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The GLC Parent Newsletter



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At the GLC, we are very proud of what we have achieved in the last 10 years. We have the most wonderful young people-it really is a privilege to work with them, a fantastic staff team, committed governors and directors and extremely supportive parents and carers. It is this partnership that enables us to bring our motto All Different, All Equal, Together Improving Upon Our Best to life at each of our academies and across the GLC.

We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year. We have celebrated some of the highest results ever across our academies. Our phonics results were well above the national average, meaning our children are in an excellent place to become confident and fluent readers. Our impressive multiplication times table results were double the national average, putting us in the top 7% of schools nationally which provides a good foundation for us to continue to achieve the national average in maths at the end of Key Stage 2. At GCSE level another exceptional set of results saw us exceed the national average attainment in English, mathematics and science. Our 'disadvantaged' children also made exceptional progress.

These results are testament to the commitment and excellent teaching from our staff, our focus to put our core values at the heart of everything we do and the amazing range of experiences and opportunities. Our amazing team and community also helps us to achieve our mission to develop active, thriving citizens within a diverse, truly fair and equal community.

Welcome
B A C K



The Big Weekender at The Tate Britain museum with Kinetika Bloco.

During the Summer holidays Viki received a heartwarming message from a parent whose child had been chosen to perform at the Tate Britain after going to the Bloco summer camp:

“Good Evening Mrs Reid

I wanted to email to inform you of an amazing achievement 2 of your GLC students have done this week.

I am not sure you are aware but there was an opportunity for 16 students across the GLC to attend a summer school, in London as part of Kinetika Bloco.

Amongst those 16 were 2 students from Herringham Primary Academy, who were Courtney who will be year 6 in September. Sydney who has just finished year 6, and be attending Gateway Academy September.

These 2 amazingly talent young children, did not only attend all the scheduled days at the summer school. But also got chosen to be apart of the 75 children, out of 150 to perform today 3rd August 2024 at The Big Weekender at The Tate Britain museum. They were also the only 2 children from The GLC to be chosen.

They conducted themselves very well, and even though they both have their own SEN struggles. Knew they wanted to prove to themselves they could do it, as well as make The GLC proud at the same time.

I have attached 2 pictures of Courtney and Sydney (one of the two of them before the performance, and one with Shay the lady from Kinetika Bloco after the performance). I did get Courtney's mum permission to share and she is Cc in to this email.

There is a video of them marching out towards the start of the performance, and some others if you would like to see them.

Courtney and Sydney have really shown how much talent, resilience they have this week and especially today. They performed amazingly in front of such a large audience.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email, and enjoy the rest of your break.

Kind regards, Charlotte”



Personal Development, Kinetika Planning Meeting

On Tuesday 17th September 2024, GLC leaders from the 'We Will' All Thriving action group met with Kinetika to evaluate last year's wellbeing walks and plan ahead for the academic year. The leaders worked alongside professionals in the creative industry to discuss their ideas, decorate a silk square with wax and natural dyes and also explore the garden where the plants are grown for the natural dyes.

Click on the photo to play the reel:



[Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [X](#)



Maths Mastery Masterclass

On Monday 23 September, The GLC primary children who are more able in maths came together for a Maths Mastery Masterclass on algebra 'X this and Y that'. It was a great turnout and was fantastic to see parents getting involved with their children's learning and supporting their more able journey.





The GLC's School Council Visited the Mayor's Parlour!

On Wednesday 25th September, members of the GLCs school's councils were invited to the Mayor's Parlour. The children were able to see the history of democracy within Thurrock and took part in a mock debate in the Council's Chambers. The children represented the schools admirably and Madam Mayor commented on their fabulous questions and enthusiasm for debate!





Gateway Primary and Secondary Celebrate their Exam Results

Students at Gateway Primary Free School and Gateway Academy continue to excel, with both schools achieving academic results in Maths and English that are significantly above the national average. Ms McLaughlin and Miss Pattison are immensely proud of every student and the outstanding work taking place within our wonderful Gateway Learning Community.

Check out the reel shared on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#), also on our websites:

GA:

<https://www.theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=46>

GPFS:

<https://www.theglc-primaryfreeeschool.org.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=21>





World Mental Health Day - check out the Reel - [Instagram](#)

Across The GLC the children took part in different activities to mark 'World Mental Health Day'

GA well-being ambassadors put on a lovely tea and talk coffee morning for staff and students in the library to raise money for the charity mind. The well-being dinosaur made an appearance and people were able to buy cakes, accessories and get their hair sprayed green for the day. Well-being ambassadors were on hand to talk to both staff and students about their role and get support if they needed it.

GPFS: The children were invited to wear a yellow accessory.

HPA: *'Teachers are always checking in and asking if we are okay. Also, they try to cheer us up when we're sad and give us time to calm down if we need 5 minutes. They help us to know where and who we can go to if we are worried about something. During school, we have mindfulness everyday to teach us skills to calm ourselves down or relax. We draw, read, do breathing activities and sometimes we just talk about what has been happening.'* – Zoeya, HPA

TPA: Tannoy announcement were made throughout the day and the children enjoyed additional games on the playground with senior leaders and inclusion lead.

LPA: Wellbeing Ambassadors played uplifting music and messages throughout the day. A special assembly was delivered by partner agency The Mental Health Practitioner team alongside student leaders.





Celebration at Tilbury Riverside Station

On Monday 7th October, children from The Gateway Learning Community were invited to the Tilbury Riverside Station to celebrate the funding received from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. We very much look forward to being part of this project, bringing the community together.

Paul Dale, Chair of Tilbury on the Thames Trust and COO of Forth Ports, said:

"The Port of Tilbury is a gateway to the world along the River Thames, and we are proud of our maritime heritage and trade. The news that we have received National Heritage Lottery funding is very exciting, Tilbury on the Thames Trust has had a vision for the Tilbury Riverside Station in partnership with The Port for many years, and now this funding will bring the station back to life ensuring the local stories are told and preserving the rich history of the Riverside Station for generations to come."





The Gateway Learning Community received another award from The Royal Ballet and Opera last week for our partnership and continued development to ensure all children have the opportunity to a high quality dance curriculum. The GLC has been working alongside the RBO for 10 days on their Create & Dance programme, being one of twelve school across the county awarded this prestige award being given out for the first time. Thank you to our governor Hilary Hodgson for visiting The Royal Ballet and Opera to receive the award.

"The GLC has embedded the programme across both primary and secondary schools. The building blocks are at the core of the units and have allowed teachers to feel comfortable to deliver creative choreography. They have a clear progression of skill development across the year groups and ensure all the units have cross curricular links." Jillian Barker RBO Director of Learning and Participation





Y3-6 Jeff Rich Drumming Experience

This half term, The GLC primary children took part in a fantastic masterclass in drumming and percussion run by Jeff Rich, former drummer of Status Quo. Every child was able to perform using a musical instrument, showing off their talents!

Check out the reel: [Instagram](#) [Facebook](#) [X](#)





Y3-6 Jeff Rich Drumming Experience...



THE GATEWAY ACADEMY GCSE RESULTS 2023 - 2024



The Gateway Academy continues to set the highest standards, with students demonstrating exceptional academic progress across a wide range of subjects. This year, the Academy's students have once again achieved some of the best results in its history, with subjects including Maths, English, Science, Languages, Humanities, Technology, and the Arts performing well above the national average.

Headteacher Grainne McLaughlin expressed her deep appreciation for the students' outstanding efforts, confident that they will go on to achieve great things.

"I want to congratulate our 2024 Year 11 cohort on their incredible achievements during their time with us. I am immensely proud of each and every student. They are an inspiring group who make working in education a true privilege. I am filled with pride for our students, who are not only exceptional academically but also remarkable and inspiring young people."



Ms. McLaughlin also extended her heartfelt thanks to the dedicated staff, parents, and carers who have supported the students, as well as to the entire Academy community. She emphasised that the local community should take pride in their young people, who are excelling not only academically but also in sports and the arts.



