



# Gosforth Park First School

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## Key Stage 1 Gosforth Synagogue Visit

KS1 have had the marvellous opportunity with links with the Synagogue in Gosforth.

Mrs Vandervelde the Education outreach lead visited the Yr1s in school and did a workshop with them about Shabbat. The children were enthralled ...

Blake – She told us about what they ate on Shabbat. They have grape juice or wine and special bread.

Daniel I – They light a big flame on a special candle.

Our Year 2s visited the Synagogue and found the experience very interesting and enthralling.

Livvy – At the synagogue the women and men had to sit separate. Women had to sit upstairs and men had to sit downstairs when they're doing stuff.

Tilly – At the synagogue I thought it was beautiful. The Star of David was my favourite thing. It was gold and sparkly and cool.

Hayden – the men had to wear a kippah but we just had to wear a hat. The mezuzah is a thing on the wall that the Jewish people touch when they go into a new room.

## Key Stage 2 PE Enhancement

KS2 are having weekly tennis coaching sessions with Carlos from Gosforth Lawn Tennis Association. They are being taught skills to develop their ability to play tennis. This is going down very well with the children. Miss Storey our PE subject lead has organised this.

## Djembe Drumming in Early Years

Our Nursery and Reception children are developing their musical skills with Franco and Steve from Newcastle Music Service with Djembe drumming workshops. The sounds are resonating around school and we are all feeling the beat in a positive way. The children are thoroughly enjoying their sessions. Hopefully at the last session there will be a little demonstration of their skills to showcase to parents. More information to follow from Mrs Renwick and Ms Gasper!



## Sainsbury's Vouchers

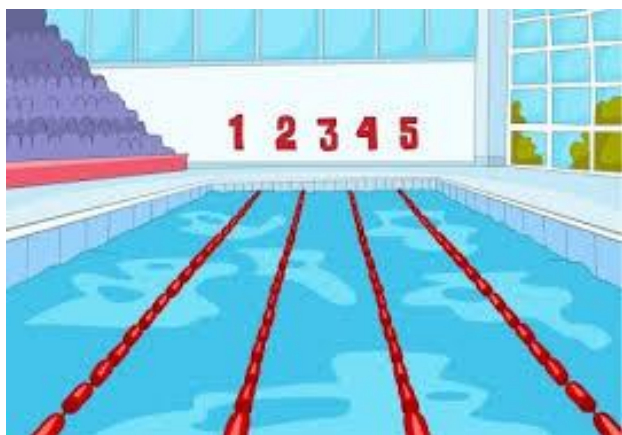


Sainsbury's  
**Active Kids 2017**  
Eat well • Move well • Live well

A little while ago Miss Storey asked if parents, families, friends and staff could collect the vouchers for school. The vouchers can be used to obtain gardening, cooking and sports equipment. The scheme has finished so please if you have any tucked away please send them into school. The voucher box is outside the School Office.

Many thanks.

## Year 4 Swimming Gala



On Thursday 18th May some of our YR4 children have been selected to enter the Gosforth Schools Swimming Gala. Mrs Wilson is coordinating our school team. There is a buzz of excitement and we wish them fun and good luck for the 18th.

## OUR VISITORS FROM POLAND

Last Saturday my cousin and her family came for a visit from Poland. They are staying for a week.

Today they came to look around our school, we showed her the library, ICT and my classroom. We also looked around our playground.

The weather was fantastic, and my uncle, aunt and cousin were very impressed. Auntie thinks our school is very colourful.

Earlier in the week, we went to Cragside and Alnwick Castle and it was very exciting. We also visited the beech and got some ice cream.

So far we've had lots of fun. I hope it will be fun for the rest of the week.

By Max, Violet Class





## Daft as a Brush Day

Thursday 25th May

Daft as a Brush is the chosen Charity being supported by the Gosforth Schools' Trust. The children across the Trust voted for this via their School Council representatives. The theme is 'Daft Day'. Like the Eurovision Song Contest we are waiting for our children to put their ideas forward to the School Council and then for the School Council to make the decision as to what theme and events can be undertaken. We will let you know asap with baited breath.



