



*A message from the GLC CEO, Mrs Viki Reid:*

It is my pleasure to send you our first GLC parent newsletter as I begin my second half term as CEO. I have been a part of this community for over 20 years and I am so proud to continue to improve the GLC in my new role with our committed and passionate team.

The first half term was full of amazing things...

We launched new core values, shared films from the GLC and each academy, celebrated Mr Sadler's retirement [postponed from the Summer term], held the GLC awards, marked special events and much more. Please read on to see all the fantastic things that have happened across our trust. It is no wonder that we are a desired trust to be a part of, having very few vacancies and spaces for new children across our academies.

Thank you for your support, it really is appreciated.

## Port of Tilbury Visit for Maritime Week

The GLC primary academies were joined by the Port of Tilbury during Maritime Week. They had a fantastic time finding out how the port operates and some of the interesting machines used to move containers and cargoes from ships. The interactive events encouraged the children to ask lots of questions.

The port also challenged the children's creative minds with a competition to think of a name for one of the port's new harbour cranes which will arrive into the port next year. **The winning name will be announced soon and the winning school will receive a prize of lego.**



Read more on the Your Thurrock website: [https://www.yourthurrock.com/2022/10/14/local-schools-take-part-in-maritime-week-with-the-port-of-tilbury/?fbclid=IwAR0WnpP\\_XwkTC5UHmcTTSKshWZyMU-lb9qTMVujFDur0M3oastSxaH0fp40](https://www.yourthurrock.com/2022/10/14/local-schools-take-part-in-maritime-week-with-the-port-of-tilbury/?fbclid=IwAR0WnpP_XwkTC5UHmcTTSKshWZyMU-lb9qTMVujFDur0M3oastSxaH0fp40)



