Gloucester House Newsletter

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Message from our Headteacher

Dear GH community,

As we come to the end of our first half term of the academic year, it is lovely to look back and reflect on just how much we have achieved already. It has certainly been a busy few weeks, but there is so much to celebrate and be proud of!

One of the highlights for me has been seeing the fantastic learning taking place across the school, particularly the writing the children have been producing. It has also been wonderful to see our new pupils settling in, building relationships and becoming part of the Gloucester House community. From Sports Day and the range of activities the children have enjoyed, to our first parent coffee morning and even being nominated for the Oscars, there have been some really special moments this half term!

We have also said goodbye to a few members of staff, and while changes can sometimes bring challenges, I am incredibly grateful to our team for their continued hard work and commitment. We look forward to welcoming new colleagues and continuing to grow and develop Gloucester House together.
This week, we have been celebrating Black History Month, with children taking part in a range of activities to explore and celebrate Black history and culture. A particular highlight was the opportunity to taste a selection of African and Caribbean foods, which went down incredibly well! It was lovely to see the children so enthusiastic, asking questions, trying different foods and engaging in the celebrations. Thank you to everyone who helped make these experiences possible.

As always, thank you to our families for your continued support and to our staff for everything they do to make Gloucester House such a special place. Most importantly, well done to all our children for their hard work, achievements and the progress they continue to make.
I hope everyone has a lovely, restful half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming you all back in November!

Chilo Graham
Headteacher

Workshare





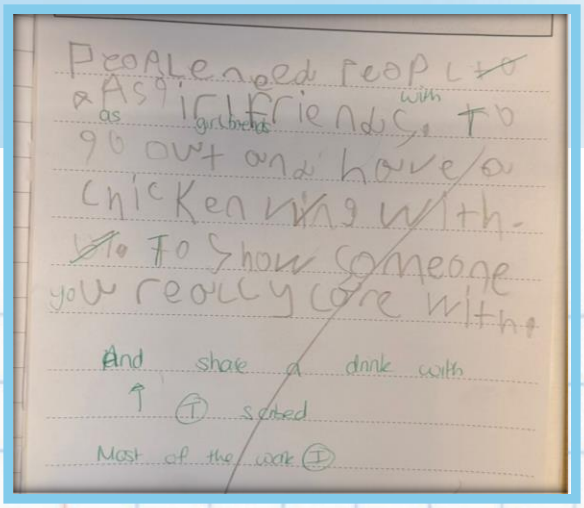
In Neptune Class, the children have been learning about colour composition in their art lessons.

They explored the difference between warm and cool colours and how artists use them to create depth and interest in their work.

The children discovered that warm colours, such as red, orange, and yellow, often appear to come forward and attract attention, making them ideal for the foreground of a picture. Cool colours, such as blue, green, and purple, tend to recede into the distance and are often used in the background.

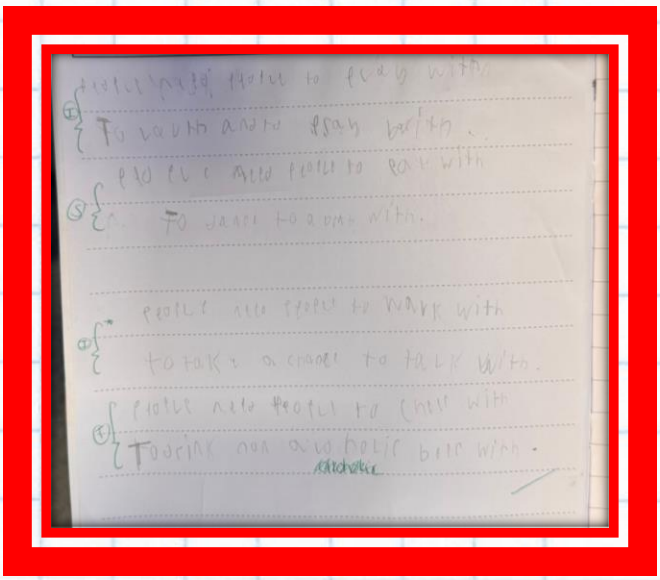
Using this knowledge, the children created their own artworks, carefully arranging warm and cool colours to give their pictures a sense of space and balance.

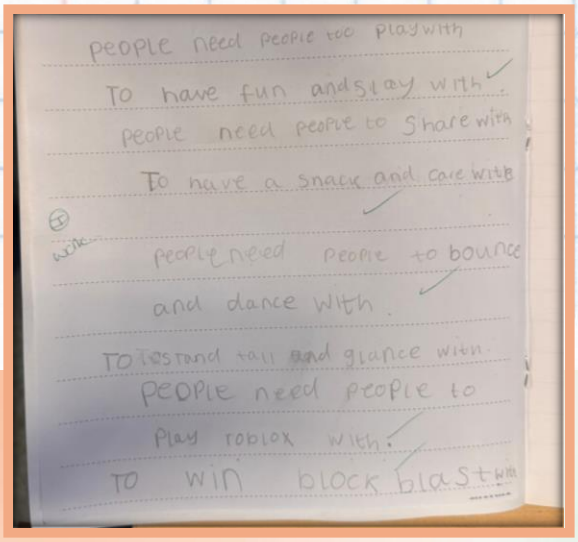
They enjoyed experimenting with colour and seeing how different combinations can change the overall effect of an artwork.



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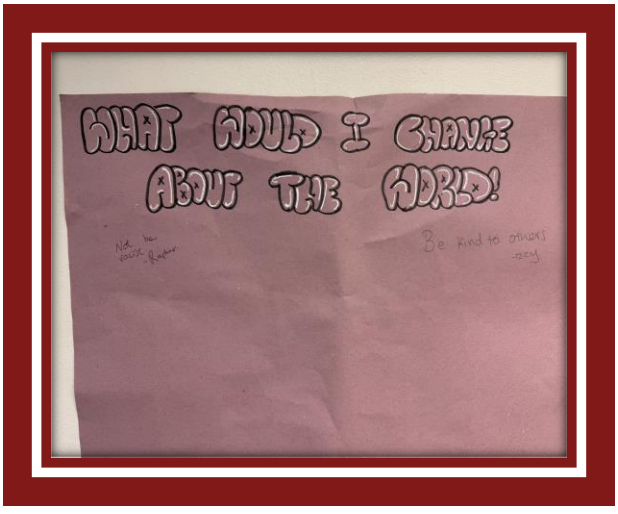
Saturn have been learning about **Benjamin Zephaniah** and his poem **People Need People**.
We explored his poetry and performances
and wrote our own stanzas on *People Need People*.











BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Our pupils celebrated Black History Month through a variety of engaging activities, including a special meal inspired by Black cultures and traditions.

Throughout the celebration, children had the opportunity to learn about important historical figures, explore different cultural contributions, and take part in discussions and creative activities that promoted understanding, respect, and appreciation of diversity.

It was a wonderful opportunity to recognise the achievements, heritage, and influence of Black individuals and communities, while encouraging our pupils to reflect on the importance of equality, inclusion, and mutual respect.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and embraced the chance to learn about and celebrate different cultures together.

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 last week was 85% which is very good.

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/