



# Newsletter

22nd September 2023



Dear Parents and Children,

Ofsted Inspection

I wrote in last week's letter that it promised to be an exciting term ahead... It certainly is the case as we received notification on Tuesday that Ofsted were visiting. The inspection took place over Wednesday and Thursday this week. We will not have the final report for another few weeks but will look forward to sharing it with you as soon as we receive it. I would just like to pass on huge thanks to all parents/carers for your support during the inspection: from your well wishes to completing the parent surveys, we really have appreciated your ongoing support. I would also like to take the opportunity to say just how wonderful and hard working the whole team at The Gates are. Both staff and children alike have been incredible. Again, I feel very privileged to be the Executive Headteacher of such a great school.

Parents' Forum - Friday 29th September at 9.30am

Just a reminder that I will be hosting a Parents' Forum on Friday 29th September at 9.30am in school. If you would like to attend and/or if you have any AOB you would like to discuss (linked to whole school improvement, not individual children or classes), please inform the office by 9am on Monday 25th September. We will need a minimum of 4 parents/carers for the event to go ahead.


Home Accident Forms

Please can I request that if your child has had an accident at home that you complete a 'home accident form' at school. We appreciate accidents can happen, this just part of school policy to keep children safe, especially if we need to keep an eye on a child (for example, after a head injury). We appreciate your support on the matter.


Have a lovely, relaxing weekend.


Mrs Vicki Guest





**The Gates Primary**  
@TheGatesPrimary


The twitter page of The Gates Primary,Bolton. Growth, Achievement, Teamwork, Enjoyment, Success. Check back here for news and information about our school.


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### **School Car Park and Bristle Hall Way**

Please can we remind all users of the school car park and our neighbouring streets to be considerate of other road users and pedestrians. The car park does get busy at the start and end of school and we ask that drivers do not block residents driveways and are courteous to other drivers, setting role model behaviour to the children.

### **Applications for Secondary School for Sept 2024**

Children who are in year 6 will transfer to Secondary School in September 2024. You can now access the Bolton Council school admissions website and make an application for a secondary school place.

Please go to [www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions)

Guidance notes about how to apply are available on the website.

Please check directly with schools about arrangements for open days/school visits.

If you have any problems using the online application form or website or you need assistance and advice about school admissions, please contact the Pupil Services team on [admissions@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@bolton.gov.uk).

The closing date for applications is the 31st October 2023.



## Subject in the Spotlight - PE

Outdoor PE lessons are focusing on fundamental movement and their 'Agility, Balance and Coordination'. The children are enjoying applying and further developing their ABC's and will continue to do this throughout the year.

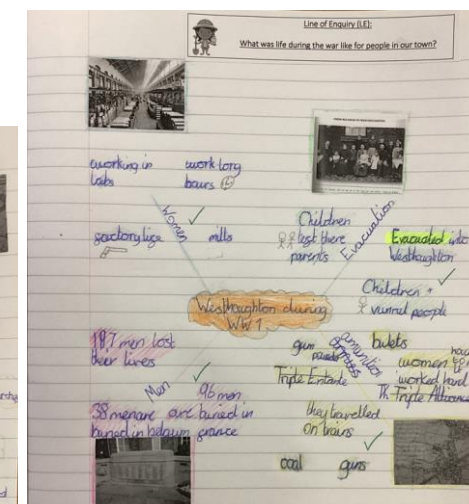
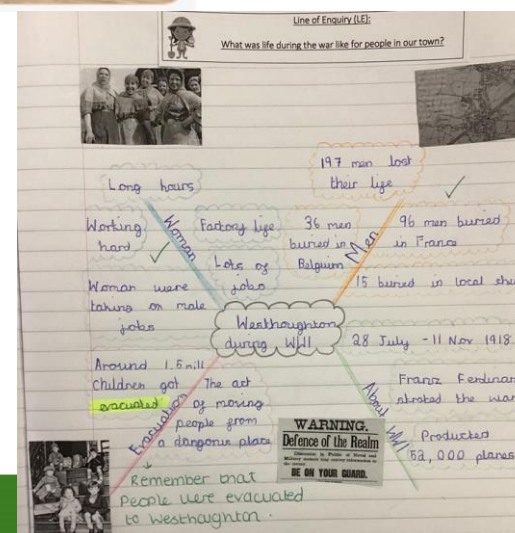


Indoor PE is Gymnastics. We have begun by revisiting previous learning and practising 'gym shapes'. Then they will be learning different types of rolls and balances. Each week the children will apply their new knowledge in groups to create sequences using mats and equipment.



