



# GGSK COLLEGE

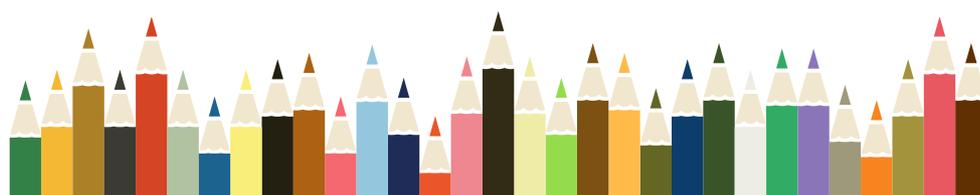
## General reminder:

- Appropriate uniform, such as full school uniform: black shoes, tie, blazers etc. Needs to be presentable.
- All secondary and sixth form students are requested to take Covid tests twice a week (Wednesday and Sunday), during the holidays and during schools days. Results need to be uploaded on to smartlog, which you can find on previous Parentmail.
- For all secondary and sixth form students, masks are vital and must be worn in all communal areas and school transport.
- We recommend social distancing to be practised along the way.
- School fees for all students is due by Monday 3rd January 2022.
- School will officially start on Tuesday 4th January 2022



## Current term:

- This term, as part of our PSHE and Religious Studies, year 1 learnt about the importance of Diwali for Hindus and Sikhs. We made coconut ladoos, which were delicious!
- This week on Friday 10th December, we held our annual Christmas Jumper Day. We were very pleased to see that everyone participated and we managed to raise £192.10, which is going to be given to a children's charity.
- This term for Chemistry, our students participated in Essex Chemistry Mastermind Competition, which was organised by the Royal Society of Chemistry. They were able to complete stage 1 on the 1st December 2021, however they did not score enough to go through to Stage 2 of the competition. They will receive their Bronze certificate for participation .  
Students who took part: Bindi (year 11)  
Neha (year 10)  
Aahaan (year 9)  
Devraj (year 9)
- This term, the whole of secondary and sixth form had attended a talk about Parliament, How the government runs and how rules are made. It was very



## STARS OF THE WEEK THIS HALF TERM:

### Reception and Nursery:

Summer  
Arjun  
Bhopal  
Vaishnavi  
Eric  
Chris

### Year 1:

Ekat  
Arjan  
Advika  
Sukhmani  
Sri

### Year 2:

Esha  
Yugan  
Arjan  
Amreet  
Hamza

### Year 3:

Shraven  
Sumer  
Krisha  
Jothinsai



informative and we believe that our children will take this into account and try and make a difference in society.

- Year 5 students took part in making these amazing African instruments in their art lessons. Kalimbas (left) and Djeme dion (right)
- Anti-bullying week had taken place this term and our sixth formers had given amazing speeches and presentations to the younger years, ranging from nursery all the way to year 11. We believe that the presentations were successful and that the students will take the information they absorbed and apply it into their everyday lives.
- Moreover, this term children in Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 went to Cambridge theatre in Covent Garden to watch the Matilda the live show. The objective of this event was to give children a first-hand experience on watching a live show as most of the children had never been to the theatre. Before attending the trip, during PSHE lessons, road safety and 'stranger danger' were learnt about and reinforced. It was essential, as the journey was done via public transport. We went on the coach and it took us to Buckhurst Hill station. The classes planned their journey by train and the children learned how to use the tube map to track their whole journey from the station. We took the central line on the tube to Tottenham Court Road. This is also a good experience for children to experience travelling on the tube, some for them first time ever. The show was 2 hours and 20 minutes with 1 interval. All the children enjoyed the show as they were all talking about it on the tube journey back.
- This year for Gurpurab, we had a special assembly held in our school Gurudwara, to mark the occasion of Guru Nanak's birthday. We had speeches about him, presented by our wonderful secondary students moreover, Japuji Sahib path were recited by the nursery children.
- As you all may know, the secondary and sixth form students of GGSK had their end of term assessments. These are very important tests given to students, in order to test their understanding of topics that have been taught since the beginning of Autumn term in September. We believe that it can also help the students identify their weak points and focus on them even more.
- Some of the male students of sixth form had played a football match Crawley FC on Tuesday 7th December 2021, unfortunately they lost but we know that for them this was an amazing learning experience and they put their maximum effort to play the game.
- All of the primary students thoroughly enjoyed putting together a production this half term called 'Santa's on Strike'. All the children worked hard to learn their lines and although it was not possible to continue with the full show, the children performed their Christmas show songs to parents individually this week to celebrate the winter season and Christmas. The songs were live streamed for parents and in true Christmas spirit, the children were happy to change the full production to perform the song independently

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HALF TERM:

**Year 4:**

Bineet  
Amanveer  
Tara  
Aryan

**Year 5:**

Mariam  
Rohan  
Dilan  
Aashman  
Bhavat  
Arav  
Jovan  
Tara  
Shaan  
Aditi  
Robin  
Adrika