Viki Reid, CEO of the GLC, also shared her pride, stating, "I am incredibly proud of all our Year 11 students for their excellent GCSE results. These achievements reflect their hard work and resilience, the dedication and expertise of their outstanding teachers, and the inspirational leadership of Mrs. McLaughlin and her team. I wish them every success in their future endeavours."

Perfecting Their Knife Skills

Well done to the Year 7s who have been working on their knife skills for their fruit salads.





GCSE Photography

The Year 10 GCSE photography students have made a great start! The standard this year is incredible! Here are a couple of the student's slides...

Why do we use Leading Lines?

Leading lines is used when the photographer wants to draw the attention of the viewer to a specific point and it isn't used when the photographer doesn't want to draw the viewer attention to a specific point.

When is Leading lines subtle and when is it obvious?

Leading lines can be subtle or obvious. It is subtle when the viewer doesn't see it immediately and it is obvious when the viewer sees the leading line immediately.



Broad Light



If I did this shoot again, I would probably increase the emphasis of the shadows in the narrow lighting and maybe position the shells better to do that.



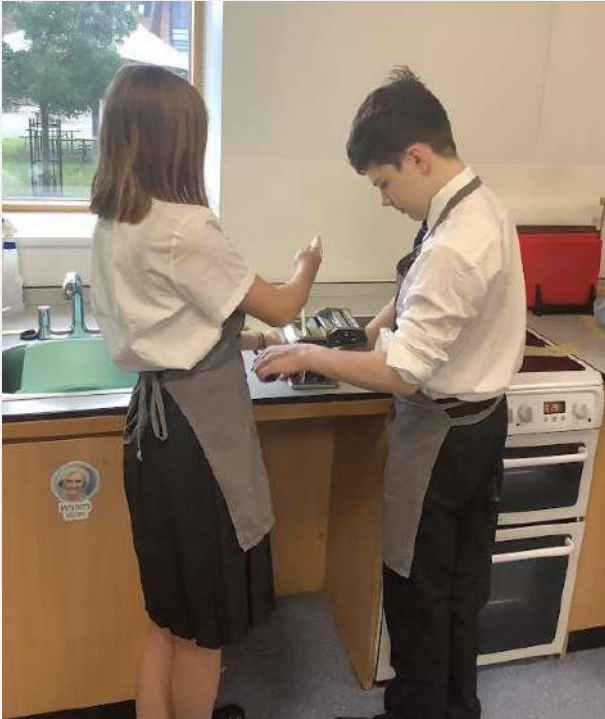
For the photos with broad lighting we had the whole room lit, and I used the lights to have it shining on the points from where I was taking the photo. For the narrow lighting, the lights were off and I had the light held further away, to create the shadows in the pictures. Where I took the photo from was also important, since it showed the shadows in the picture.

Narrow Light



Year 10 Coursework Preparation: Pasta

The Year 10's are starting to prepare for their coursework. They are looking at high level skills which could help get them the best grades. Today, we looked at making pasta from scratch, looking at shaping and the different types of pasta. The Year 10s worked extremely hard and I am looking forward to the final product.



Higher Education Q&A and Masterclass

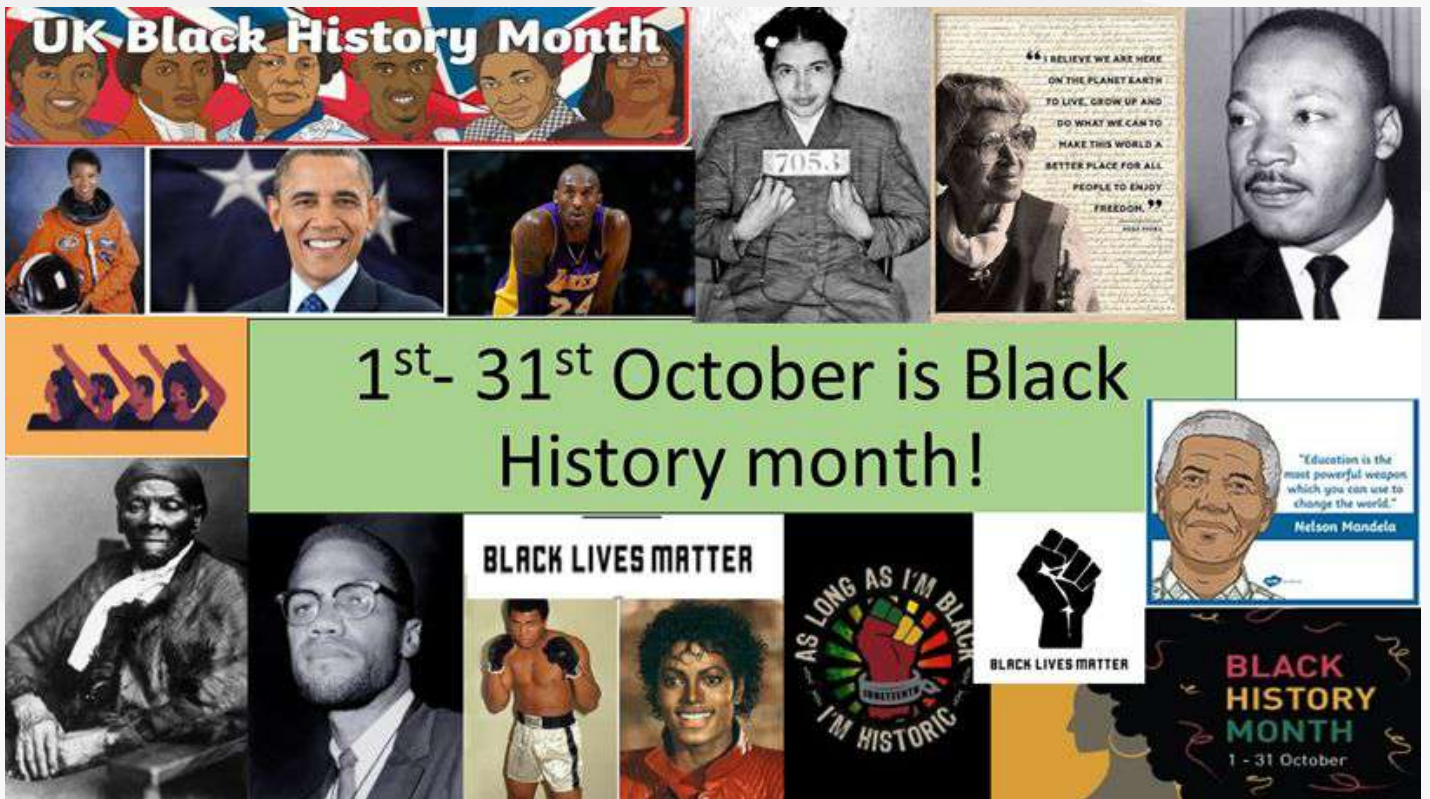
GA More Able welcomed Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge graduate and outreach officer Tom to the first Masterclass of the year.

We were delighted to welcome Tom McGachie to Gateway for a University of Cambridge Q&A with our More Able Year 7 cohort followed by the first Masterclass of 2024 "What makes a god a god?" Taking inspiration from the Greeks and rooted in the ancient world, Tom delivered an enthralling Masterclass to over 40 More Able students.



Black History Month

In the history department we have use the tv in the heart space to promote key individuals who fought for equality. We also looked at slavery and the legacy of it on society today.



Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr is remembered for his tireless work during the Civil Rights Movement and his dream that one day everyone would be treated as equals.

Martin Luther King had his first experience of segregation at just six years old, when he was told he wasn't allowed to play with his white friend anymore – his friend's father wouldn't allow it!

In 1963, Martin gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, at a famous rally named 'March on Washington.' Over 250,000 people gathered in the country's capital to hear Martin and other activists speak about the importance of civil rights





Green Flag

2024

100 points earned

Eco-Schools - Green Flag 2024

Congratulations to Gateway Primary Free School for achieving the esteemed Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation, showcasing their dedication to sustainability and education. Their leadership in promoting eco-friendly practices inspires others to follow suit.

We are excited to see the continued progress and positive influence that Gateway Primary Free School will have on their community and beyond.

