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## Easter Fun Afternoons

Huge thanks on behalf of the PTFA for your support with our Easter Fun afternoons this week. This has raised a fantastic **£672** to be added to PTFA funds, all of which goes back to being spent on the children.

Huge thanks to Karen Colley, the community champion at Kingston Park Tesco, for the generous donation of 78 bags of popcorn for our Easter Fun afternoons.



## Easter Holidays

We break up on Friday 8th April for the Easter Holiday. School reopens on Monday 25th April.



## We're recruiting!

Would you like to come and be part of our wonderful team in Rainbow Wraparound? You can find further details in the vacancy section of the school website or please pop in to see me or Mrs Lucas about the role.

Mrs Lamb



We are excited that our Year 4 swimming will be resuming next term. Unlike previous years when the children have gone every week for a session, the pool are now running blocks of sessions for schools. We will start on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and go each afternoon until Friday 10 June (9 sessions in total).

Lessons will be from 1:30 – 2:45.

Children will be walking to and from the pool and we are looking for volunteers to walk with us. If you can help by walking up to the pool, leaving school at 12:55 and then back again, leaving the pool at 3:00 we would be very grateful. Please contact the school office if you can help on any (or all) of the above dates.

Mrs Lamb

## Broadway East/Havannah

It was the last day of term yesterday for the children in Broadway East First School. The staff have been packing today for the move over the Easter Holiday into their new home at Havannah First School. We will miss seeing the children and staff around the school site and wish them the very best of luck!

## Pupil Consultation

Over the last few weeks in assemblies and in classes I have been talking with the children about our proposed expansion and refurbishment. I have been asking the children if they think it's a good idea and why, what suggestions they have and if they have any questions or concerns. I have summarised their responses in the document attached which has been shared with the local authority. Our children were very excited and positive about the opportunities and were very conscious of any impact on the environment and how we could be more energy efficient. They had some amazing ideas - we are so proud of them!



If you would like to sign your child up to the handball lunch club starting up after Easter please email [marlenhandball@gmail.com](mailto:marlenhandball@gmail.com)  
There are available spaces in all year groups.



I'm very *eggcited* to announce the winners of our egg decorating competition! It's no *eggsageration* when I say it was such a tough decision – you all did an *eggscellent* job! The winners are

**Reception SC:** Josh and Olly

**Reception DM:** Patrick and Darcy

**Green Class:** Elia and Finlay

**Orange Class:** Amara and Dominic

**Yellow Class:** Hattan and William B

**Indigo:** Lara and Sahib

**Violet:** Bruce and Maisie

**Blue:** Ivy and Alexa

Nursery winners will be announced after the holiday.

Huge thanks to Asda for donating the eggs to decorate and the prizes and to our wonderful PTFA for organising.



Have a wonderful Easter Holiday!  
Mrs Lamb

# Topics and Holiday Research Projects

Our topics for next half term are:



## Early Years – *Alternative Traditional Tales*

***Alternative Traditional Tales*** brings an endless range of opportunities to the classroom during the Summer term. Children love listening to the hilarious adaptations that authors have made to the traditional classics that they already know so well. This topic aims to build the foundations that our children need to become future storywriters and develop a lifelong love of reading.



## KS1 – **Out of Africa**

Our Key Stage One children will be learning about the vast and diverse continent of Africa. They will be exploring the human and physical Geographical features of Africa and also begin to understand the concept of inequality through a study of urban and rural African life from a child's point of view.

## KS2 – **Go Green**



Our next topic in KS2 is **Go Green**. This topic will explore the planning and decision making element of geography with an emphasis on sustainable energy, green technology and protecting our natural environment. We will be making an important decision about where to build the next windfarm in the North East of England, taking into account a range of perspectives. A very topical topic at the moment!

Please see the attached Topic Webs below for more information about what your children will be learning across all of our curriculum areas.

Mr Hindess





A fantastic idea for an easy trip out this Easter is to visit Exhibition Park where some unusual visitors await! We are lucky enough to have the Born Free Forever Lion of the Year exhibition come to the park, where 25 life sized lion statues have been placed for us to see. If you have ever seen the film Born Free then you'll be able to seek out the iconic Elsa amongst the impressive display. Definitely a fun way to get some fresh air and exercise and you can take in the playground and surrounding park too.