## Personal Development update - Kingfishers

This week, Kingfishers recapped the fundamental British values of democracy, individual liberty, the rule of law and mutual respect and tolerance. During their Big Question time, the class devised a way to remember these using their hands and discussed how they meet these values in school. In addition to this, throughout their History learning, Kingfishers answered the question, 'what was life during the war like for people in our town?'. Through various sources of evidence, independence and an eagerness to learn, the children were able to present their findings!



## Weekly Awards for last 2 weeks

The Headteacher awards were awarded to **Maea McCauley** - for her resilience and energy in lessons this week and to **Sofia Southern**- for always being so proactive and supportive.

Our Stars of the week this week wearing the golden medals are:-

w/c 11/09	w/c 18/09
Belle Rushton for her positive attitude towards all aspects of her learning.	Harrison Hunger for demonstrating independence
Reese Nuttall - for amazing segmenting and blending	Clover Horridge for brilliant contributions on the carpet
Isla Edwards - for brilliant engagement, joining in and helping others	Chester Knight- for developing his independence in class and demonstrating excellent engagement.
Carter O'Callaghan - for always being engaged and enthusiastic - a pleasure to teach.	Eva Shaw - For making progress in phonics and learning new sounds.
Tiran Lakhman for always being ready to learn	Seriah Bombata - For her independence in all her learning and her support of her partner this week.
Kara Southern for giving 100% in all her lessons.	Pippa Matthews
Fatima Cheema for a HUGE improvement in her independence. A great start to Year 3!	Cooper Bailey for showing lots of resilience and independence with his learning
Luke Williams for a great start to the year.	Erin Seddon - always trying her best. Really pleased with her engagement
Liam Karabin - For showing fantastic engagement in all lessons and supporting his peers	Harrison McLaren for demonstrating a fantastic attitude to learning.
Kianna Wornsop-Turner for showing super independence and a great initiative.	Katy Broomhead for her blossoming independence and progress.
Felix Graham - engagement in lessons - always contributing to lessons	Waleed Mushtaq for being respectful to staff and peers.

Well done to our winners!





## PTA updates



YOU'RE INVITED TO A

# Halloween Party

The Gates PTA invite you to a Halloween Party with your school friends

Ticket price includes a hot dog and unlimited cordial

10th October After school		3.20- 4pm EYFS/KS1 4.15-5pm LKS 2 5.15-6.15pm UKS2
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£3 a ticket  
£6 a family ticket

Prizes for best dressed

An adult will be required to stay for EYFS & KS1 and refreshments will be available to purchase

Send money in with your child in a named envelope or purchase at the pop up shop on the 5th October



## POCKET MONEY POP UP SHOP

DONUTS, CAKES, BUBBLES,  
KEY RINGS, BRACELETS,  
FIDGETS AND MUCH MORE

5th October & 9th November

AFTER SCHOOL AT  
3:20

# Term Dates for your diary



Autumn 1	
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5/6 Cross Country Event – Moss Bank Park 4pm
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent Forum 9.30am (please register with the office)
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y 3/4 Football Festival Ladybridge High - 3.00-4.30pm.
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y5/6 Library visits
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Panathlon – 10 pin bowling Hollywood Bowl 10.00-12.30
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual School photos
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5/6 Library visits
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5/6 Cross Country Event – Moss Bank Park 4pm
5 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA pop up shop after school
10 <sup>th</sup> October	The Lowry Industrial Scenes Workshop - Robins
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Halloween Discos – from 3.20pm – see PTA updates for details
11 <sup>th</sup> October	The Lowry Industrial Scenes Workshop - Puffins
12 <sup>th</sup> October	The Lowry Industrial Scenes Workshop - Owls
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Morning for prospective Reception/Nursery parents 9.00-11.00
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5/6 Netball Festival – 4.00-5.30pm, St Joseph's High School
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Evening 3.30-6.00pm
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5 Harvest Assembly - 9.00am
<b>20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>School closes for 2 week half term holiday</b>

# Free School Meals

There are 2 types of Free School Meals

## 1. Statutory Free School Meals

If you already receive housing benefit or council tax support, or have recently applied, you don't have to do anything.

If you don't receive housing benefit or council tax support, you need to apply for free school meals.

Apply for free school meals: [www.bolton.gov.uk/free-school-meals-clothingallowance/free-school-meals-help-school-uniform](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/free-school-meals-clothingallowance/free-school-meals-help-school-uniform)

## 2. Universal Free School Meals

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 your child will already be receiving Universal Free School Meals, however, it is still very important that you complete the Free School Meals application as having this eligibility entitles you to receive help with other school provisions such as some school trips or clubs etc...

Please click on the link below and follow the advice and guidance on how to apply online.

If you need any help completing the form, please contact the office via email on [office@thegates.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:office@thegates.bolton.sch.uk)

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/free-school-meals-clothing-allowance/free-school-meals-help-school-uniform>