Watch this space for a photo of the children with their flag.

PSHE - Collaboration

Last week, Year 5 learnt what collaboration meant and put it into practice. The children were tasked with building a tower of paper, whilst using their collaborative skills.

By the end of the lesson, the children were working well as a team, showcasing their team work and quick initiatives.





Tasting Bread in Design and Technology

On Tuesday 17th September, the Year 3 pupils enjoyed tasting different types of bread. They were describing the taste of each of the bread, the smell and texture. They also shared their opinions of which was their favourite and least favourite bread and why. The pupils enjoyed exploring the different breads.

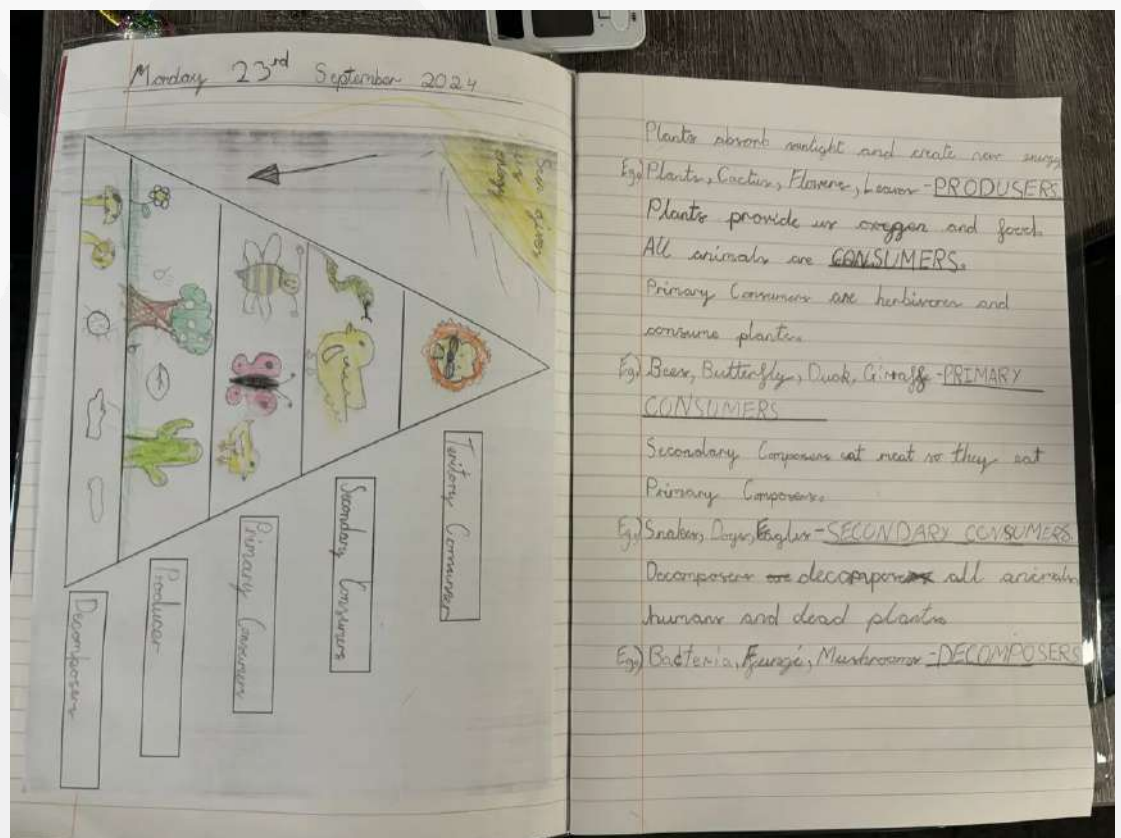
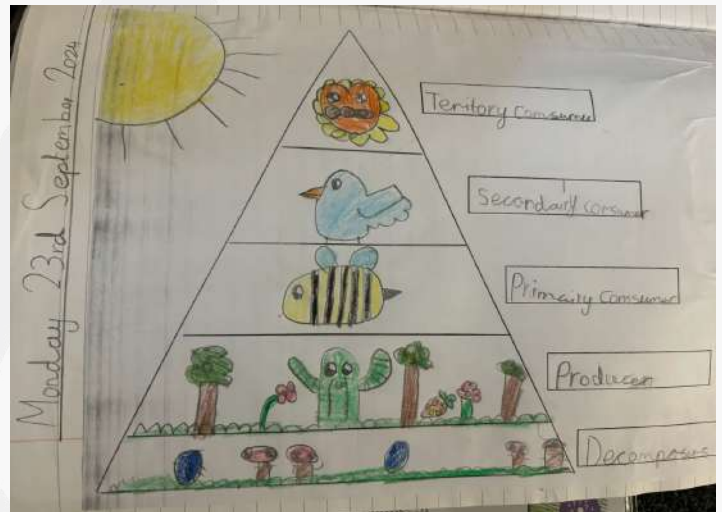
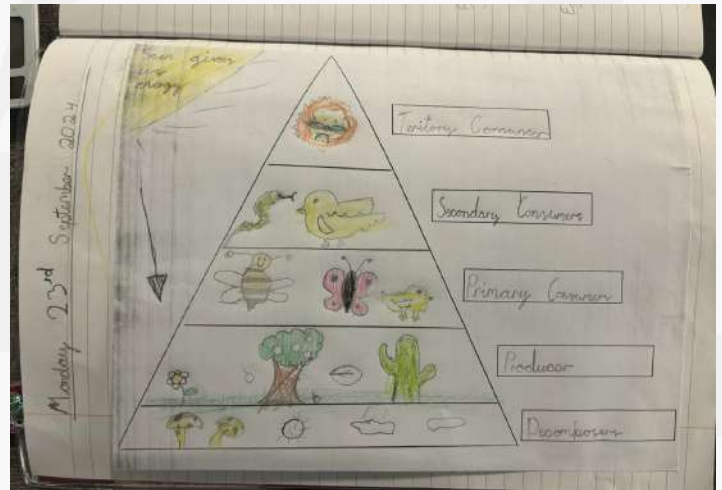




Food Chains

On the 23rd September, the children learnt to construct and interpret a variety of food chains.

Children completed a diagram which helped them to understand the food chain, starting from plants getting the energy from the sun, which then are consumed by herbivores and herbivores by carnivores and then finally that all living creatures are decomposing (with the help of bacteria and fungi), turning back into nutrients for the soil to grow new plants.





Year 6, Heart Dissecting!

On Monday 30 September, our Year 6 children participated in a practical science lesson where they dissected a lamb's heart. Through this activity, they learned some basic concepts about the structure and function of the heart. They observed the different chambers, including the atria and ventricles, and identified the blood vessels connected to the heart, such as arteries and veins. The dissection helped them understand how the heart pumps blood and supports circulation. This lesson helped to embed their learning.





Year 1 Trip to Barleylands

On Tuesday 7th October, Year 1 visited Barleylands farm. This linked to our D&T unit. We prepared and made a pizza. This also linked to our Core Text story, 'The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza.' The children had lots of fun kneading and rolling the dough, picking pizza toppings and watching the pizza cook. Whilst there, we also explored the farm; feeding the animals, riding a tractor and seeing how wheat is made. It was a lovely day and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.