Mrs Wells

## Science Club

Over this half-term Science Club have been building marble runs out of recycled materials. They all created such different designs and should be very proud of what they created!

Miss Pope



## PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

Here is a reminder of the items I hold and sell. All funds are returned back to the school for playground equipment etc.

This is such an important supply of money, please support when you can!

PRE-LOVED ITEMS WE CAN SELL	
OFFICIAL SCHOOL JUMPERS	£2.50
OFFICIAL SCHOOL CARIGANS	£2.50
OFFICIAL SCHOOL POLOS	£1.50
GIRLS CHECKED DRESSES	£1.50
GREY PINAFORES	£1.50
GREY SKIRTS	£0.50
GREY GIRLS SOFT TROUSERS	£0.50
SCHOOL BAG (NEW STYLE)	£2.50
SCHOOL BAG (OLD STYLE)	£1.50
OFFICIAL PE T-SHIRT/SHORTS	£0.50
PRE-LOVED ITEMS WE CAN NOT SELL	
NON – OFFICIAL JUMPERS	
NON – OFFICIAL CARIGANS	
NON – OFFICIAL POLOS	
GREY BOYS TROUSERS	
GREY TAYLORED GIRLS TROUSERS	
GREY BOYS SHORTS	
DAMAGED OR MARKED ITEMS	

Items are sold from 6 Burnside Road NE3 2DU – A drop off box is at the front door so anytime uniform can be donated there is no need to knock. Please REMEMBER items, particularly red, must not be marked as they are unable to be sold on.

I hold a lot of smaller sized items, but I am completely out of Red 7-8 Polos, 9-10 Polos of both colours. Cardigans 7-8 and 9-10 of both colours. If you have more uniform than you need and could even manage with 3 items rather than 5 items a week due to washing, please consider even a small donation, as I have received orders that I am unable to fulfill.

You can text me **Kate Watkins (Parent)** on **07947846974** to arrange a collection.

*Since September 2020 (bearing in mind Lockdown) £2060 has been made for the school*



Huge congratulations to Sahib in year 3. He took part in a rugby tournament at the weekend for Gosforth Rugby club.



Congratulations to Pearl who completed her 600 m swimming award on Saturday morning in record time. She is very proud of herself and we are very proud of her too!



Congratulations to Ellie who passed her Grade 2 ABRSM Cello exam with Distinction. We are all very proud of her success!

Indigo class are our 'Mathletes of the Week', though Orange class were very close behind! Fantastic work from all of you!

Our three top scorers this week are Sahib D, Mila H and Lola A you are all superstars!



Harry F, Henry C and Hania P have been working so hard, earning wonderful 'Studio Speeds' this week – absolutely amazing efforts, well done!

Have a fantastic Easter everyone!



Jacob Mancini in Indigo, Eve Wotherspoon in Yellow and Alice Phillips in Orange class are our Oxford Reading Buddies this week, well done. Happy Easter Reading everyone!


## Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **94.8%**

Our class of the week is **Reception DM** with **98.6%**

Well done!

Please remember, I cannot authorise any absence due to family holidays - not even if you take me with you! I can only authorise leave in exceptional circumstances. If you do need to request leave, please ask for one of our updated forms from the office.

 <small>This is a request for a leave of absence to be granted by the Head Teacher for my child/children due to exceptional circumstances.          Dates requested: From: _____ To: _____</small>					
<small>Destination Address: _____</small>					
<small>Small address: _____</small>					
<small>Number of school days which will be absent: _____ (Do not include weekends or school holidays)</small>					
<small>Reason for leaving time off during term time: _____</small>					
<small>Please attach proof of reason for exceptional circumstances, if you are travelling abroad you must provide copies of your flight documents.</small>					
<small>Have you taken any other time off in term time during this school year? YES/NO If YES, how many school days were requested? _____</small>					
<small>Parent's address: _____ Telephone Number: _____</small>					
<small>Name(s) of parent or guardian: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____</small>					
<small>To be completed by parent</small>			<small>To be completed by school</small>		
<small>Please list the names and schools of all children who require permission for this absence.</small>			<small>Authorised by: _____</small>		
<small>Name of child (please print)</small> _____	<small>School</small> _____	<small>Class or Year Group</small> _____	<small>Yes/No</small> _____	<small>Name (please print)</small> _____	<small>Sign and date</small> _____
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Parents - Please note that absence taken in term time without prior permission from school may result in legal action for persistent absence being taken against you. The school will be unable to accept any absence unless it is authorised by the Head Teacher. If you are taking your child on a holiday during the school year, please ensure that you have completed the form in advance of the holiday dates. Completed forms to be returned to parent. Copy to be retained by school.