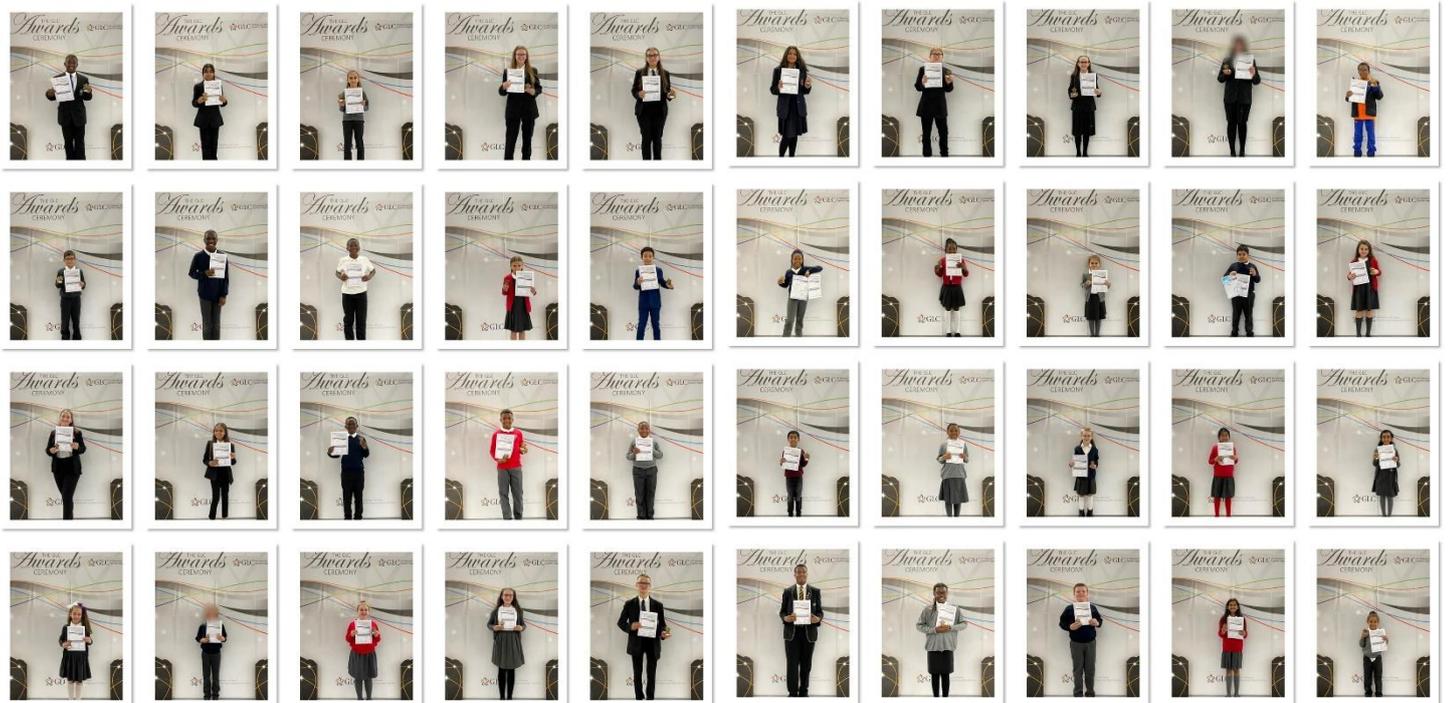


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## The GLC Awards

On Thursday 6 October the GLC celebrated our pupils, students and staff at the GLC Awards Ceremony. It was an evening filled with proud moments. Parents and pupils/ students thoroughly enjoyed the celebration.



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## October - Black History Month [BHM]

Celebrated every October since 1987, Black History Month is the annual event that Addai-Sebo led the creation of. Officially recognised by the British government, it remembers and champions the history and achievements of the African diaspora, and educates and informs on black heritage and culture in Britain.

### *BHM at the Gateway Academy*

This year our Black History Month was organised and led by some of our amazing Equality Ambassadors. They planned different events for the fortnight to both raise awareness of the origins of Black History Month, the differences between different black cultures and to give students a hands-on experience. They made and sold badges celebrating different cultures represented in the academy, they organised for information to be shared with the PAD groups, worked to support the year group assemblies and provided some advertising for around the school.

Subjects such as PSHE and business studies were given the opportunity to take part in presentations from influential people who were able to explain the importance and contribution of Black people to the individual fields. They were fortunate enough to have presentations from Deborah Williams OBE, Chief Executive, Creative Diversity Network and Oluchi Ikechi, Partner, Head of Strategy & Transactions APAC, Capital Markets, Ernst & Young Parthenon. Founder of 'Fully Bossed'

To help celebrate they organised with Ms Olufemi for traditional food to be available in the canteen and have arranged for bracelet making to be available in the canteen on the 31<sup>st</sup> October to help close Black History Month.



## BHM at the Gateway Primary Free School



The GPFS pupil leadership team visited each class three times a week to introduce students to a range of black role models, pupils have had many opportunities to discuss the importance of each person in class and at home. Classes have produced a wide range of outcomes to share their learning about the focus person for their year group.

Pupils performed to share the skills of Venus and Serena Williams, others read poetry to display the brilliance of Maya Angelou, and even online books to show information about the life of Barack Obama! Year groups shared their WOW moment for Black History Month on the school Padlet page. We are excited to close Black History Month on the first day of Autumn 2, by sharing these exciting moments with the children across GPFS.

## BHM at Tilbury Pioneer Academy



Herringham Primary Academy celebrated Black History Month throughout October.

Year 1 looked at Alma Woodsey Thomas. She was a teacher and artist. The children, in groups, recreated her famous artwork using very bright colours; as she loved colour.

## BHM at Lansdowne Primary Academy

Pupils started with an assembly focusing on the theme of all different but the same. This enabled the children to think about diversity and how they should celebrate this. This was followed up with PSHE lessons for each year group. Year groups celebrated black authors, poets and inspirational people. Year 1 used the Now, Press Play to learn about Mary Seacole. While the other year groups learnt poems to perform about inspirational people, such as Rosa Parks and Harriet Tubman or celebrated poets, such as Benjamin Zephaniah. Pupils also had the opportunity to complete an independent research project on Google classrooms. Finally, end of day reading had a focus on exceptional men and bold women in BH.

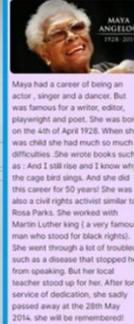
Rosa Parks by Enakome



Rosa Louise McCauley Parks was an American activist in the civil rights movement best known for her pivotal role in the Montgomery bus boycott.



Maya Angelou - Trisie N



Go to the Back, Rosa Parks

Go to the back of the bus, Rosa Parks  
Go to the back and stay  
"No, I won't, I think that's unfair  
And I'm just too tired today!"  
But everyone knows the rules, Rosa Parks  
Everyone knows if you're black  
You can't eat at white restaurants  
And on buses, you sit in the back  
So now it's time to move, Rosa Parks  
"No, I'm not moving at all  
I've got a voice and I'm going to use it  
And thousands will hear the call!"  
"We're coming to sit with you, Rosa Parks"  
People black and white did say  
"We're coming to change America  
And bring equality here to stay!"

