



GGSK COLLEGE

General reminder:

- All students should wear full and appropriate uniform at all times.
- All primary, 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 and the NHS site, which you can find on previous Parent Mail messages.
- School will officially start on Monday 21st February 2022
- Students also had the option to receive their 2nd dose of the COVID vaccine via the school on 11/2/2022



Current term:

- KS1 this half term have learned how to use a directional compass on their action-packed trip to Epping Forest. As part of the Geography focus week, they also learned map skills, including drawing a simple map for others to follow. Children thoroughly enjoyed being in the forest and also learned how to make dens out of the natural materials surrounding them
- KS1 were also lucky enough to venture into London to visit the Tower of London and learn about its history through many hands-on experiences. As well as visiting King Edward's bedroom, the children enjoyed following our own planned trail and spotting significant features of the castle, along with answering key questions about its history. They learned 'how to become a knight' through one of the castle's historian educators and even became friends with the Queen's famous Ravens. Their walk back to their coach allowed them to also witness the spectacular Tower Bridge opening and closing for boats passing through. It was an awe-inspiring trip with many children talking of revisiting with family during the half-term break
- Primary school children celebrated the Queen's Platinum jubilee by learning about her 70-year reign as Queen and dressing in red, white, and blue to mark the occasion. They were also treated to a 'Queen's Tea' celebratory spread of sandwiches and refreshments, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils and staff. We all look forward to hosting a celebratory jubilee picnic on the field in June.



STARS OF THE WEEK THIS

HALF TERM:

Reception and Nursery:

Arjunveer
Anisha
Bhupal
Gurdish
Vaishnavi and Summer
Anisha

Year 1:

Ekat
Sukhmani
Advika

Year 2:

Arjan
Simran
Esha
Hamza

Year 3:

Sumer

- As part of Mental Health and Well-being week, the primary children participated in several activities to positively develop their own mental health. They were also busy preparing for the 'Dress to Express' talent show in which children performed an act of their choice with their friends. Children paid £1 to take part in 'Dress to Express' with all money being raised being used to support the charity Place2be, which continues its campaign in supporting children and young people with their mental health and well-being. **We raised £133.50 for charity!**
- In this half term, selected Year 10 and Year 11 students recently took part in the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge. This is an international competition run by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust and consists of a series of problem solving questions to test students' mathematical skills. Students who score highly will qualify for subsequent rounds. We look forward to receiving the results in the coming weeks
- Our sixth form students played a 9 side football match against our year 10 students. Everyone played well and the sixth form won 4-3!
- All primary & secondary pupils and parents were required to do a survey to reflect on their time at school and to see where we as a school need to improve. These views have all been taken on board and changes will be implemented where required.
- Also this term, we held a study skills workshop for students from year 7 to 11. This workshop aimed to help students learn new study techniques and aid in their revision and make it as effective as possible.
- This term, we have also introduced school houses: green, blue, red and yellow. Each student has been allocated a house and have been given a badge to represent their house. Special positions such as prefects, monitors and captains have also been announced and badges have been distributed. We hope this will create communities within our secondary and all our students would feel comfortable.
- The whole of secondary had visited The Royal Institution science lab in central London. They took part in science related experiments varied from all 3 sciences and we believe that they really enjoyed themselves and have taken back a lot of scientific knowledge
- Citizenship: On Thursday 3rd February 2022, a speaker from Animal Aid Ms Bridget Sheppard, visited our school to edify pupils in KS1, KS2 and KS3 on animal welfare and rights. In these workshops, pupils had the opportunity to participate in a range of activities including; short discussions, group activities, PowerPoint slides and videos. At the end of each session Ms Sheppard, carried out a short quiz to evaluate the learning outcomes and to get first-hand feedback from pupils about the workshop. Most pupils achieved 70% and over in the quiz, along with a lot of positive feedback given by pupils on the workshop.
- In addition, this term, the teachers have taken part in Positive Handling Training, which is where they learn how to protect an individual from harming themselves or others or seriously damaging any surrounding property. This results in the opportunity to escape the situation.
- NCS! We are glad to say that NCS (National Citizen service) will be taking place again from Summer this year. Our year 11 & 12 pupils have showed great interest with the NCS programme and enjoyed the Assembly and lunch time stand organised and delivered by our lovely friends at NCS. The students loved all the freebies and prizes offered by them when they came to visit us in January. It's great to say that 18 of our pupils have signed up so far!

STARS OF THE WEEK THIS HALF TERM:

Year 4:

Bineet and Tara
Jaanavi
Jaskaran
Aradya
Yasir

Year 5:

Umesh
Mariam
Adrika
Aksh
Kaya
Saatvi

Year 6:

Karam
Shivam
Sulaiman
Arash

- We started running the NCS programme in our school in 2016. Since then, GSKC College has been awarded as champion school bronze award 2017/18 and Champion school gold award 2018/19. We hope that we can retain our gold award title this year 2021/2022.

- Rumaysa in year 7 made a pretzel from Mr Pretzel in a pottery lesson! She made the pretzel using clay, painted it using different shades of brown acrylic paints, sprinkled some white glitter on top and used PVA glue to give it a shiny glaze. She also taped two sheets of the Mr Pretzel logo together to make the packaging and added red tissue paper to hold the pretzel inside. Very impressive creation!



Next Term:

KS1 and EYFS will be busy bees buzzing around the whole school preparing and planting seeds in all the planting boxes ready for the summertime. Learning what plants need to grow and how we grow food are key features of both curriculums and the children are always left in amazement by watching the process from start to finish.

The primary school will also be diving deeper into reading with our upcoming reading week which will focus on ensuring children’s love of reading is promoted through story-telling adventures and a range of fun-filled activities!

Year 10s will start their Duke of Edinburgh bronze award

GGSKC cricket squads to be announced

Year 7, 10, 11 and 12 will start their CPR training

Year 11 & 13 will be starting their mock exams, in preparation for their GCSE and A-levels in the summer!

Special Mentions:

- Joshika, in year 3 won the geography prize in a competition with her year & Bhavat won in year 5!
- Ahaan, in year 9, made it into the Essex Cricket club squad
- The following students received an easter egg for the effort they put into their English work!
 - Arni, Krish, Meghan & Rishika (Yr 10)
 - Aswath, Avleen, Nausheen, Ria, Taj, Yuvraj (Yr 9)
 - Aminah, Aniket, Aryan, Eta, Manahel, Purva, Simran (Yr 8)

Wishing you all a happy half term holiday. We will see you all back on the 21st February 2022!