**Healthy School**

**Ban "sweetened" drinks from the home -** and persuade your children to drink water instead. Fizzy drinks, fruit drinks, sports drinks, and milky drinks to which sugar's been added, and even 100% fruit juices are high in calories. Children tend to drink fewer sweet drinks when they're not freely available in the home. Miss Cogdon

## Training Day Friday 26th May

*A reminder that School will be closed on Friday 26th May for the children as it is a staff training day. We have an external trainer coming to school to train, update, staff and governors on the use of Numicon to support our children's learning in Maths.*

### **What is Numicon:**

*Numicon is a multi-sensory approach to teaching maths developed by experts in the classroom. It is designed to help children understand connections between numbers. Through the multi-sensory activities and mathematical language of Numicon, children develop the understanding and skills that underpin their understanding of number.*



*We will send out some more information about Numicon after the May half term holiday.*



## Next year's **RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO ROBINWOOD!**

A letter has been sent home today to every Year 3 child in school inviting them and their parents to a meeting in the school hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm. It would be lovely to see as many parents there as possible.

Mrs Wilson



Jack McClintock was presented with the **Best Trainer trophy** from Novocastrians RFC U9's – well done Jack!

### Attendance News

Our figure for school attendance to date this term is 97.2%, up from 96.6% last year! Well done!!

### Attendance



### Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Blue** and **Indigo** classes!  
Well done to everyone! Mrs Lamb

## PLEASE SUPPORT

### OUR WONDERFUL CHOIR

On **Tuesday** next week (16<sup>th</sup> May) our Choir will be selling homemade cakes at the school gate for our choir fund.



The children will be singing at the Sage Gateshead in the evening on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Our school choir sang last year and it was an amazing evening, packed with song and dance. Why not come along and support them there too. Tickets are available from the Box office at the Sage. The children will be singing songs you and your children will know.

Thanking you in advance for your support.

Mrs Thorpe and Mrs Wilson

## TOP TABLE

Well done to the following children who were chosen to sit at top table today for demonstrating outstanding manners and great behaviour at lunch time!

**Aseel Alqahtani, Jay Doshi, Megan Wells,  
Grace Herschel, Dyanesh Athiraman,  
Daniel Taylor and Pip Walker**

# Dates for your calendar

May 23rd	Tennis Team semi-finals of the Tony Blair Tennis Tournament – Miss Storey and the team
May 25th	Daft as a Brush Day in School
May 26th	Staff Training Day – school closed to children
May 29th – June 2nd Half Term Holiday School Reopens for all children on Monday June 5th	
June 6th	Gosforth Schools - 'Lee Sterry KS 2 Girls Footfall Tournament' – Miss Storey / Mrs Wilson
June 9th	Non Uniform Day – Summer Fair help please - have asked for a non-uniform day to support the running of the Chocolate Tombola Stall and the Bottle Stall. The children can come to school not wearing their uniform but please ensure sensible footwear and in return kindly bring in donations of chocolate and or bottles for the Chocolate Tombola Stall and Bottle Stall. This is always very popular at the Fayre but we do need donations. The FGPFs thank you in advance for your help and support
June 12th	Blue Class YR 4s 'Cycle Smart' training (more information to come from Mrs Wilson)
June 13th	Indigo Class YR 4s 'Cycle Smart' training (more information to come from Mrs Wilson)
June 17th	FGPFs Summer Fair – 11.00am – 1.00pm everyone welcome. FGPFs info soon
June 23rd	Annual Open Day Theme - 'Ghana' – African Theme', = 12.00pm – NOON starting with family picnic lunch; activities in school with your child / children. This will include am / pm Nursery. More information nearer the time
June 26th	6.30pm in the School hall, Nursery New Parents evening for September 2017 start
June 27th	6.30pm in the School hall, Reception New Parents evening for September 2017 start
June 30th	Choir Sage Concert – Mrs Thorpe / Mrs Wilson
July 5th & 6th	YR4 Transition Days to GEMS or GCM
Week of 10th July	Sports Week, more information to follow
July 14th	End of Year Reports to Parents and Guardians Reception – Year 4 / Report reply slips to be returned by Wednesday 19th July
July 20th	Year 4 Leavers' Special Assembly for their parents / guardians 9.10am (more info soon)
July 20th	YR4 Leaver's Party, Children only 1.30pm
July 21st	Last Day of Term