Many thanks  
Mrs Lamb



## An open letter from Parklands Community Crossing . . .

Dear parents, guardians and supporters,

It's that time again, the time when we ask our local community to help us to keep our children safe for another year.

For those new to school, the crossing patrol warden you see on the corner of Broadway East/Granville Road is NOT paid for by Newcastle City Council. It is paid for by us.

Since 2017, our community has fund raised the £5,000 needed to keep a lollipop on that dangerous blind bend.

Times are very tough for lots of people, and for small businesses. We also face the prospect of Broadway East First School relocating to Great Park, which means there are only three schools who will be using the crossing come September. Therefore, this may be our biggest challenge to date.

However, if we do not pay Newcastle City Council then there will be no crossing patrol warden on the corner from September 2022.

Once again due to grant funding we have already secured, the amount left to raise by September is actually a more achievable £3,000.

So, whilst we do not want to ask parents hit financially by the current cost of living crisis for money, we have no choice but to ask those who are able to dig deep and donate, via justgiving crowd funding.

Rightly or wrongly, it is sole responsibility of Gosforth East Middle, St. Oswald's RC Primary and Gosforth Park First schools to keep our children crossing the corner to school safely and we hope that Broadway families will support the crossing one last time.

If you are able, we are asking every family in our school community (whether your own child uses the crossing or not) to donate whatever you can afford, and allow us to save the crossing for the 6th year in a row.

We remain just three busy parents attempting to coordinate one mammoth fundraising exercise to keep the crossing and this year, once again, we need EVERY family who can to get behind us to donate.

Thanks in advance for making ours the only school crossing patrol saved by its community every year since the City Council first axed their funding in 2017.

Please be as generous as you can and donate at:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/parklandscommunitycrossing2022?utm\\_term=2bPMWn52z](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/parklandscommunitycrossing2022?utm_term=2bPMWn52z)

As ever, if we fail in our endeavours, all cash at the bank will be divided equally between the school PTFAs so that the children across our school community do not lose out.

With many thanks,

Rebekah Stephenson, Keri Walker and Iain Duigan (of GPFS)  
Parklands Community Crossing group

# Advanced Notice of Dates

Updates will be added in red

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	2:30 – 4:30 <b>KS2</b> Easter Fun Afternoon (PTFA)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	2:30 – 4:30 <b>KS1</b> Easter Fun Afternoon (PTFA)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	2:30 – 4:30 <b>Reception</b> Easter Fun Afternoon (PTFA)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Egg Competition (made in school)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	KS1 Trip to The Great North Museum
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	2:00 Reception Easter Fun Afternoon with parents
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter Holiday
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Gosforth Library Visiting School to deliver Story Time Assemblies
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 trip to Washington Wetlands
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 4 Visit to Safety Works PM</b>
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Children's Cancer Run
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>2:30 - 3:30 KS1 Jubilee Afternoon Tea – parents invited</b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>2:30 - 3:30 EYFS Jubilee Afternoon Tea – parents invited</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>2:30 - 3:30 KS2 Jubilee Afternoon Tea – parents invited</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Swimming – every afternoon
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 2 Visit to Safety Works AM</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for May Half Term Holiday
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Dance Festival
Week Beginning 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Schools 500 Games Competitions
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 3 Onsite Residential/Sleepover</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 4 Onsite Residential/Sleepover</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Reports out to Parents</b>

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EYFALE

EASTER SOCCER CAMP. MON 11TH APRIL - 14TH APRIL, TUESDAY 19TH APRIL - 22ND APRIL (4 DAY CAMPS)

9.15 - 3.30, £15.00 per day. Special discounts available. Free medal for all children.

