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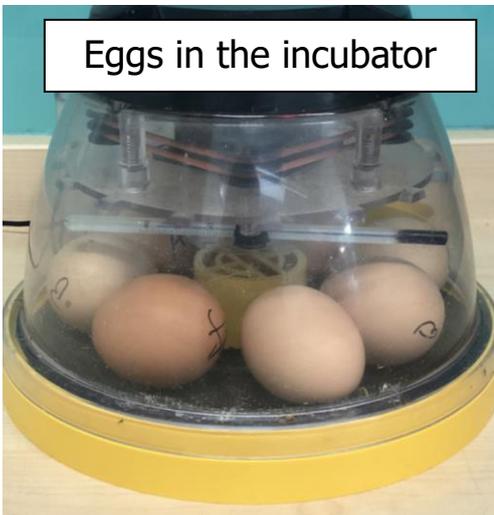
Friday 23rd April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Incredible Eggs...

This week, we arranged for 8 eggs to be delivered to school, to the Reception classroom. As well as learning about their life cycle the eggs have provided learning right across the curriculum; health and care of animals; maths – counting the eggs, the number hatched, more and less vocabulary; a great writing opportunity to model and record a daily diary of what is happening. This wonderful experience supports social and emotional development too – for everyone! Staff included! It is the awe and wonder of nurturing new chicks in the school.

Eggs in the incubator



Hatching is a tiring job!



Chicks becoming inquisitive



We now have 7 chicks hatched – we are thinking about diversity and difference in all of these... And anxiously awaiting to see if egg number 8 hatches successfully...



Year Six Science

There has been a wealth of science in school this week, not just lifecycles in EYFS... Here is a brief glimpse of Year Six participating in a science lesson. The learning intention for the children - that light travels in straight lines - but what happens if an obstacle gets in the way? Can light travel through items? A couple of questions to maybe discuss with all children at home this week...



School Cloud Parents evenings

Many thanks to everyone who attended the parent's evening via School Cloud this week. We have been thrilled with how successful this has been from a school's viewpoint. We appreciate that there were some difficulties when signing in, the majority of which were amended, allowing another appointment kindly rescheduled by teachers. Below, is a link to a very short evaluation, for you to complete about your experience of using School Cloud for parent's evening.

Parent's evening is an opportunity to discuss the social, emotional and academic performance of your child and to support you in knowing what to do to support your child further. There are then opportunities for this to feed into your work at home supporting your child.

Homework

Homework has restarted again for all children from Y1 to Y6. Homework is always posted on Class DoJo, by the class teacher and will follow the homework policy, which varies for each key stage.

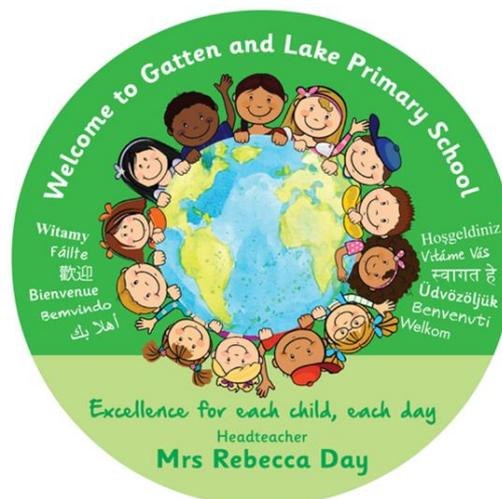
We ask that completed homework is uploaded to your child's portfolio each week and then marking can be completed electronically and you will see the feedback for your child. This process is the same way that remote learning was completed. Many thanks for the ongoing support of your child at home.

Reception Class Entrants – September 2021

We are delighted that we have a full class of children allocated to start school with us in September 2021. All families who have been allocated a space at Gatten and Lake, will receive their first communication from us next week, in line with the Local Authority requested timelines.

We are extremely excited to be welcoming both siblings of children in school and new families to the Gatten and Lake school community.

