



Gosforth Park First School

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Thank you so much to those of you who could make it to the Numicon Session last Friday afternoon. It was great to see so many of you there - all 62 of you! From your evaluation forms most of you said that overall the session was excellent. Thanks for your feedback about how we can make events like this even better in the future. Your suggestions for further sessions for both maths and other subjects were super and we'll see what we can do!

Mrs Lamb



It's that time of year again! **Children in Need** day is **Friday 17th November**. In school we would like to raise money for this regular charity by:

- Dressing in Spots – wear polka dots or dress as something spotty for the day. Donation suggestion - £2. There will be a prize for the spottiest child in each class.
- Guess how many chocolate buttons in the pot – nearest guess, wins the pot! £1 to play.
- Buying jokes – from Mr Phipps and Orange Class' Joke machine - 20p per joke!
- On 15th October, round pound coins went out of circulation. There are still millions to be found, so join the treasure hunt and check your jam jars, money boxes and down the back of the sofa to see how many you can find. Bring them in from Monday 13th November and we will add them to all the other money we raise. Happy hunting!

Staff will also be getting involved with a duck race sweepstake!



Miss Cogdon



Please can we remind parents to cut grapes in half lengthways as they present a serious choking hazard. Grapes and cherry tomatoes from our school kitchen **have** to be cut in this way and we ask all parents providing healthy snacks and packed lunches to do the same. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs Lamb

Book Fair Week & Coffee

Afternoon

The Book Fair will be arriving on **Monday 13th November**; books will be on sale in the School library. From the amount of money raised from the sale of books, school is given a ' % of purchase ' to get books for the children in school. Mrs Renwick our Literacy Curriculum leader will give some more information about this in next week's newsletter.

Your opportunity to buy books will be from **Monday 13th** after school for half an hour **3.30pm - 4.00pm, in the School Library, Monday - Thursday.**

On Friday 17th October there will be a Book Fair Coffee afternoon in the School Hall at **2.20pm**. Parents, family and carers can come in to browse without their children and have a chat. **From 2.40pm** parents can collect their children to visit the Book Fair in the hall. I will sanction an early finish from **3.00pm** only to children who have visited the Book Fair and who are with their parents, carers. The Book Fair **has to close at 3.30pm** as the Out of School Club must have access to the School Hall for their children. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.



The Daft as a Brush Christmas Tree Lights were switched on yesterday and our very own Thomas Hearn in Blue Class had a finger on the button! Don't they look fab!



Christmas Productions

Reminder Christmas Productions Dates

Please put the dates on your calendar

As advised in several newsletters. The dates for the Dress Rehearsals and Main Productions are in the list below. Exact times will be given nearer the date but please note that the productions for Key Stage 1 & 2 **are ticketed** due to hall capacity and **two tickets per family will be issued. The EYRs productions are not ticketed.**

This part is very important: Pre-school, babies and children under First School age are **not permitted at the main Productions** but **will be very welcome at the dress rehearsals.**

This is at the request of staff to minimise distractions for the children and to give them the opportunity to 'perform' as if they were a theatre production. All of our children see each key stage production dress rehearsal so no one misses out unless it is due to unforeseen circumstances e.g. illness.

Dress Rehearsals: Pre-school, babies and children under First School age welcome

Friday 8th December = Morning Nursery, Reception 1 & 2

Friday 8th December = in the afternoon - Key Stage 1 (Yellow, Orange, Green classes)

Monday 11th December = in the morning - Key Stage 2 (Blue, Indigo, Violet)

Monday 11th December = in the afternoon – Afternoon Nursery, Reception 1 & 2

THE PRODUCTIONS Adults only at the Productions

Tuesday 12th December Afternoon

Performance = Afternoon Nursery, Reception 1 & 2

Wednesday 13th December Morning

Performance = Morning Nursery, Reception 1 & 2

Thursday 14th December Afternoon Performance = Stage 1 (Yellow, Orange, Green classes)

Friday 15th December Afternoon Performance = Key Stage 2 (Blue, Indigo, Violet classes)



Remembrance Sunday



At the end of the Golden Book Celebration Assembly today some of our Year 4 children, who have been learning about WW2, read out poems they had written about Remembrance. We had some wonderful comments from parents and a request for the children's work to be published in this week's newsletter. Well done Year 4 – we are so proud of you!

