



Gosforth Park First School

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Magnificent Maths Calculating Area

This week in Blue Class we have been finding out why we measure area with squares! In order to investigate area we decided to use post-it notes and cover our classroom. Poor Mr Hindess! Luckily we decided that we would not be able to accurately measure the area of Mrs Lamb's car because it is not rectilinear.



Gosforth Gets Going Zumba!

On Tuesday morning a group of Year 1 children had the opportunity to take part in a Zumba session in our hall with lots of other children from the Gosforth Trust Schools.

They had great fun learning new dance steps and moving to the music!

Miss Walsh



Beautifully Behaved!

It was lovely to hear that one of parents was approached at the swimming pool on Tuesday to ask which school our children were from. The member of the public was very impressed with the behaviour and good manners shown by the children. Well done Year 4 – we are so proud of you!

Mrs Lamb



Punctuality

Lateness is creeping up and we need your help. We had 26 lates from 15 families last week.

Children are expected to arrive at school on time at 8.55am. Arriving late can be embarrassing for a child and affect their learning and that of others in their class.

Once the entrance doors in the playground are closed, children should enter via the main entrance at the office. Parents/carers will be asked to sign in the Inventory system giving a reason for being late. Continuous lateness can be disruptive to both the child and class.

Lateness and arrival time is monitored. If there is a problem that we can help with please come and speak to me.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs Lamb

Robinwood 3rd – 5th April 2019

Our final meeting for the above residential visit will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 13th February at 6:30pm, where letters and forms will also be handed out.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Wilson

OSC Parents

Please may we remind you that after 3:30, no parents or children of GPFS should be wandering corridors or classrooms looking for lost items. There are many meetings and events held in classrooms and it is not appropriate for parents to be beyond the main office after this time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs Lamb

Healthy Active Lifestyle Event

On Thursday afternoon Miss Walsh's class had the opportunity to visit Walker Activity Dome to participate in a range of physical activities.

Lucy said, "I liked the dancing!"

Lonni said, "I liked jumping for the balloons!"

Miss Coughlan's class will have the opportunity to attend the same event in March.

Miss Walsh



You learn something new every day!

I was thrilled to bits this week when a couple for the boys from Blue Class were sent to show me their amazing writing!

When coming across the word 'keened' I asked the boys if this was a made up word. They delighted in explaining to me that it was in fact a real word which they'd learned in Mr Hindess' **Word You've Never Heard** activity.

keen²

/ki:n/ 

verb

past tense: keened; past participle: keened

- make an eerie wailing sound.
"the wind blew and wild birds keened in the sky"

Charity Heroes!

We are very fortunate in school to have such generous parents who often help us to raise money for charity events. We are even more lucky to have such wonderful, kind-hearted children who come to ask if we can support charities. Look at what they have achieved ...

Hair-raising news!

We have been totally overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness of one of our pupils this week, Esme, who was brave enough to cut off over 40cm of her hair which she hopes will make a nice long wig for someone! Esme's hair has been donated to The Little Princess Trust which provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and young adults up to the age of 24, who have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses.



Our wonderful pupils never fail to amaze us! Well done Esme!

Running, running!

Millie (yellow class) and Lola (nursery) attended the St Oswald's hospice award night to receive a certificate and medal to celebrate that they were the highest fundraisers for the charity at the Mini Great North run in 2018. What a wonderful achievement – well done girls!



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RAISING MONEY FOR THE DEAF HEALTH CHARITY SIGNHEALTH

We raised £91.40 on Wednesday



CALLING ALL ENGINEERS!

We are looking for enthusiastic parents who are willing to help in school during this year's STEM week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) which begins on Monday 11th March. We would like you to come into school and talk about your job and the experiences you have had being an engineer. (You may want to bring a few props or photos along too)

If you are interested and can help please contact **Mr Phipps** through the school office (0191 2852559)

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 assembly are:

Class	Date
Nursery am and pm	Wednesday 27 th March 10:45am 2:30pm
Reception SC and SW	Friday 10 th May
Green	Friday 29 th March
Orange	Friday 17 th May
Yellow	Friday 5 th April
Violet	Friday 22 nd March
Indigo	Friday 3 rd May
Blue	Friday 26 th April



Classes of the Week!



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

Our attendance this week was 97.7%. A huge improvement on last year (96.5%) but down on last week's 97.8%

We had 26 lates this week (15 families)

This is creeping up.

Mrs Lamb



Our Mathletics trophy goes to **Violet Class** this week and our Mathletes of the week are **Layla Chard** and **Sam Tristram!**
Well done!

Homework

Class	
Green	Tens and Ones Sentence matching
Orange	Pictograms Phonics – 'ue' sound activities
Yellow	Adding the suffixes 'ly' and 'ful' to words. Arrays
Indigo	Money word problems.
Violet	Partitioning multiplication questions; efficient multiplication
Blue	Find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares. Times table rock stars



Well done to Oliver Fagandini who has achieved his Stage 1 swimming award. Well done to Nina Gumbrill who has recently passed her Rookie Lifeguard Stage 3.

Congratulations to Ryan Middleton who has been invested as a Cub into 2nd Cramlington cub pack.



Huge congratulations to William Gibbins (Rec SC), Brice Reid (Rec SW), Josiah Clark-Wills (Green) and William Handyside (Blue) who have had their work displayed on The Pride of Gosforth Park First School board! They were presented in assembly with their medal which they will return next Friday, ready to hand over to the next set of superstars!



The Friends of GPFS

Asda Green Coins

Thank you for all of your support so far with the Asda coins, we are in the lead but the other charities are gaining on us so we really need everyone to spread the word and continue to support our school. Ask your friends and family to grab as many green coins as the Asda staff will allow and get them in the **YELLOW** slots!! It would be fantastic if we could secure the £500 donation for our school!!!

Upcoming events

There are lots of fun things planned and in planning for the children over the coming months. In March we will be supporting Red Nose Day and starting the Class Assemblies where the PTFA will be serving hot drinks before the children come into the hall. In April we will be having an Easter Egg decorating competition and a Spring Disco. Dates to follow.

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Thank you for all the Pre-Loved Uniform donations, a date will be announced soon for the Pre-Loved Sale and all of the proceeds will go straight into school funds.

PTFA Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 19th March at 7pm** in the school hall. As always, everyone is welcome to attend.

Have a great weekend,

On Behalf of the Friends of GPFS Committee,

Jen Higgins