciate and respect the diverse backgrounds, cultures and experiences of others throughout the year.

It was lovely to see our pupils taking part in Sports Day and to welcome parents and carers who joined us for our coffee afternoon.

The coffee afternoon provided a valuable opportunity for informal conversations, and I appreciated hearing both the positive feedback and suggestions for further development. Some of the key areas discussed included school lunches, supporting pupils as they transition from Gloucester House, updates on our planned school move, and opportunities for more educational visits and swimming lessons. These suggestions have been taken on board and will be shared with the teaching team for further consideration.

It was particularly encouraging to see parents and carers connecting with one another, sharing their experiences and supporting each other as part of our school community.

Sports Day was also a great opportunity for pupils to develop important life skills. Whilst some found aspects of the activities challenging, particularly around turn-taking, managing disappointment and accepting that we cannot always win, these experiences are an important part of developing resilience, social skills and positive relationships.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us and to our pupils and staff for their participation and enthusiasm.

We would also like to say a big thank you to one of our neighbours who kindly donated some play equipment for our pupils. We are very grateful for their generosity and thoughtfulness. Please see **page 5** for photographs of some of the donated equipment and a lovely letter of thanks written by one of our Saturn pupils.

Building positive relationships and maintaining open communication with parents and carers is something I feel strongly about. Whilst we have received some positive feedback about communication, I recognise that we need to ensure this is consistent across the school.

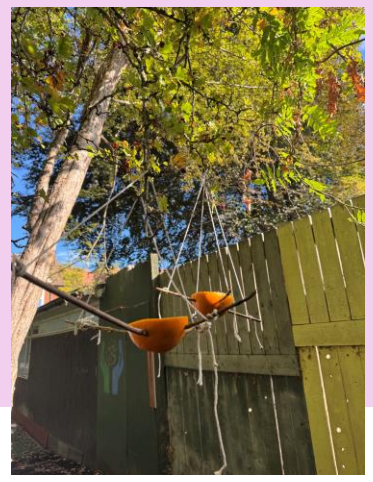
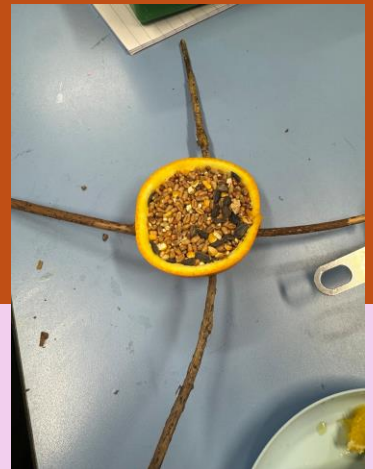
I also appreciate that families have different preferences when it comes to how and when they receive information. Over the coming weeks, we will be sending out a short questionnaire to gather your views on how we can strengthen communication between home and school.

Your feedback is important, and I want parents and carers to feel comfortable sharing their views, raising concerns and asking questions. We encourage families to maintain open communication with their child's class team, who are often best placed to address day-to-day matters. Where further support is needed, I am always happy to discuss any concerns that require my attention. Please be assured that your feedback will be listened to and taken seriously.

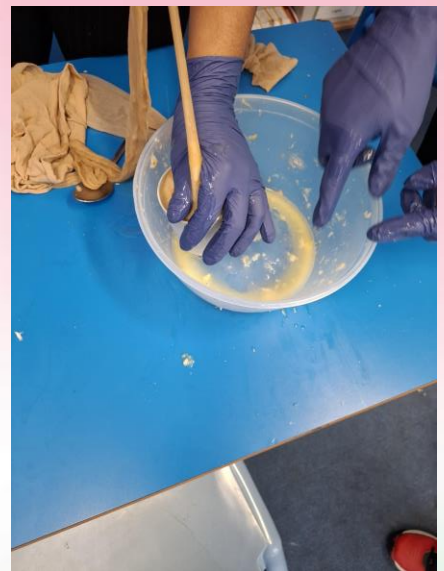
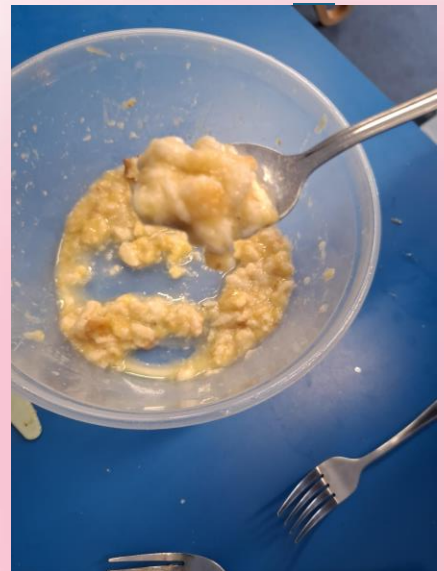
By continuing to work together, we can ensure that Gloucester House remains a welcoming, supportive and positive school community for everyone.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Workshare