We Shall Remember

Forever we shall remember
On this day of 11th of November
The poppies will stand loyal to
you
As you lie in Flanders field
You fought for us in battle
So we shall remember you
You have died
But in our hearts you stand
brave and proud
Your bodies lie proud
As you are remembered

By Dyanesh Athiraman

We Shall Remember

Forever we shall remember
On the 11th of November
They were our protector
If they are forgotten I will
remember
They built our future
For us to grow and mature
There you can lie in Flanders
field

By Thomas Hearn

We Shall Remember

We shall remember the 11th
November
The eleventh day of the
eleventh month
We shall have two minutes
silence to remember them
And respect them
Who lost their lives to help us
in the future
So thank you all you who lost
your lives to save us

By Olivia Rivett

Remember, Remember

Remember, Remember
Everyone who is not with us
now
Mature enough to fight in the
war
Everyone who stands with us
should wear a poppy today
Most of us might know one
who passed away
Before they did they were very
brave to fight in the war
Everyone should just remember
them
Remember, remember the 11th
November

By Eva Ferguson

Remembrance Poem

Forever we shall remember
On this day 11th November
We will put wreaths in the
Flanders fields
There is one special flower
That is a poppy
Remember, remember the
11th of November
We shall remember the ones
who fought
Remembrance day we shall
be taught

By Ellie Cook

We Shall Remember

Forever we shall remember
The 11th of November
Yet because of the brave that
fought
We should be taught
We will all remember the day
you shone
Because now you're gone

By Adam Farnaby



Remembrance Poem

Forever we shall remember
On this day 11th of November
We will show our respect to the soldiers that
passed away
But we shall remember everyone who was in
WW2
Poppies show respect to all young people and
older people who risked their life
As we will remember all who have passed away.

By Emilia O'Rourke

We Shall Remember

Forever we shall remember
On this day the 11th November
We shall remember what happened on the 11th
November
They fought for us, they gave up their lives for us
They were all very brave and so shall we with all
of their deaths
We all shall make poppy wreaths
Poppies are red because of all the blood that was
left behind and that's how you know the colour of
a poppy.

By William Lewis

Fields of Flowers

Cornflowers blue
That's something new!
Roses pink
You gotta think!
Daffodils yellow
You're my fellow!
But there is one special flower
That has a special power
And they are the poppies red
They make you think of the dead
The people who fought for our future
The people who care if we grow and mature
So just by wearing a poppy
Y'know lots of people will copy
It will make you think of the brave
So go and stand at their grave
So with two minutes silence
You will remember the violence
So remember
The 11th of November

By Lola O'Shaughnessey

Attendance News

Another great week for attendance! Our attendance this week is 98.2%, up from 97.7% this time last year. We have had 21 late marks this week (14 families).



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Violet** and **Indigo** classes.

Well done to everyone
Mrs Lamb



Congratulations to Sean Peng who achieved his

200m Rainbow Distance Award.

Well done!



The Mathletics trophy was awarded to both Receptions Classes on Monday. A special mention goes out to **William Philips** and **Lateen Alsahabi** who were our Mathletes of the week.

Well done!

Mrs Lamb

Spare Clothes

We are low on spare tights for when the girls have fallen over or have had 'accidents'. Any donations kindly appreciated thanks - Mrs Hall



GIFTS FOR GHANA

Thank you for all the lovely gifts you have already sent into class for the children in the orphanage. They are slowly mounting up!

We will be collecting gifts right up till the end of November – so you still have time to get a little something if you and your child would like to support this.

The shoe bags to put the gifts in will cost about £140 in total and to help fund this Mrs Sara has agreed to Key Stage 2 children holding a cake sale for the whole school. This will be held on Thursday 23rd November at 3:30 when cakes brought in will be sold in the yard by the main entrance – so children and grown-ups can buy on the way home.

Mrs Wilson and class teachers will be happy to accept cakes from KS2 either on Wednesday at home time or Thursday morning (KS1 your turn next time).

We are hopeful that the entire amount will be raised at this sale – any extras will go towards buying gifts.

BARVEMBER

Some of our classes have been solving problems from the Barvember Challenge using bar models. Look up Barvember on Google, Facebook or Twitter for more information. Here is a problem for the grown-ups!

Tom, Ulrika and Harriet each have some money.

Harriet has 3 times as much money as Ulrika.

Harriet has £304 more money than Tom.

Tom has $\frac{5}{7}$ of the amount of money that Ulrika has.

How much money does Ulrika have?

Good luck!