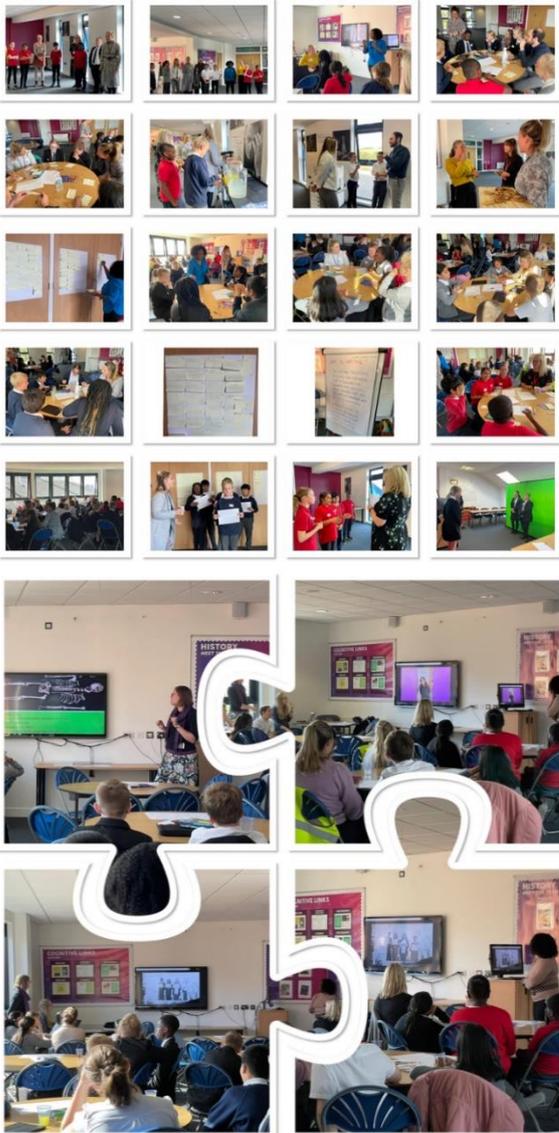


## BHM at Tilbury Pioneer Academy



In Year 1, the pupils used 'Now Press Play' to learn about Mary Seacole and how she cared for injured soldiers in the Crimea. In Year 2, the pupils enjoyed learning all about Rosa Parks and how she stood up to injustice and made a change that impacted so many! They recited and recorded the poem 'Go to the back Rosa' The Year 5 pupils learnt about Benjamin Zephaniah. They were inspired by his story and background. They learnt his poem called 'The British Poem' and performed it together as a year group.

## Sharing our Lives Workshop



The students have enjoyed taking part in 2 workshops with Thurrock Productions for Sharing our Lives, to find, collect and record stories in their own communities.

Sharing our Lives is a creative heritage programme which seeks to find, record, curate and share the largely undocumented and unrecorded histories of the contributions and stories of migrants to and from Thurrock, throughout history and up to the present day. Thurrock Productions specifically seek to uncover and give a platform to previously unheard or marginalised stories and experiences.

The team are looking for community Heritage Champions. Local people with their own personal / family experience of migration, and/or a keen interest in local history, who will collaborate with us to collect and share stories, create new songs, curate an exhibition, a film and two large-scale events to share the work generated through the project, including playing a key role in Thurrock's celebrations for Windrush 75. You will receive a programme of training and development, as well as individual support from the project team. Training and support will be shaped according to your needs.

For more information email at [sharingourlives@togetherproductions.co.uk](mailto:sharingourlives@togetherproductions.co.uk)



## Congratulations to the GA's New Lead Students.

A huge congratulations to the newly appointed Head Students. The competition was very strong and the Governors who were on the interview panel had nothing but praise for all of the candidates. The Head Students are Malcolm O and Alexandra M and the deputies are Daniel O, Andrew A, Jenai A and Nota C. We are excited to see them working in the role over the coming two terms.

## Year 9 Scholars Programme



We are very excited to offer The Scholars Programme to a selection of our Year 9 students this year. The Scholars Programme will provide students with the information, skills and confidence to gain a place at the most competitive universities in the future. The Scholars Programme will help our students to stand out in the future and put them a step ahead of any others their age. Students will be working with world class experts to help them gain knowledge and information about their next steps and the process of applying for a university.

