



Gosforth Park First School

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♥ x 'I'm so proud of you!' x ♥



Over the next week or so, teachers will be nominating children's work to be displayed on our Pride of Gosforth Park First School board in the hall. Work displayed will be exemplary in content and presentation and will really 'wow' us. If your work is displayed you will be presented with a Pride of Gosforth Park First School medal which you will get to wear around school for a week. You will also have your photo taken in our Friday celebration assembly which will be sent home along with a copy of your amazing work. I hope our display board is big enough!

Mrs Lamb



Reception Yoga Bugs

Reception are enjoying their Yoga Bugs classes on a Wednesday morning. The children have been focusing on the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and have brought the story to life through specially developed moves inspired by yoga.

Miss Walsh



Zoolab visit for Nursery

The Nursery children had a wonderful time during our visit from Zoolab. We learned lots about animals in winter and how they cope with the cold. We met a beautiful tortoise, a Royal python (who enjoyed slithering around the carpet!), a giant land snail, a hissing cockroach, a false-tomato frog, a millipede, a tarantula and some very friendly and well-trained rats! The children were absolutely fascinated, asked lots of questions, listened well, and were so respectful of the animals they met. Well done Nursery!

Look at the paintings we did after our visit!



Miss Gasper



Class Assemblies

Class assemblies will begin next half term when you will have the opportunity to come into school and watch your child and their class present what they have been learning about. Due to our very exciting and popular celebration assemblies which are held at the end of the school day, class assemblies will be on Friday mornings. Doors will open as soon as we can get the hall ready (no later than 9:15) so you can have a cuppa and a chat, then the children will come down at 9:30. Dates for each class will be in next week's newsletter.



Look out for the Change4Life booklet in your child's book bag today. The back page has a section for adults with information on becoming sugar smart and has a useful reminder about the maximum recommended daily amounts of sugar we should be allowing our children to have. There is also a pull out page with ideas for sugar swaps and some recipes to try out which represent many more on the Change4Life app and website. The main section of the booklet is aimed at helping our children to become more aware about the need for less sugar in their diets, and to encourage them to try some sugar swaps.

Mrs Wells



Madame Baldasera still has some places for French Club. Please contact her directly if you would like to book a place.

rachelbaldy@gmail.com 07815115468

Reception Thursday 12:30 – 1:00
Year 1 Wednesday 12:30 – 1:00
Year 2 Thursday 12:00 – 12:30
Year 3 and 4 Wednesday 12:00 – 12:30

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have one vacancy for a Parent Governor on the Governing Body of the School. If anyone is interested in taking on this role and being involved in the continued success of the school, please collect an information pack from the school office or download from the governor section of the school website.

We have always been very fortunate in having excellent support from parents. There are three full Governing Body meetings per year and each of the two sub-committees, Standards and Curriculum and Staffing and Finance meet three times per year.

The deadline for registering an interest is Monday 4th February.

If you wish to talk to our Vice Chair of Governors, Gill Milne, or myself about the role you are most welcome to do so. Please contact the School Office to arrange an appointment.

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

From the 4th of February the office will be collecting donations of pre-loved uniform. This will be for one week only as we cannot store clothes for a long time. Please note that all clothes must be in good condition. I will arrange for these to be collected and sorted and will sell as usual. Proceeds will go into school fund to buy playground resources for the children. We will not be accepting any donations after 8th of February.

Many thanks

Mrs Watkins

(On behalf of the PTFA)



Coming soon - The Lollipop Raffle

In February, the four schools along Granville Road - Gosforth East Middle, St. Oswald's RC Primary, Gosforth Park First and Broadway East First - are coming together to hold a huge raffle. This is in a bid to raise the £5,000 necessary to fund the crossing patrol warden on the corner of Broadway East, saved by our community in 2017, for a further academic year.

Raffle books and a letter will be heading home with your child at the end of February but, in the meantime, if any parents are able to help with any corporate-style prizes, such as afternoon teas, annual memberships, spa/hotel/hospitality prizes, then we would be hugely grateful.

Please text: Rebekah Stephenson 07763 711431, Kate Watkins 07947846974 or Keri Walker 07725 461047 to make your prize pledge.

Thank you in advance for helping us to remain the only crossing in the city funded by its families.

On behalf of the Parklands Community Crossing

Attendance

Today you will be receiving a letter outlining your child's attendance figure for the autumn term. Expected attendance is at least 96%. The letter will show you how many sessions of attendance and absence your child has had. A school day is made up of 2 sessions (Am and PM).

Thanks

Mrs Lamb



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Reception Miss Walsh** and **Reception Miss Coughlan**

Our attendance this week was 98%. A huge improvement on last year (96.6%)

We had 13 lates this week (7 families)

Thank you

Homework

Class	
Green	Number bonds to 10 and 20 Phonics – tricky words matching & word search
Orange	Maths word problems Past Tense word sort
Yellow	Past tense worksheet Mathletics activity
Indigo	Column method x questions or Missing number x questions
Violet	Year 3 Addition and subtraction of money Year 4 mental multiplication methods
Blue	Written multiplication methods including column multiplication



Congratulations to Maisie Rivett who has achieved her Stage 4 swimming award.

Congratulations to Eliza Dixon who has achieved her Stage 2 and also her 10 meter swimming award.

Congratulations to Spencer Fahy who has achieved his Stage 1 swimming award.

Congratulations to Jude Manning who has achieved his Stage 1 swimming award.



Our Mathletics trophy goes to **Yellow Class** this week and our Mathletes of the week are *Zach Miladinov* and *Ellie Miladinova*! Well done!



The Friends of GPFS

Parklands Community Crossing

The Parklands Community Crossing group are currently looking for any large donations which could be used as prizes in a raffle which will be ran in the spring to raise the money needed to fund the crossing on Broadway East for another two years. All four schools on site are involved and so far we have some fantastic prizes lined up but for a raffle of this scale we really could do with more to ensure the maximum amount of ticket sales possible. The crossing is such a vital service to the safety of so many of the pupils at all four schools, so even if you don't personally use it please support us in our efforts to ensure we don't lose this service.

If you or family members have any corporate connections, for companies you think may be willing to donate a prize please let one of the PTFA know and we will pass the information along to Parklands Community Crossing Group.

DONT FORGET!! Next time you're doing your shopping

Put all your **Green**
Tokens in the **YELLOW** 
and support our school!!



On Behalf of the Friends of GPFS

Have a lovely weekend,

Jen Higgins