Venue: Blue Flames Sports club, Benton

Contact Graeme Doyle for details: 07887766460




# Out of Africa




Our next topic is **Out of Africa**.

Children will be learning about the vast and diverse continent of Africa. They will be exploring Geographical features of Africa, both human and physical and also beginning to understand the concept of inequality through a study urban and rural Africa.

We would like you to complete a research project to share with the class. There are some ideas below:

Challenge	Creativity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Produce a PowerPoint presentation about your favourite African Country to present to the class.</li><li>• Design a quiz about Africa for your friends</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draw a picture of your favourite African animal</li><li>• Make your own traditional African tribal mask</li></ul> 
Community	Confidence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research similarities and differences between Gosforth and a town in Africa.</li><li>• Plan an expedition across Africa for your classmates- where would you like to visit and what will you take with you?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research some facts about Africa on the internet</li><li>• Read a book that is set in Africa</li><li>• Look at some photographs of different African habitats or climates</li></ul>



(p.s. We completely understand if you are unable to complete a piece of work)

Thank you for your continued support - KS1 teachers





## English

Poetry

Descriptive writing (adjectives and expanded noun phrases)

Present and past tenses



## Science



Identify and name plants

Describe the basic structure of flowering plants

Observe how seeds grow

## Maths

Multiplication and Division (Year 1)

Fractions (Year 1)

Position and Direction (Year 2)

Measurement: Time (Year 2)

## PSHE

Health and Wellbeing

## Physical Education

Net and Wall (outside)

Fundamental Movement Skills



*Out of Africa*

## Art/DT

African Patterns

Painting Skills



## Music

Traditional African Music

 **Confidence**

 **Challenge**

 **Creativity**

 **Community**

## Topic

Geographical similarities and differences



Human Geography

Physical Geography

Significant Individuals



## Computing



Introduction to coding  
(Scratch)

## Religious Education

Judaism

## Go Green!



Our next topic in KS2 is 'Go Green'. This topic will explore planning and decision making relating to physical and human geography with an emphasis on sustainable energy, green technology and protecting our natural environment.

For homework, we would love you to complete a research project about Go Green that you can present to the rest of your class. You could:

### Challenge

- Produce an information booklet about the dangers of burning fossil fuels.
- Write a persuasive letter to the government to convince them to use more renewable energy.
- Research climate change.
- Plan a lesson or quiz to deliver to your classmates.

### Creativity

- Design your own form of green transportation.
- Produce a poster to convince people to walk to school.
- Draw a picture of your perfect world.
- Make a model of a wind turbine.
  - Paint a picture of your garden

### Community

- Make a bug hotel or insect friendly area in your garden.
- Conduct a traffic survey of your street (through your window) and present your data in a bar chart.
- Design a growing bed for your garden, school or an allotment.
- Plan a pretend community engagement event to encourage more people to grow their own fruit and vegetables

### Confidence

- Create a PowerPoint presentation about green energy to present to the rest of the class
- Count the number of electronic appliances in your house
- Calculate how long each family member takes in the shower and agree a time limit for using hot water
- Watch a video of Greta Thunberg's speeches



(p.s. no child will be penalised if they are unable to complete a piece of work)

Thank you for your continued support: The KS2 Team





## English

Non-chronological Report

Present perfect tense

Plural possessive apostrophes

Writing to persuade



## Science: Plants

Functions of different parts of flowering plants

Requirement of life for plants

Life cycle of flowering plants

## Maths

Number: Fractions (Year 3)

Number: Decimals (Year 4)

Measurement: Money

Measurement: Time

## PSHE

Health and Wellbeing: **Why should we eat well and look after our teeth?**

## Go Green



## Art/DT

3D product (Wind Turbine)



## Physical Education

Cricket (Outdoor)

Golf (Outdoor)

## Music

Music Tuition:

Ukulele, African Drums, Glockenspiels

 **Confidence**

 **Challenge**

 **Creativity**

 **Community**

## Topic

Physical and Human Geography



Decision Making

Natural Resources

Renewable Energy



## Computing

Coding: Scratch



## Religious Education

Hinduism