## Year 7, Essex Cup Winners and Sponsorship Opportunity...



Our U12's team (Year 7) won their first ever competitive game together and were deserved winners against a spirited William Edwards team in the Essex Cup. First half goals from Roxy, Michaela and Gracie saw the girls cruising comfortably at half time. William Edwards came out battling and reduced the deficit to 3-2 but the Gateway girls were resilient and managed to come out victorious. Special mention to the keeper Katie who kept her side in the game with some fantastic saves! We now face Grays Convent in the next round (dates to be confirmed) and

hope to continue our momentum! Munya Kamutero, Head Coach.

### Sponsorship Opportunity...

The GA are proud to be running an Elite Football Development Programme for Girls which will be focused on developing the best footballers. We already have three talented girls who are playing for West Ham's Academy and are partnering up with other reputable teams to support this exciting programme.

The team are now looking for a featured sponsorship partner and as a show of gratitude would display a banner/badge with the company's name on the training kit. A sponsorship for the 2022/2023 season can make a huge difference to our girls, as we can use an agreed amount of money to go towards training equipment and buying kit for some of our more disadvantaged players.

There will be enrichment opportunities for the girls to visit professional football academies, external tournaments, scouting opportunities, guest speakers and more. Being part of this programme comes with high standards and expectations. Each student will be required to have regular and punctual attendance, catch up with work missed from lessons and produce a level of behaviour that is in accordance with the Academy's philosophy and values. These students will be ambassadors of the academy and will be required to lead by example. This is an exciting time for women's football. Please contact Munya Kamutero, GA Head Coach (UEFA C License) [munya.kamutero@theglc.org.uk](mailto:munya.kamutero@theglc.org.uk)



## GA Whole School Musical Rehearsals



Rehearsals for the Whole School Musical are gaining momentum, this year we have taken on an almighty challenge...Queen! There are over 100 GLC students involved in what will undoubtedly be a sell-out show...we will, we will rock you! The show dates are the 13th and 14th December – don't miss out!

## Roll of Honour

These badges are awarded for exceptional standards against the GLC core values. Congratulations to all students who have been awarded a badge this half term. The full list of names can be seen on the Gateway Times issue 2:

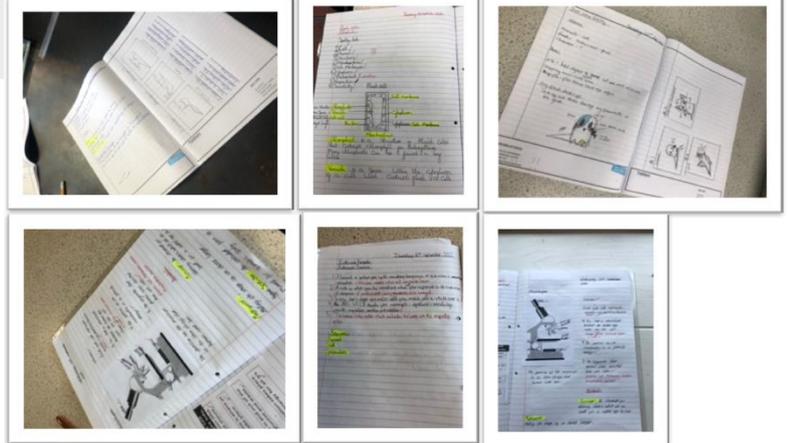
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## Year 7 are breaking records...

Year 7 students have settled into Gateway life and are breaking records as they go. We have seen the highest level of academic engagement and resilience as they reach new levels. Core subjects have been a highlight with quality work found across the board as students have adapted well to the increase in demand and rigour.

We have been really impressed with the way in which students are conducting themselves. Certificates of Excellence have been awarded to 10 students in the following categories: Compassion, Aspiration, Responsibility, Resilience in their assembly due to the outstanding start they have made.



Staff and students alike have been noticing the compassion that Year 7 students have been showing each other. One student going out of their way to see if another student they didn't know would like to come and join their lunch table really highlighted the sense of community Year 7 have brought with them. The break areas have been left spotless by the year group as they have been displaying a real sense of responsibility of their surroundings. Attendance has started well as they display their eagerness to arrive to school on time each and every day.

The demand for school clubs has been impressive with duplicate clubs being put on to cater for the drive the year group have shown for extracurricular learning.