Black History Month

Walter Tull

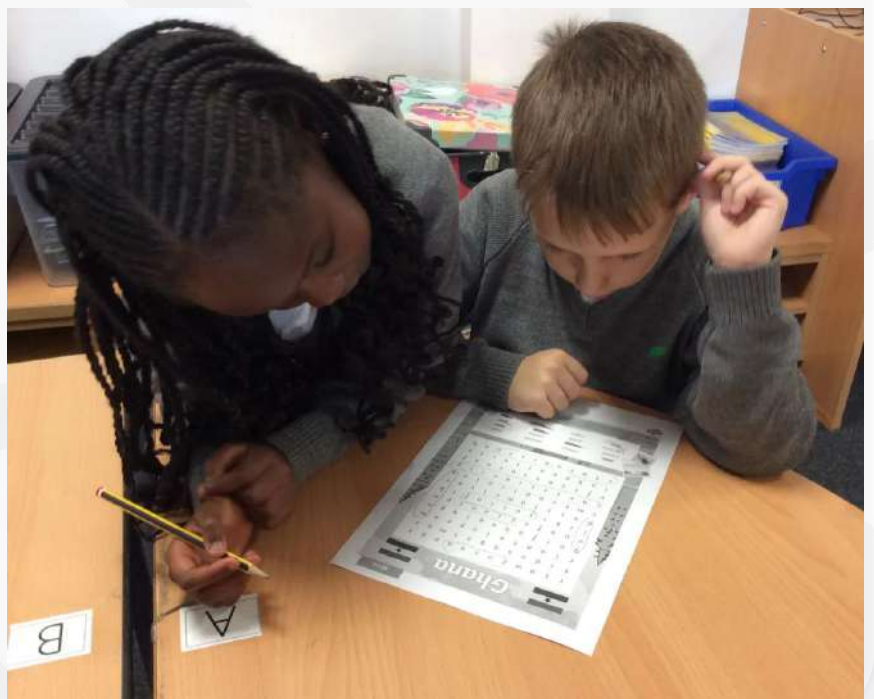
In Year 6 we worked in groups to read the story of Walter Tull, before acting out the scene where his father passes away and he is dropped off at the orphanage in London. We presented our role plays to the class to show how Walter would have been feeling when faced with this horrible situation.

We completed presentations on the life of Walter Tull and shared them with our peers. This allowed us to practice speaking in front of the class as well as ensuring we could list key facts about his life.

<https://padlet.com/GPFS/black-history-month-2024-kn9wy5o8lpetop79/wish/Xb8YaL2N2zMKZyn1>

The Ghanaian Goldilocks

In Year 2 we read the story 'The Ghanaian Goldilocks' based on the original 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We enjoyed reading this story and identifying the similarities and differences between the two. We were intrigued in the Fufu in the three bowls and watched videos on how to prepare this delicious dish! After learning about Ghana, we carried out a word search filled with vocabulary from the book.





Herringham Primary Academy's Nursery!

Our nursery is officially open, we are extremely proud of how the children have settled in. Take a look at the reel from their first day [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [X](#)

Here are a selection of photos from this half term.





Eco School's Green Flag



Congratulation to Herringham Primary Academy on achieving the prestigious Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation. This achievement demonstrates the school's commitment to environmental sustainability and education. As they proudly raise their Green Flag, Herringham Primary Academy sets an example for other schools to follow in promoting eco-friendly practices and fostering a culture of environmental responsibility among students, staff, and the community.

We are excited to see the continued progress and positive influence that Herringham Primary Academy will have on their community and beyond.

Watch this space for a photo of the children with their flag.

School Games Gold Award 2023/2024

Congratulation to Herringham Primary Academy for being awarded the Gold School Games award for the third year running. Well done to the team.





Culture Boxes

Across the school, children were creating their culture boxes. Inside the boxes pupils added items that described them for example the ethnicity, their likes and dislikes, family pictures, toys or items that were important to them. They spoke to their peers about their boxes.

The staff members also made their own culture boxes and shared these with the class.



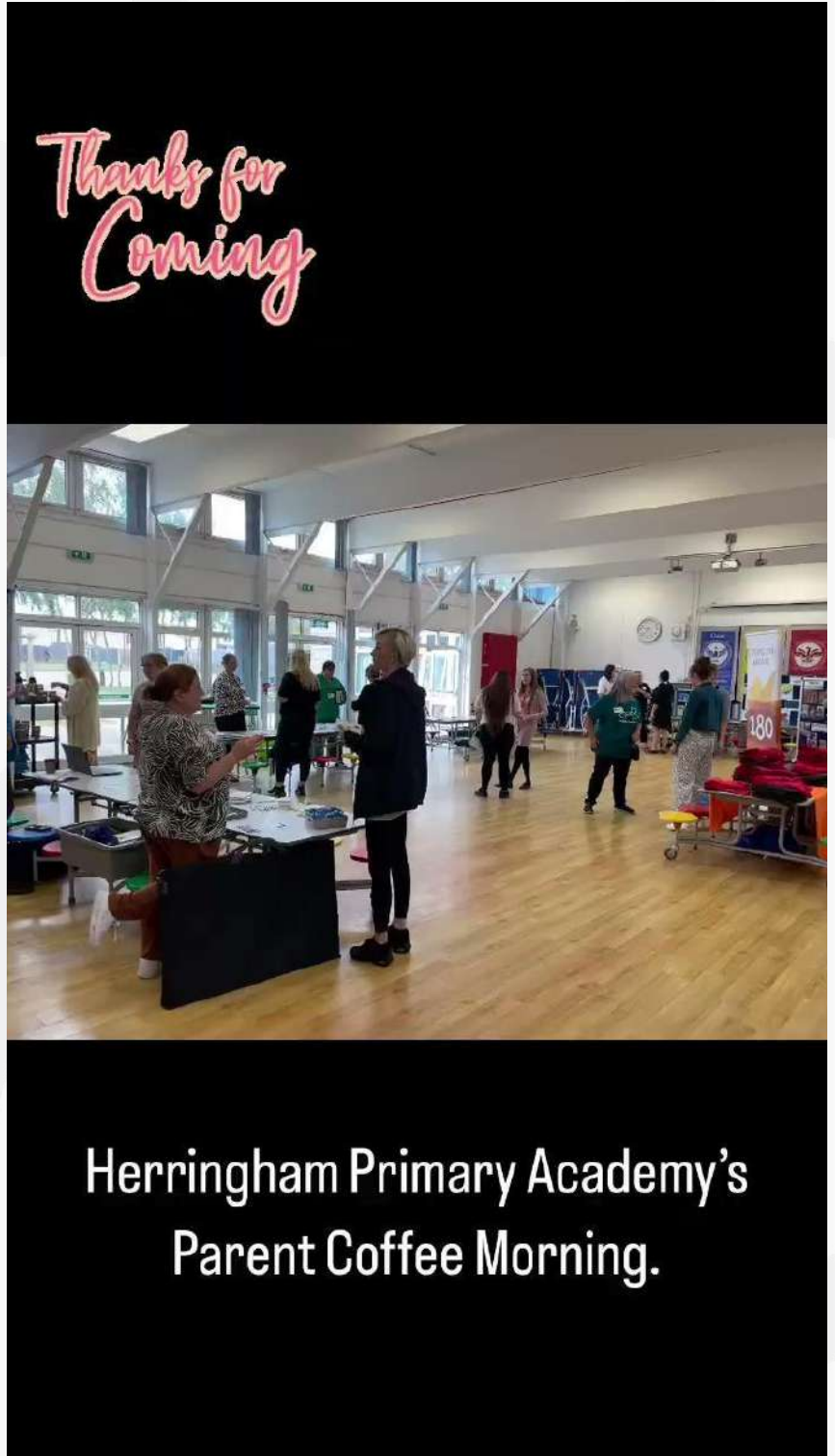


Parent Coffee Morning

On Wednesday 18 September, Herringham Primary Academy held a Parent Coffee Morning. External companies came to support the event, Brighter Futures, PATT SENDIASS, Thurrock Foodbank, Care4Calais, The 180 Project, Mind - Thurrock and Brentwood, Thurrock Family Hub, NHS Thurrock Healthy Lifestyle Service, Thurrock Young Carers and Thurrock SEND Forum. Their expertise and invaluable support was well received by the parents and carers who were able to attend.

Click on the photo to play the reel:

https://www.instagram.com/reel/DADtjPONXIk/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==





Year 1 Trip to Barleylands

On Tuesday 24th September, the Year 1 children visited Barleylands where they enjoyed a workshop based around Field to Fork, they met and fed the farm animals, learnt all about the farming year, food production in the discovery barn, grind wheat, identify seeds and take a tractor ride around the farm. They also made their own pizza!





