

Gloucester House



Newsletter

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Message from our Headteacher

Dear GH community,

Last week, we experienced an increase in staff sickness, which resulted in some changes to our usual routines and timetables. I would like to thank our parents and carers for their continued understanding and support. I would also like to commend our pupils for adapting to these changes and continuing to engage positively in their learning throughout the week.

It was wonderful to end the week with our Workshare, where pupils had the opportunity to share and celebrate their learning with me. I particularly enjoyed seeing the range of maths work completed, the fantastic books created by our Year 6 pupils about the water cycle, and the creative story writing from pupils in Neptune Class. It was especially encouraging to hear pupils confidently discussing their work and demonstrating their knowledge and understanding across different areas of the curriculum.

We were also pleased to welcome members of the NLFT Board to Gloucester House on two occasions last week. These visits provided a valuable opportunity for them to see the school in action and gain an insight into the learning experiences we provide for our pupils. It was encouraging to receive such positive feedback about the work taking place across the school, particularly the children's learning and engagement. We look forward to continuing to work closely with the Board as we further develop and grow Gloucester House.

We will also be saying goodbye to Gabriel, one of our Pupil Support Workers, who will be leaving us after half term. Gabriel has been a valued member of the Gloucester House team and will be greatly missed by both pupils and staff. We wish him all the very best in his next chapter.

With just one week remaining before the half-term break, I would like to remind families that, as the weather becomes colder, pupils should come to school with appropriate clothing, including a warm coat. We also encourage pupils to take responsibility for their personal belongings and ensure these are kept in the appropriate places.

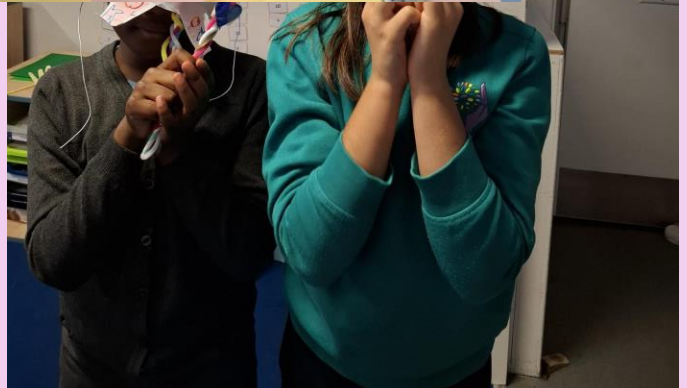
I look forward to another productive week as we approach the half-term break.

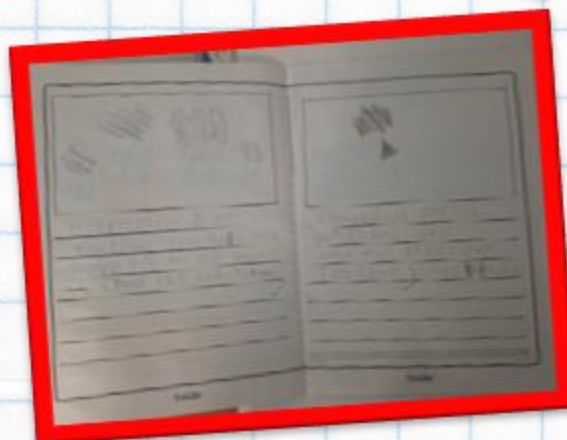
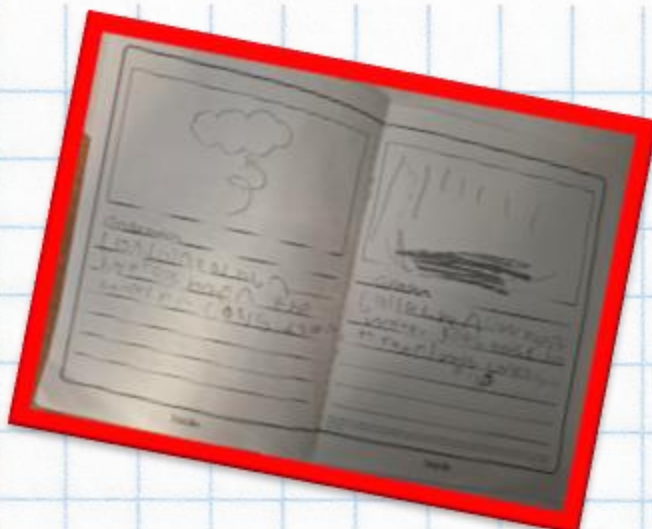
Chilo Graham
Headteacher

Workshare



This year's Black History Month theme is *Honouring Our Communities*. In Neptune Class, we have been learning about the Notting Hill Carnival, a celebration of Caribbean and Black British culture. We explored the different types of music featured in the parade, including steel bands, calypso and soca, and were inspired by the colourful 'mas' costumes to create our own carnival masks. As part of our learning, we also discovered the history of the carnival, learnt about the contributions of the Windrush Generation, and explored the important role of Claudia Jones in establishing the event





Work share

Saturn have been learning about the water cycle and have been learning about explanation texts. We made our own explanation texts and booklets about the water cycle ●

Dog Therapy Visits at Gloucester House



This week, we were delighted to welcome Ollie, our new therapy dog, for his first visit. The children and staff enjoyed spending time with him, and he quickly became a popular visitor!

Ollie will now be joining us every Monday, providing opportunities for children to interact with him and experience the many benefits that animal-assisted therapy can bring, including promoting wellbeing, confidence, and emotional regulation.

We are also excited to share that we hope to welcome a second therapy dog on Thursdays in the near future. We will confirm further details and the start date as soon as arrangements have been finalised.

We look forward to seeing Ollie each week and introducing our new four-legged friend very soon!



Local Offer

Please find below some information for the SEND Local offer for each borough we have children living in.

There is help and support for a range of things including everything from activities to information explaining the support available to you and your child and where to go for independent advice.

Camden

<https://families.camden.gov.uk/send-local-offer/>

Haringey

<https://haringey.gov.uk/children-young-people-families/send-local-offer>

Brent

<https://www.brent.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/send-local-offer>

Barnet

<https://www.barnetlocaloffer.org.uk/>

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.