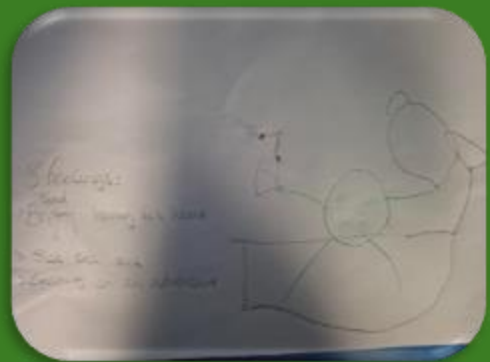
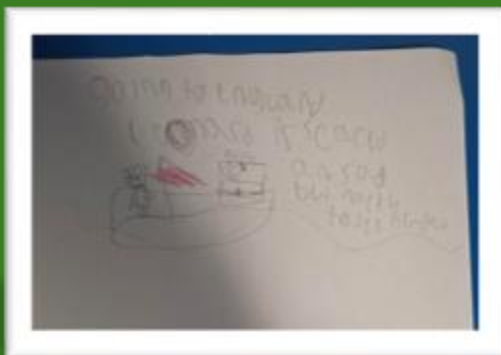
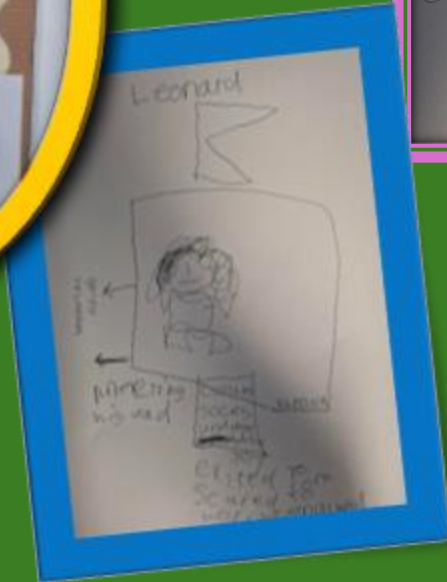
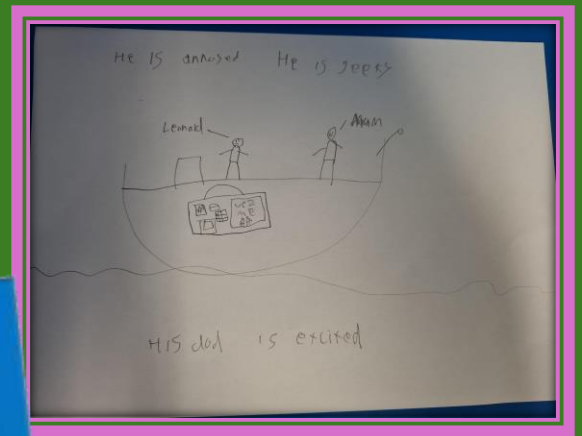
This week Neptune Class focused on the second character from our literacy story The Robot and the Bluebird. We researched and discussed migration patterns for birds and then thought about how we could help birds in our GH community, Neptune Class followed instructions to make a birdfeeder.



Work share

In science Saturn have been learning about the human digestive system and the organs involved in our digestive system. We completed a science experiment using tights, water, bread and banana to explain how food travels from our mouth to the esophagus; stomach and our intestines. It was lots of fun!





Black History Month

For Black History Month, Saturn Class are reading *Windrush Child* by Benjamin Zephaniah and exploring young Leonard's journey from Jamaica to England

Sports Day



Sports Day pictures above and on the next page! Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along and joined in the fun activities with everyone.



Sports Day

Toys and footballs Donation

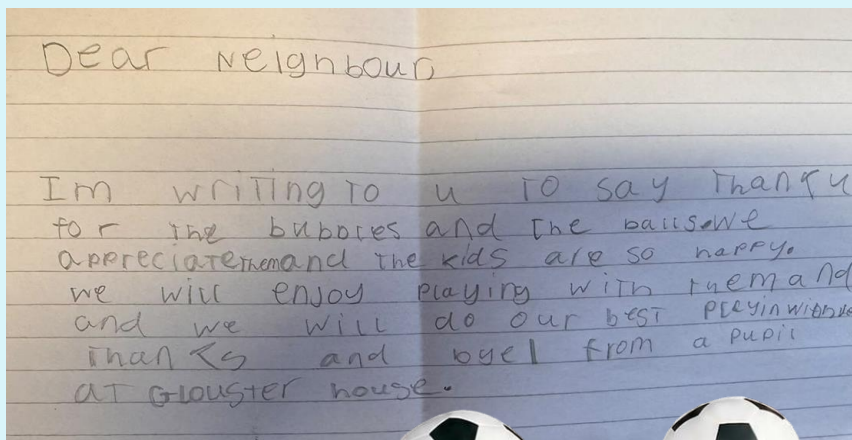
We would like to say a huge thank you to a kind neighbour who recently donated a set of footballs and a soap ball machine for our pupils to enjoy.

The generous gift has already brought lots of excitement, fun and smiles.

The footballs have been a great addition to outdoor play.

One of our pupils was so pleased with the donation that they wrote the following message to express their thanks.

Donations like these help create enjoyable experiences for our pupils and are greatly appreciated.



Kindness Champion



This week we had 1 Kindness Champions from Neptune

Well done to the pupil that has shown kindness to other pupils and adults!

Attendance

Attendance was lower than usual this week due to illness. Thank you to all parents and carers for following our absence reporting procedures.

Attendance Reminder

If your child is unable to attend, or if you are running late for drop-off, please let us know as soon as possible.

This helps us plan the day and ensures we know that all children are safe and accounted for.

Thank you for your support and cooperation. 😊

Meet Ollie!



We are delighted to introduce Ollie, who will be joining us for pet therapy once a week from **19th October**.

Pet therapy can provide many benefits for children, including supporting emotional wellbeing, encouraging communication, and helping to create a calm and positive environment.

If you have not previously completed a consent form for pet therapy, we will be in touch to provide one for you to complete before Ollie's visits begin.

We are looking forward to welcoming Ollie to Gloucester House! 🐶💙