For more GA news visit: <http://www.theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk/419/gateway-times-2022-23>

Website: <http://www.theglc-gatewayacademy.org.uk/>





GPFS Reading Breakfast

## GPFS Reading Breakfast

GPFS hosted its first ever reading breakfast this half term, which we're hopeful will increase a love of reading for all of our pupils. Achieving reading for pleasure in our first weeks back is an ambition shared by all staff. We're so grateful to the parents and carers who were able to make this event special.

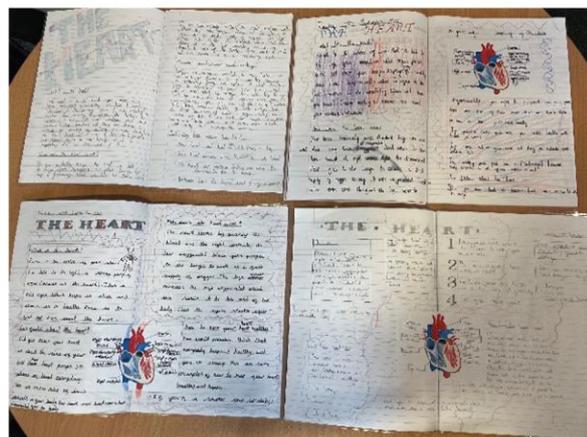
## Well done to the GPFS Year 2 Football Team!

Well done to our Year 2 football team who finished 3rd place out of 7 schools in the Thurrock SSP competition.



## Year 6 in Science...

Year 6 were able to put their knowledge of the human heart to the test with some amazing double page spreads in science. We were astounded by these amazing outcomes that showcased their learning!



## GPFS Macmillan Coffee Morning

The GPFS raised an amazing £347.58 for Macmillan Cancer Support, during their coffee morning. Staff and parents bought cakes in to support the charity. The winner of the big cake was a pupil - Riley Hooper...what a treat! Well done to all that helped make it a success.



Website: <https://www.theglc-primaryfreeschool.org.uk/>



## Eco-Schools Workshop with Essex Wildlife Trust

HPA welcomed Essex Wildlife Trust to deliver an Eco-Schools workshop. This took place in a full-sized converted dustcart! The children had a fantastic time.



### HPA Swimmers!

The HPA children are thoroughly enjoying their pop-up swimming pool opportunity here. It is fantastic to see their confidence growing each day.



### Drumming.

Year 4 children had their first drumming lesson this half term. They listened well to the given beat and tried to keep in time with each other. Well done!



### HPA PE Snapshots

Year 1 have been looking at static balances and being creative to make their own.

HPA have taken part in lots of sporting events this half term.

- SSP 5/6 Girls Football
- SSP 5/6 Boys Football
- SSP 3/4 Cross Country
- SSP 5/6 Cross Country
- GLC 5/6 Dodgeball
- SSP 5/6 Tag Rugby

Fantastic team work, well done!



Website: <http://www.theglc-herringham.org.uk/>



## Science Investigations and Planting...

In science, Year 2 have been learning all about plants. They have investigated seeds and bulbs and have been thinking about what they might grow in to. They will learn about what a plant needs to make it grow and be healthy.

As part of their working scientifically, the children will plant seeds and observe their changes over time.



## Times Tables Rock Stars Relaunch!

The pupils at LPA had a great day relaunching TTRS and Numbots as a whole school. They came to school dressed as rock stars (KS2) and Numbots (KS1 and EYFS) to help with the relaunch.

The pupils were reminded of the benefits of using TTRS and Numbots at home, they took part in tournaments throughout the day and had the opportunity to earn lots of amazing Numbots and TTRS prizes.



## Peter Bunzl Visit.

The pupils were lucky enough to meet published author Peter Bunzl this half term. Peter has written many children's books including Cogheart - which they will be reading after half-term. Peter explained his inspirations and the way the story writing process happens from initial idea to published book. In English, the children will be writing Peter Bunzl's biography.

## Snapshots from Bedtime Stories at LPA...



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### TPA Year 6 Windrush Music Workshop

Year 6 participated in an exciting musical workshop linked to this half term's history topic 'The Windrush'. They learnt about calypso music and how the Windrush Generation used music to strengthen cultural ties on arrival in the United Kingdom. This culminated in them writing their own call and response songs based around the experiences of the Windrush Generation.