Thurrock Foodbank Assembly

On Wednesday 2 October 2024, our children were visited by Thurrock Foodbank during their assembly time. They spoke about how they help the community and also how our children and their families are able to help too. It was a very interactive assembly where the children were able to share their ideas, this really helped them to understand the importance of the service that the Foodbank provide.





Year 1 Walk in Chadwell St. Mary

On Wednesday 2 October, Herringham's Year 1 children set off on their walk around Chadwell St. Mary, along with parents/ carers. They were very eager to identify human and physical features whilst on their adventure. The children returned to list the features they had spotted and drew pictures of what they had seen.

Check out the reel: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#)





PSHE - Exploring Islam in Britain

On Wednesday 9 October, Year 5 joined a GLC wide zoom about Exploring Islam in Britain today. We found out about the Five Pillars of Islam, the role of the mosque, giving to charity and pilgrimage.

The children were a credit and showed great curiosity.





Seasons Workshop with Embracing Arts

Year 1 had a lovely afternoon at the Seasons Workshop. We talked about how trees change, the different types of trees and then we finished with a story where all of the children could participate.



DEAR Time

Once a half term parents are invited into school to read with their children during DEAR time. This is to encourage reading for pleasure, the children had a fantastic time with their parents and carers.



Year 3, Geography Wow Day

Year 3 enjoyed an exciting Geography WOW day being immersed in Spanish culture with Now Press Play. We got to savor delicious Spanish dishes and delve into the world of flags.





Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy start to the new academic year! Students have enjoyed building their culture boxes in the classroom.

In Geography lessons, we have started our Africa topic with an interactive lesson of locating different countries using clues around the classroom.



Students were also very excited about our Science unit and have begun investigating and testing properties of different materials.

Wow Start to Black History Month

On Tuesday 1st October, our dedicated staff embraced the spirit of Black History Month with an exciting food tasting session that showcased an array of diverse culinary delights. Attendees had the opportunity to savour a selection of traditional dishes such as chin chin, plantain chips, and Jamaican spiced bun, among other delectable offerings.

This event not only served as a delightful gastronomic experience but also as a vital reminder of our commitment to fostering an inclusive culture within our school community. As educators, it is imperative that we celebrate and honour the rich contributions of black history, both past and present, in the lives of our pupils and staff alike.

The children were also welcomed into school by the sounds of Bob Marley and an important message from our Head Boy and Head Girl about the importance of Black History Month.

We encourage everyone to continue engaging with these important themes throughout the month and to explore further ways we can cultivate a welcoming environment for all. Thank you to everyone who participated and made this event a resounding success!



Black History Month

Lansdowne Primary Academy have been continuing with their Black History Month celebrations, Class librarians shared a video on Class Dojo of them reading a range of diverse stories.



During the week starting 14th October, we shared the BBC clips 'Black History Heroes' each day in our classrooms, we then discussed them in groups and as a class.



KS2 children joined the 'Great Big Live Assembly' a national school assembly to celebrate Black History Month. It was extremely insightful and helped to embed the learning.



Bedtime Stories

On Thursday, 3rd October, we enjoyed a delightful evening of Bedtime Stories, which saw our school transformed into a cosy haven of reading and imagination. Children arrived dressed in their comfiest pyjamas, ready to embark on a literary adventure. The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the arrival of our charming school reading owl, who captivated the young audience with enchanting tales that spurred their love for reading.

We believe that fostering a passion for books extends beyond the school walls. To support your child's reading journey at home, we encourage you to create a dedicated reading space, free from distractions, and set aside regular time for reading together. Sharing stories not only enhances literacy skills but also strengthens the parent-child bond.





Reading in strange places - get caught reading!

The Pioneer children continue to invent places to read and have really shown their love for reading. They have added these great photos to their Padlet:

<https://padlet.com/TilburyPioneer/reading-in-strange-places-get-caught-reading-spx59updwhult8rl>

Omotomi reading his Book on the Car 🚗 Roof Top 📖



Omotomi decides to try a new /strange thing 😊by reading on the car roof top



Anaiya 5C
Upside down on a slide



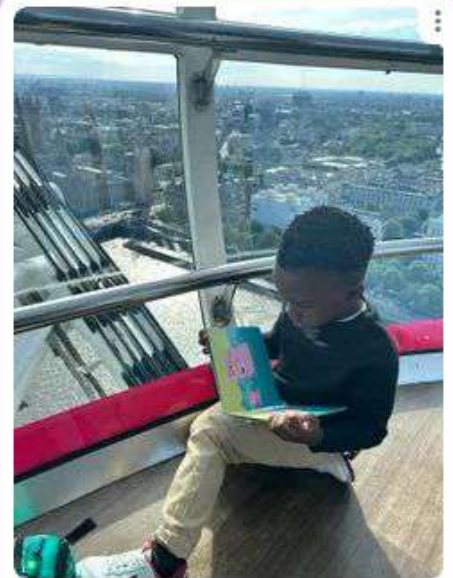
Elias was playing hide and seek, but while sister looking for him he is reading book in the bushes.

Avneet



Reading on top of the snooker table!

Karina enjoys reading to her cuddly toys



Ovie reading on the London Eye

Tudor





Friends of Pioneer - Penny Wars 2024

During their annual end of year fundraiser called 'Penny Wars', the Friends of Pioneer challenged the TPA classes to gather as many pennies as possible from each class. The class that collected the most pennies would win their class amount back to go towards a class treat at the end of the year.

The total amount raised was £375.06, with class 4C emerging as the winner by collecting £73.63. However, the class collectively decided to forego their prize in light of families in need, opting instead to donate to the Thurrock Foodbank in their honour.

Friends of Pioneer shopped for food items just above the winning amount and on 22nd July, they made a donation of 53.2kg of food items to Thurrock Foodbank on behalf of class 4C. A commendable decision by class 4C.





Owl Visit

'Nite Owls' visited Reception and KS1 at Tilbury Pioneer Academy on Thursday 26th September. The children were amazed by the owls flying over in the hall and enjoyed learning about them. Each child had a photo taken with the owl, creating unforgettable memories.

See the reel on our social media pages: [Instagram](#) [Facebook](#) [X](#) [LinkedIn](#)





MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

TPA held an amazing Macmillan Coffee afternoon on Friday 27th September. Whilst not many coffees were consumed, we are proud to report that many cakes were! Including one which celebrated our 10th Year anniversary of the Friends of Pioneer.





Dance with South Essex College Students

The children in Year 5 were extremely lucky to have two students from South Essex College come to support them in their PE module of Dance. By the end of the two sessions, the children were confident in performing their routines and working collaboratively.



Fantastic New Playground Equipment

The Reception children at Tilbury Pioneer Academy would like to say a HUGE thank you to Friends of Tilbury Pioneer for their wonderful new lunchtime play equipment.





Y1 Barleylands

As part of Year 1's DT unit this half term they enjoyed a trip to Barleylands where they got the opportunity to be able to make their own pizzas using fresh ingredients grown on the farm. The children were also given the opportunity to see some farm animals and were able to feed them. All of year 1 had a lovely day.





Trailblazers - Y1 Seasons

Embracing Arts came to TPA this week to present a Seasons workshop to Year 1. Our children learnt about the parts of a tree, the different types of deciduous and evergreen trees, and how they change throughout the year. The session was a lot of fun and the children enjoyed the learning experience immensely.





Gateway Sport Update

It's been an exciting start to the year for Gateway Sport! The recent Elite Athlete Programme (EAP) trials saw over 150 students from Years 7-10 trial for netball, football, and rugby teams. The level of talent on display was outstanding, and we are eagerly looking forward to continuing the EAP after half-term.

Our teams have already participated in over 40 fixtures across basketball, rugby, netball, and football. A special mention to our Year 8 boys' basketball team, who kicked off their Essex Cup campaign with a stunning 61-22 victory. Additionally, our U13 boys' rugby team has qualified for the Essex Rugby Festival finals day, a fantastic achievement. The U16 girls played extremely well at the Thurrock netball rally, against some fantastic competition. Our girls football teams have had a great start to the season, with a few great wins against some tough opposition. Our Year 8 Netball team have also played some fantastic netball so far this year in their two rounds of the National Cup, coming very close to an extremely challenging opposition. It has also been great seeing our new year 7's learning new sports, and being extremely successful in them!