We are hopeful that we will be able to amend our COVID secure risk assessment in line with the roadmap set by the government to enable a visit later on in the summer term... watch this space as well as ongoing communication.



Adult and Community Learning Programme

The Adult and Community Learning summer programme is now available, so why not click onto this link www.iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses and check out the extensive range of workshops and courses on offer. Whether its IT, Art or Craft, you're bound to find something of interest, plus they are offering FREE short online courses, covering a wide variety of topics. Bookings are also being taken for Functional Skills courses in English and Maths starting from September, did you know that the Level 2 is equivalent to a pass grade 4-5 at GCSE and is widely recognised by employers, colleges and some universities. So what are you waiting for, you have nothing to lose! You can also contact us on 01983 817280 or acl@iow.gov.uk



3 Menu:

Day	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Monday	Cheese & Tomato French Bread Pizza, Coleslaw & Mixed Salad	Jacket Potato with BBQ Beans Coleslaw & Mixed Salad	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Dessert: Oaty Cookie or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		
Tuesday	Beef Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce 50/50 Rice, Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Vegetable Hotpot, Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Dessert: Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		
Wednesday	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy, Peas & Cauliflower	Potato & Courgette Stack, Roast Potatoes, Peas & Cauliflower	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Dessert: Banana Sponge & Custard or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		
Thursday	Cottage Pie with Gravy Green Beans & Carrots	Broccoli & Cheese Pasta Bake Green Beans & Carrots	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Dessert: Chocolate & Mandarin Brownie or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		
Friday	Fish Fingers with Chips Baked Beans & Peas	Vegan Mexican Bean Roll, Chips, Baked Beans & Peas	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Dessert: Peaches & Ice Cream or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		

Holiday Club

Holiday club, run by the pre-school and located on the school site, will open again from May Half Term. Hours available are between 8am and 6pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This is charged at £3 per hour per child. Please can you let pre-school know if you will be needing this facility so children can be booked in beforehand. The telephone number for bookings is: 07718486058

Climate Change Challenge:

There is a climate change challenge on offer to children at the moment which is to work towards information being presented in a book publication titled, 'Climate Change Children's Voices'

Children taking part need to consider these questions – 'What are your thoughts about Climate change?' How could we address the problem? Children then need to write a comment, in their own handwriting and illustrate this comment. The piece of work, along with parental permission contained in the email, as well as first name, age, county/country living in needs to be emailed to Andreas at climatechangebook.2021@gmail.com

Entries need to be emailed by 30th April 2021.

Please see the attached / additional flyer for this information at the bottom of the newsletter.



I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend. There is still no rain on the weather forecast but lots of sunshine, which hopefully helps to make everyone feel positive. Please remember the Roadmap rules when out and about and meeting in groups of 6 or 2 family groups only is permitted.

Please remember the list of things to do, provided by the National Trust

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/50-things-to-do> if you'd like inspiration for a weekend activity in the sunshine. Maybe a snail race, or exploring a tree as it blossoms... Have fun – see you on Monday ☺

Kind regards,
Rebecca Day - Headteacher



CLIMATE CHANGE

awareness project

We are looking for young folk's and children's comments and artwork to include in this project, connected to Climate change. Here are a few sample photos all by Robin Bath (taken at children's environmental awareness rallies in London in 2019) these and others will be featured in our book currently titled '*Climate Change Children's Voices!*'

We are asking for children and young adults aged 18 years and under to consider these questions 'What are Children's thoughts about Climate change? How could we address the problem?'

With these inspiring thoughts please write a comment (Ideally in their own handwriting) plus a drawing or painting including first name, age and county/country send to us as an email attachment, with parents/carers permission to Andrea at climatechangebook.2021@gmail.com

We would ideally like to have all entries back by the 30th April 2021.

Happy Easter and Thank you so much from Geoff Jukes and Andrea Bridger
The Weaving Shed Gallery <http://weavingshedgallery.com/>