### Teeth Brushing in the TPA Nursery

TPA have had a great two weeks of learning during the Sing, Sing a Song theme. They tasted a Belgian Bun, had a visit from the Dental Nurse and practised cleaning their teeth all by themselves - something that is encouraged to do at home twice a day for 2 minutes using circular brush strokes and eating healthy foods.

### Visit to Barleylands...

TPA's visit to Barleylands was a great success. The children learnt about animals and where food comes from, as well as making delicious pizza.



### Year 2 Science

Year 2 continued to watch their plants grow and we were able to compare the various plants that had recently started to grow. Year 2 children have absolutely adored their forest school sessions, in addition to learning about the life cycle of plants in science. We have been having a blast identifying plants and bugs, creating dens, and cooking in the mud kitchen!



Website: <http://www.theglc-pioneer.org.uk/>



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## GLC Attendance Raffle Winners! Attendance Matters...

There were 3 attendance winners this half term, each of them won an Amazon voucher, presented to them by Dominic Davison, GLC Education Welfare Officer. Well done!

Each week one pupil's name is drawn, if that pupil has completed a full week at school and has had no late marks then they receive an Amazon voucher.



## Save our Planet! Reduce your waste...

We need to make wasting our resources unacceptable in all aspects of our life. Every product we buy has an environmental footprint and could end up in landfill. The impact of plastic pollution on our oceans is becoming increasingly clear, having drastic impacts on marine life.

Recycling what we can reduces the amount of new materials we are making, and upcycling is a creative way to make old items into something more valuable. This could be reusing a jam jar as a candle holder, or using old tins as plant pots – the possibilities are endless!



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It's not just the products we buy. It's estimated that a third of all food produced in the world is lost or wasted. Do your bit by eating up leftovers and use any ingredients you have spare to make interesting meals. Try to waste as little food as possible, and compost the organic waste you can't eat. Download the WWF My Footprint App.

App Store: <https://apps.apple.com/app/apple-store/id1511495059?mt=8>

Check out our latest vacancies here: <http://www.theglc.org.uk/189/joining-our-team>

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*Autumn 2 Key Dates:*

<b>31 October 2022:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholars programme launch – Y7-9 [by invitation]</li> </ul>	<b>23 November 2022:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GLC Reception Open Days [GPFS &amp; HPA] 0930am &amp; 1.30pm</li> </ul>
<b>1 November 2022:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GA partnership with parents evening [Y9&amp;10]</li> <li>Year 11 PPE round 1</li> </ul>	<b>24 November 2022:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GLC Reception Open Days [LPA &amp; TPA] 0930am &amp; 1.30pm</li> <li>Y4 KIT Theatre Experience Day [TPA]</li> </ul>
<b>2 November 2022:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GLC primary parents' evening</li> </ul>	<b>25 November 2022:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y4 KIT Theatre Experience Day [GPFS]</li> <li>Y5/6 Badminton - William Edwards</li> </ul>
<b>3 November 2022:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sharing our Lives workshop 3</li> <li>Scholars programme launch – Y5-6 [by invitation]</li> </ul>	<b>2 December 2022:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y5/6 Basketball – Gateway Academy</li> </ul>
<b>4 November 2022:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y3/4 mixed Football match against St.Cleres</li> <li>Year 7/8 Halloween Disco</li> </ul>	<b>8 December 2022:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KS2 Badminton Tournament</li> </ul>
<b>10 November 2022:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GA Y11 Parents evening and next steps [Post 16]</li> </ul>	<b>9 December 2022:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KS2 Archery – William Edwards</li> </ul>
<b>11 November 2022:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y5/6 Dodgeball – William Edwards</li> <li>Remembrance Day</li> </ul>	<b>13 December 2022:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GA School Musical [6pm]</li> </ul>
<b>17 November 2022:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sharing our Lives workshop 4</li> </ul>	<b>14 December 2022:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GLC Christmas Jumper Day</li> <li>Christmas Dinner</li> <li>GA School Musical [6pm]</li> </ul>
<b>18 November 2022:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GLC Charity Day [Children in Need]</li> <li>Boccia [Y3-6] - William Edwards</li> <li>KS2 Kurling - William Edwards</li> </ul>	<b>16 December 2022:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>End of Term – Early finish</b> <b>[Secondary 12pm, Primary 1pm]</b></li> </ul>
<b>22 November 2022:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y4 KIT Theatre Experience Day [HPA]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dates are subject to individual school changes, any changes will be communicated to you via your school communication app.</b></li> </ul>

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