We look forward to seeing our year 7's participating in what will be a very exciting and successful sporting campaign.

As we look ahead to the next half-term, we're excited for even more fixtures and, no doubt, even more success for our students! Keep up the great work, Gateway athletes!





On 13th September, GPFS Year 5/6 Girls Football:

- Girls finished 2nd in their group after winning 2 out of their 4 games. They drew one of their games, and lost their last game by 1-0.



On 20 September, GPFS Year 5/6 Boys football:

- The boys won their first game 2-0, and went on to finish 4th in their group.



What an incredible boys' football tournament! The HPA team managed to secure 2 wins, a draw, and one loss.

Throughout the tournament, they witnessed some truly spectacular individual performances, including some amazing goals, off the line clearances, and super saves.

It was truly an eye-opening experience and gave us a great insight into what our boys' team is capable of this year. Congratulations to everyone involved!





Football Event

On Friday 14 September, the Year 5/6 girls' took part in a fantastic football event at St. Clere's.

For many of the girls, it was their first time representing the school. A total of 21 schools participated, and the atmosphere was absolutely electric with excitement. The team put in a lot of effort, and for their first performance, they showed plenty of potential.

They eagerly anticipate the start of the football league and the growth of the team this year. Well done!



[Left] Football Events

Since returning back to school, selected children from Lansdowne attended the annual Thurrock football events. Both the boys and girls worked brilliantly as a team. The tournament was full of encouragement, resilience and great sportsmanship.

For some, this was their first ever experience of attending an event! Throughout both tournaments, our school core values were consistently evident and it is clear to say that all the children had a brilliant time.

Well done to all who took part!



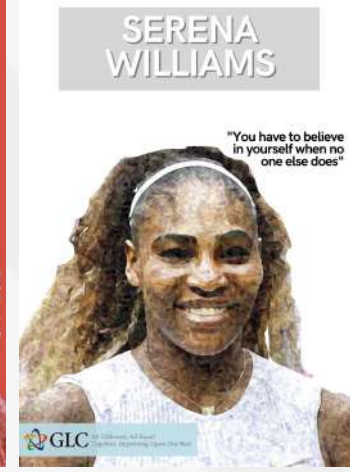
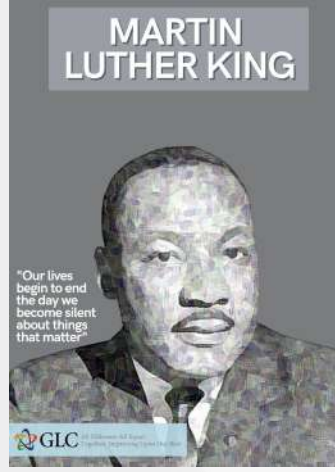
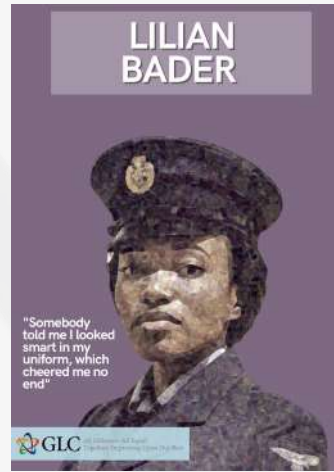
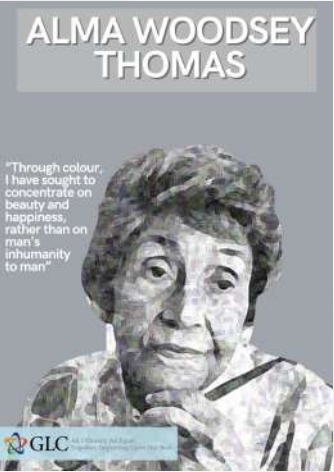
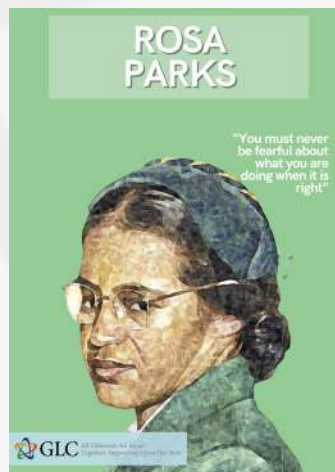
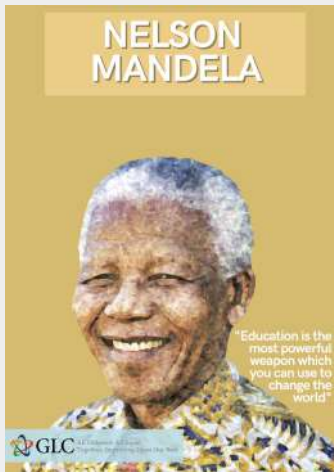


Black History Month

October is Black History Month (BHM) in the UK, when we seek to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of Black people to British society and globally. The theme for BHM 2024 is “Reclaiming Narratives,” marking the shift towards recognising and correcting the narratives of Black history and culture.

Influential People

Each half term influential people connected to the curriculum are displayed around the GLC primary schools. This half term celebrated Black History Month, with these influential people.



The GLC Primary Competencies

Communication: The ability to express thoughts and feelings and confidently in a range of media and forms.

Click below to view the video





Update to the Primaries and Secondary Websites...

Take a look at the new attendance pages on each of the academy's website:

Attendance

The Importance of Attending

Regular attendance is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life. The aim should be to attend the academy 100% of the time. Education is not purely about academic success and attainment, it's about building a community where every child feels they truly belong. Teachers, peers, support structures and various external factors all contribute to creating a supportive and inclusive school community. Understanding and addressing these factors is crucial in nurturing a positive learning environment for all.

In addition to the benefits of regular attendance upon attainment, the impact upon the longer-term benefits for your child means they can make a positive contribution within the community and have economic well-being.

Our academy is the place where your child will learn, where they make friends, find things they are passionate about and talented at. A place that is safe, with adults around them who care about their lives, and that provides routine, structure, and discipline.

We know that irregular attendance can lead to children and young people experiencing poor emotional health and well-being. If your child misses education on a regular basis they can become socially isolated, lack confidence and have low self-esteem, feeling like they do not fit in with their peers, leading to loneliness and isolation. These are not the life outcomes and experiences we want for our children and young people at The GLC.

Who can support you with improving your child's attendance?



GA: [Attendance](#)

GPFS: [Attendance](#)

HPA: [Attendance](#)

LPA: [Attendance](#)

TPA: [Attendance](#)

Take a look at the updated GCSE exam results page on the GA website: <https://www.theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk/page/?title=GCSE+Exam+Results&pid=234>



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It has been another record-breaking year for the Gateway Academy as the cohort of 2024 received the best results in the Academy's history for attainment. These results are significantly above the national average for English and Maths.

The Year 11 students showed great dedication to their studies and ambition throughout the academy year by setting a record number of passes across the suite of subjects. Our grammar band student achieved a staggering 301 grades 7 to 9, which was 21 higher than 2023 which shows the level of aspiration of these students.

The Gateway Academy continues to set the highest standards, with students demonstrating exceptional academic progress across a wide range of subjects. This year, the Academy's students have once again achieved some of the best results in its history, with subjects including Maths, English, Science, Languages, Humanities, Technology, and the Arts performing well above the national average.

Headteacher Gráinne McLaughlin expressed her deep appreciation for the students' outstanding efforts, confident that they will go on to achieve great things.



"I want to congratulate our 2024 Year 11 cohort on their incredible achievements during their time with us. I am immensely proud of each and every student. They are an inspiring group who make working in education a true privilege. I am filled with pride for our students, who are not only exceptional academically but also remarkable and inspiring young people."

Gráinne McLaughlin, Head of School

Our People Strategy

Our aim is to attract great people who want to help us to achieve our motto, mission and values. We are committed to creating working practices which enable all members of our team to thrive in a supportive environment.

Click on the images below for more information



Check out HPA's New Wall Art in their KS2 Hall...