**Year 6:**

Aditya  
Sulaiman  
Jashan  
Karam

## Current term:

- Year 1 and year 2 have entered the Young Writers' Award of Excellence by entering the Story writing competition for 5-7 year olds! The children were introduced to Story Shakers- 'A million tales in the palm of your hand!' With a role of a dice the children wrote their own stories selecting their own characters', setting and main event! Results of the competition will follow after the Christmas break!
- This term a trip to the Royal Observatory and Planetarium in Greenwich on Friday 10th December. This links to their Space topic in Science. They watched a planetarium show and attending a workshop on the phases of the moon. The students thoroughly enjoyed and and where talking about the trip on the way back home.
- This week, year 8 and year 10 visited Warner Bros Studios for the making of Harry Potter. There was an inspirational learning activity arranged to boost their creative writing skills and they got an insight into the making of the Harry Potter film, through the tour.
- Flu vaccinations took place for years reception-year 11, catch up sessions are available for those who missed it.
- Some of our primary children had visited the local church to pay their respects for Remembrance Day. The children learnt the significance of the memorial outside the church and the two-minute silence was held at the chapel.
- This term, Mrs Dodwal took some of the geography students in secondary to Epping Forest to discover and explore the rivers and see how they actually work in reality. This related to their river topic in geography. They did some fieldwork, which we know will help them in their exams. We believe that the students loved visiting and learned a lot of information.
- As part of the Christmas celebrations we held a nativity play, organised by Ms Mary and had a talk on the Importance of Christmas and the Christmas spirit. Furthermore, Secret Santa was arranged for each individual form groups and between teachers.

## Next term:

- There will be an assembly held for each of the students to be sorted into individual houses.
- Next term, the annual science trip will be organised for all of secondary and sixth form. They will be visiting The Royal Institution and experiments will be conducted there, based on the science they are going for. Trip letters has most likely been given to the students, please make sure you sign this slip and give the money stated to the child, which would then be given to the teacher responsible.
- Students of year 1 & 2 are planning a trip to the Tower of London. Children will discover how the Tower of London was built and the clever features that make it a good fortress. Learn about the people who lived and worked there, from those who kept the castle clean to the royals they served, and see if they have what it takes to become a knight! Their learning objectives will be to: learn about the Tower's use as a castle, compare and contrast life today with life in the Medieval period and finally, take part in knight school and learn how to become a knight.
- Our themed week this half term is Geography Week from Monday 24th January to Friday 28th January. Fun activities and events will be planned for the children as a part of Geography week.
- Next term we will be expecting a visitor to conduct a workshop on apprenticeship and interview skills on the 9th February 2022. This was intentionally planned as it is National Apprenticeship week from 7th-13th February 2022. We believe that the children will gain some excellent skills preparing themselves for the future.
- Next term, Year 13 students will participate in the Chemistry Olympiad organised by the Royal Society of Chemistry. This is exclusively for sixth-form students. They will complete round 1 in school, next January 2022.
- There is also going to be dance show performed by KS3 and KS4, next term, which we are all eagerly waiting for.
- The secondary students will be taking part in a workshop called study skills, presented by visitors we are expecting next term. This workshop is aimed to help students understand what affective revision is and how you could revise better and improve results in tests. We know that this information is going to be very useful and we hope that the students use this vital skill in their everyday lives.
- Bollywood dance has been a success and classes will be running again from January 2022

## Special mentions:

### Behaviour points:

Since September, students have been able to earn points for positive behaviour like exceptional effort, outstanding academic achievement and demonstrating leadership. Points are deducted for negative behaviour. All points are visible to students and parents on Show My Homework.

Congratulations to the following students who have earned the most points this term and who have received Amazon gift cards as their reward:

1. Devin (Year 10) £50
2. Simran (Year 8) £30
3. Karishma (Year 7) £20

Well done to the following students who also received a very high number of points: Rumaysa (Year 7), Shraiya (Year 7), Aryan (Year 8), Gauthama (Year 10), Reshile (Year 9), Amrit (Year 7) and Aahaan (Year 9).

The following students have been nominated by staff for showing significant improvements in either attitude, effort or exam performance. Well done and keep up the good work!

Poornasai (Year 11) - Geography and English

Ali (Year 11) - Maths

Gauthama (Year 10)- Maths

Reshile Aslam (Year 9) - Maths

Angad (Year 7) - Maths

Riyan Singh (Year 7) - Maths

Rithik (Year 10) - Business

Vrishin (year 11) - Business

Neha (year 10) - Business

Devin (year 10) - Business

Praveen (year 11) - Business

Sushmitha (year 11) - Business

Nimay (year 7)- Spanish

Tara (year 7)- Spanish

Ria (year 9)- Spanish

Neel (year 10)- Spanish

Devin (year 10)- Spanish

Umamah (year 11)- Spanish

Sushmitha (year 11)- Spanish

Aniket (year 8)- French

A massive thank you to Elukijha, Lalitha, Sophia, Navreet and Gagan, for the generous gift of buying a coffee machine for the staff members, we really appreciate it and it is very useful.

A massive thank you to parents for the amazing coordination this parents evening. We are happy to say that the booking system, we introduced this year was a huge success and we are looking forward to continuing this system in the future.

WISH YOU A GOOD CHRISTMAS BREAK AND SEE YOU ON 4th  
JANUARY 2022!

