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Dear Parent/Carer

It is with a great sense of pride that I write the first Academy newsletter to you today. We are absolutely delighted that Little London Primary is now formally a part of the GORSE family; we are very much looking forward to the coming weeks, months and years as we work in partnership to further develop the provision on offer at Little London Academy.

Many of you will be wondering what will stay the same and what will change?

The following aspects will stay the same:

- The Senior Leaders, Teachers and wider staff.
- Classes, classrooms and class names.
- School times and holidays.
- Lunchtime arrangements.
- Uniform (until your children grow out of their clothes and you need to buy more)
- Little London as part of our school name.
- Our passion and enthusiasm to achieve the very best for your children.

The following aspects will change:

- The school will now be called Little London Academy.
- We need to choose a new logo (see the 4 below that the children have designed and chosen to shortlist) and we need your help and comments!



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- The school leaders will be Mr Done as Principal, Mrs Thackray as Vice Principal, Miss Birch and Mr Gibbons as Assistant Principals. Mr Done has decided to stay at Little London as the permanent Principal.
- We will introduce better facilities over time, inside and outside.
- We will start new health initiatives, environment projects and introduce competitive sports as part of GORSE games.
- There will be more opportunities for visits and visitors, and also to work with other children in the other 5 GORSE primary schools.
- Pupils in Year 5 (next year's Year 6 moving to high school in September 2025 will hopefully receive a guaranteed place at The Ruth Gorse Academy, rated Outstanding last October.
- We hope to open Little London Nursery in September 2024 for 3+ year old children next to our Reception classes, with an even better outdoor area!

We are so excited to be joining the GORSE family with all of the amazing opportunities ahead!

Attendance update

Year group	Class name	Attendance
Reception	Hardworking Hippos	89.5%
	Curious Caterpillars	84.1%
1	Millie Bright	97.6%
	Julia Donaldson	87%
	Malala Yousafzai	90%
2	Sir David Attenborough	92.1%
	Rosa Parks	91.2%
3	Kevin Sinfield	98.7%
	Martin Luther King	96.3%
4	Michael Jordan	90.4%
	Nelson Mandela	84.8%
5	Sir Mo Farah	90.4%
	Marcus Rashford	86.2%
6	Katherine Johnson	89.7%
	Tim Peake	94%

Here are this week's attendance figures. The attendance prizes for next week with extra break time go to Sir Mo Farah class in Key Stage 2 and Julia Donaldson class in EY and KS1!

KS1 winner this week is Millie Bright with 97.6%. KS2 winner this is Kevin Sinfield with 98.7%.

As a reminder, you MUST call or visit the school office if your child is unwell, we cannot accept text messages, emails or Class Dojo notifications from you to tell us your child is absent, as there is a risk we may miss these messages and call or visit you anyway.

We will sometimes visit you on the first or second day of absence, if we have any concerns or if your child already has very low attendance. Otherwise we may call to your home on the second day. If we have not seen your child for three days, especially if this spans a weekend, we will certainly visit on day three, to see if there is any help we can offer or any food/support you may need. Thank you for your support with attendance.

Coffee Afternoon!

On Friday 8th February we have a coffee afternoon planned where we will be joining a Zoom parenting workshop video from 12.30pm to 1.30 pm for parents of 8-18 year olds. Everyone is welcome in the new Community Hub in Upper School.

Star and Achievement Award winners

Year group	Class name	Star Award	Achievement Award
Reception	Curious Caterpillars	Khizar A	Hadja D
	Hardworking Hippos	Arman Z	Tomas D
1	Millie Bright	Azkiyah J	Umar S
	Julia Donaldson	Aiden L	Youssapha
	Malala Yousafzai	Theo H	Retal B
2	Rosa Parks	Finnley L	Hashem
	Sir David Attenborough	Aiden B	Ayaan K
3	Kevin Sinfield	Abdalla B	Tamana S
	Martin Luther King	Jonathan L	Boubacar D
4	Michael Jordan	Dylan G	Lanya A
	Nelson Mandela	Amari PH	Shofi C
5	Sir Mo Farah	Eva G	Abdullah A
	Marcus Rashford	Hadya Y	Abdiramen A
6	Katherine Johnson	Abubacar J	Edneyza B
	Tim Peake	Alma	Vaseegaran