GLC Primary Holiday Provision

Last year's holiday provision created some amazing opportunities and experiences throughout the holidays to support our pupils. Workshops/ lessons have included singing, forest school, cooking, street dance, a trip to Waterstones and many more . Numbers have been high, supporting our working families and those families that we feel need a little extra support.

" My daughter absolutely loved it and couldn't stop talking about what she had done that day."- Year 4 parent HPA

"My son loved Forest School. He said he would love to attend again. He came home full of enthusiasm. He didn't stop talking all evening about the wide variety of things they did. Fab idea."- Year 5 parent TPA

"I thought my child was going in to do 6hrs of maths, but she come home and told me they also done art and PE. 6hrs of maths would have been very draining, so I'm glad they got to do some fun activities as well."- Year 6 parent LPA



Asda Cashpot for Schools

Parentkind have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – we would be extremely grateful if you could opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school then shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024.

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. All money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most. Thank you for your continued support.

CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Cashpot for Schools is our mission to support primary schools across the UK.

Every time you shop with Asda Rewards from 2nd September to 30th November, we will donate 0.5% of your total spend to a primary school of your choice. Plus, Asda will pop £1 into your school's Cashpot every time someone opts in.

Even more, Asda will get your school started with a further £50. To redeem this, make sure to shop & scan and remind your school to sign up with Parentkind.

For more info, please see our **Terms & Conditions**.

You won't give up any of your own earnings, and your Cashpot will continue to grow! **Shop. Scan. We donate!**

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Find and select the school you want to support. We'll donate 0.5% of your total spend every time you shop (in addition to your own personal earnings!).

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Choose your primary school
Search by postcode or school name

Showing 1 school

GLC PRIMARY HOLIDAY PROVISION 2024-2025

THROUGHOUT THE DAYS THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN CREATIVE ACTIVITIES, PERFORMING ARTS, FOREST SCHOOL AND MULTI-SPORTS.

October Half Term

Lansdowne
Primary Academy

Monday 21st October 2024

Tuesday 22nd October 2024

Wednesday 23rd October 2024



Monday 17th February 2025

Tuesday 18th February 2025

Wednesday 19th February 2025

February Half Term

Herringham
Primary Academy



Easter Holidays

Gateway Primary
Free School

Monday 7th April 2025

Tuesday 8th April 2025

Wednesday 9th April 2025



Monday 28th July 2025

Tuesday 29th July 2025

Wednesday 30th July 2025

6 Weeks Holidays

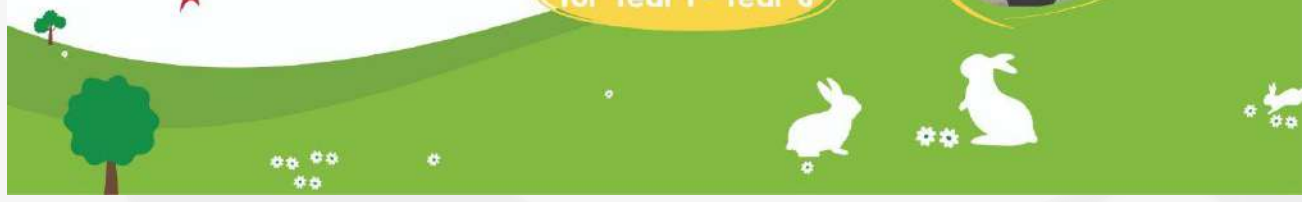
Tilbury Pioneer
Academy



8:30AM - 3:30PM

£10 per child

Spaces available
for Year 1 - Year 6





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FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

Every Wednesday at 3:00PM
Lansdowne Academy will be holding a
Community Recycling Event.
You can donate unwanted uniform that
your children have outgrown and you can
collect items that fit better for

FREE

ACCEPTABLE DONATIONS

- School Jumpers / Cardigans
- Grey trousers / Grey skirts / blue gingham summer dresses
- School white shirts / white polo shirts
- PE kits blue polo T-shirts / Blue shorts / blue track bottoms
- Coats / hats gloves
- Bags / lunch boxes
- Shoes / plimsoles



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Please see the details of the latest **vacancies**:

GA	GPFS	HPA	LPA	TPA	GLC
			Cover supervisor		GLC Caretaker
			LSA		

Click here to view our **GLC Brochure**

Read our latest **Ofsted Reports**

Please share with your friends and family and on your social media platforms to encourage the right candidate to join our team. #jointheglctrust



The GLC in the Press!

- [Caring youngsters donate their prize to those in need through Thurrock Foodbank](#)
- [Gateway leaders tell of pride in students and the community around school](#)
- [Young Ambassadors, brainstorming ideas for their participation in @beachofdreamsorg.](#)
- [Today, the 5th and final golden ticket has been found by Anna Fuller at @thegatewaylearningcommunity](#)
- [£30 million awarded to 15 heritage projects ahead of our 30th birthday](#)
- <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DA8I8T3tLpJ/?igsh=YmtoNDNrZnpvanYz>

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GLC RECEPTION OPEN DAY

COME ALONG TO OUR OPEN
DAY TO FIND OUT MORE!

GPFS & HPA

**WEDNESDAY 27th
NOVEMBER 2024**

LPA & TPA

**THURSDAY 28th
NOVEMBER 2024**

9.30AM & 1.30PM

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION


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 admin.gatewayprimary@theglc.org.uk

 01375 488420
 admin.pioneer@theglc.org.uk

 01375 489860
 admin.herringham@theglc.org.uk

 01375 487200
 admin.lansdowne@theglc.org.uk

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Making sure your child gets the right start!

Nursery Enrolling Now For Academic Year 2024-25

Tilbury Pioneer has fully qualified staff who will ensure that your child makes the best possible start to their schooling. We have morning and after noon nursery sessions.

Session Type	Time	Funded Daily Hours
AM	08:25AM - 11:25AM	3 hours per day funded (15 hours per week)
PM	12:15PM - 15:15PM	3 hours per day funded (15 hours per week)
30 Hours Funded	08:25AM - 15:15PM	6 hours per day funded* (30 hours per week)

Your child can start nursery here at Pioneer as soon as they have had their third birthday. If you would like a tour of the school or an application form, please use the contact details below:

Your child can start nursery as soon as they have had their third birthday

For a tour of the school or an application form, please contact using the details:

01375 488420
admin.pioneer@theglc.org.uk

Apply now by completing the admission form

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Making sure your child gets the right start!

Nursery Enrolling Now For Academic Year 2024-25

Herringham Primary Academy have fully qualified staff who will ensure that your child makes the best possible start to their schooling.

Session Type	Time	Funded Daily Hours
AM	08:30AM - 11:30AM	15 hours per week
PM	12:15PM - 15:15PM	15 hours per week

Your child can start nursery the term after they turn 3 years of age. If you would like a tour of the school or an application form, please use the contact details below:

For a tour of the school or an application form, please contact us using the details:

01375 489860
admin.herringham@theglc.org.uk

Your child can start nursery the term after they turn 3 years of age.

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Making sure your child gets the right start!

Nursery Enrolling Now For Academic Year 2024-25

The Gateway Primary Free School have a teacher led nursery who will ensure that your child makes the best possible start to their schooling.

Your child can start as soon as they turn 3

Places for both 15 hours and 30 hours are available now and for September 2024.

Session Type	Time	Funded Daily Hours
AM	08:40AM - 11:40AM	3 Hours Per Day Funded (15 Hours Per Week)
PM	12:20PM - 15:20PM	3 Hours Per Day Funded (15 Hours Per Week)
30 Hours Funding	08:40AM - 15:20PM	6 Hours Per Day Funded* (30 Hours Per Week)

For a tour of the school or an application form, please contact using the details:

01375 489094
gpf-s-nursery@theglc.org.uk

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Making sure your child gets the right start!

Nursery Enrolling Now For Academic Year 2024-25

Lansdowne Primary Academy have fully qualified staff who will ensure that your child makes the best possible start to their schooling.

Session Type	Time	Funded Daily Hours
AM	08:25AM - 11:25AM	15 hours per week
PM	12:15PM - 15:15PM	15 hours per week
30 Hours Funding	08:25AM - 15:15PM	30 hours per week

*30 hours funded positions are subject to eligibility and a successful application. Please visit: www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare

Your child can start nursery the term after they turn 3 years of age. If you would like a tour of the school or an application form, please use the contact details below:

For a tour of the school or an application form, please contact using the details:

01375 487200
admin.lansdowne@theglc.org.uk

Your child can start nursery the term after they turn 3 years of age.

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COMING SOON! The Gateway Learning Community is extremely excited to bring to you the news that we will be offering 2 year old provision at the Gateway Primary Free School. Register your interest now: <https://buff.ly/4dMiT2u> - Growing Little Champions!



GLC Growing Little Champions

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2 YEAR OLD PROVISION

COMING SOON

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW!



Scan the QR code to register now!

<https://forms.gle/2dTGJgZ4PE2xhc8Z7>

FUNDING IS ACCEPTED

Core Hours

07:30AM - 15:30PM

07:30AM - 17:30PM



If you have any specific enquiries regarding hours, please include them in the enquiry form, and a member of our team will get back to you.

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Events happening in the community:



GATORS BASKETBALL

U10-11 MIXED

SCAN TO REGISTER

SATURDAYS	COST
1-2PM	£5

At The Gateway Academy, RM16 4LU



GATORS BASKETBALL

U13 BOYS

SATURDAYS	COST
11-1PM	£5

At The Gateway Academy, RM16 4LU



GATORS BASKETBALL

U13 GIRLS

SATURDAYS	COST
11-1PM	£5

At The Gateway Academy, RM16 4LU



GATORS BASKETBALL

TRAINING SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS

- U13 BOYS: 11:30AM - 1:00PM
- U11 MIXED: 1:00PM - 2:00PM
- U15 BOYS: 2:00PM - 3:30PM

LET'S GO GATORS!!

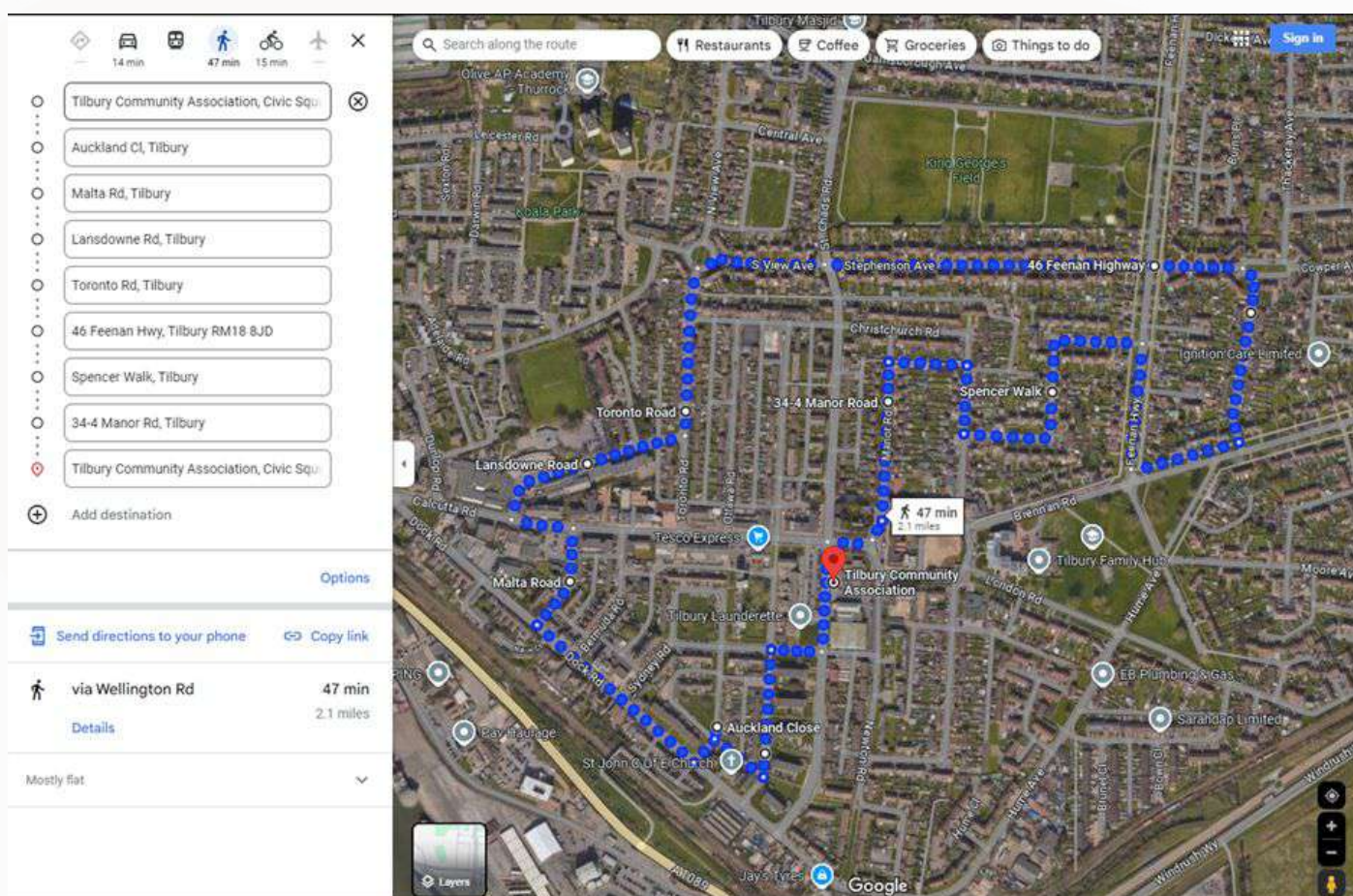


Thurrock Council want to invite you to an exciting event happening in Tilbury on Saturday, 16 November 2024.

Walkabout 4: Saturday, 16 November Tilbury, 2 to 4pm

Meet at Tilbury Library

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tilbury-residential-design-walkabout-tickets-1028090726037>



Do you dislike design choices in your neighbourhood? Or wish your local area looked a certain way? Perhaps you want to make changes to your property but aren't sure where to begin? We would like to invite you to help us update our Design Guide, via a series of **walkabout events** in Thurrock's residential neighbourhoods.

What is a walkabout?

A walkabout is a structured walking tour that encourages open feedback and discussion based on observations about your local area. Anyone can join these walkabouts, whether you're planning on making alterations to your home, have an interest in housing or just want to share your views, for example:

- What parts of your home and street do you value most?
- What changes would you like to see?
- How can you improve your home to save money on bills?

We have commissioned an independent not-for-profit organisation, Design Sou to run these walkabout events.

With your help we will create a shared vision for home improvements in Thurrock and develop ways to support the delivery of this, by using the information we gather to update our Design Guide: [Design guide: residential alterations and extensions](#).

What will happen on the walkabout?

Each walkabout will last two hours maximum, split into one hour walking and one hour of discussion at the meeting venue.

Please come along prepared to share your ideas about the design of homes and streets in your area. For example: What is your favourite house in your local area?

Although we cannot cover the whole area in 2 hours, we hope to see enough of the area in this time to get an insight into the issues that matter to you.

All ages and families are welcome to come along. You do not need any specific skills or planning experience, just an interest in your local area. and there is a pair of tickets to Snow White – this year's panto at the Thameside Theatre - on offer as a prize draw for attendees at each event!

In case of bad weather, the event will go ahead in the form of a focus group, to be held indoors in the venue as listed for each event.

Sign up for the date and time that works best for you, you can attend as many as you wish, other events below:

We hope to see you there!

Oluwaseun Ajala | Project Officer | Communities and Engagement | ACE | Chief Executive's Office

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26 AND 27 OCTOBER 2024 | 11:00 AND 15:00 BOTH DAYS

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SOUTH OCKENDON, RM15 5ED**

**SHOWS WILL BE APPROXIMATELY
1HR AND 20 MINS**

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