



Gosforth Park First School

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Sports Week July 2019

Once again our 'Sports Week' has been a super success!

I have enjoyed starting every day with 'Wake up Shake up' on the yard and it has been great seeing all of the children's, parents and carers dance moves.

During our packed timetable for the week, the pupils enjoyed taking part in a wide range of activities including 'Hula hooping' with Hoopstarz, handball, football, basketball, dancing with Dance Fuse, 'The Daily Mile' and many class sporting activities. Throughout the week the pupils focused on what it means to be healthy and the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

The pupils were given the opportunity to engage in competitive sport during their Sports Afternoons. I hope you enjoyed coming along to support our super athletes! It was lovely to see you all there!

Miss Walsh

I know you will join me in saying a huge well done and thank you to Miss Walsh for organising such a range of fabulous sporting activities for our children. I'm sure the children (and certainly the staff) will be shattered and in bed early tonight!

Mrs Lamb

School Games Award

We have been awarded the Silver School Games Award for 2018/19. Huge thanks to Miss Walsh who has led on this. Look at our lovely new logo below!



We'd like to encourage all our children to sign up for **The Summer Reading Challenge**. This year's theme is **Space Chase** which links with the Moon Landing Anniversary.

The challenge is to read six books of their choice during the summer holidays. The children join at their local library and they receive a fold out poster to mark their progress. Three stages to the adventure give a sense of progression and certificates are awarded to the children who complete the challenge.

The school with the most children completing the challenge will win a FREE author visit to the school during Northern Children's Book Festival Fortnight in November!

Happy reading!

Mrs Lambert

For more information visit

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>





School Sport Update

A huge well done to all of the children who represented the school in the 'School Games 500' events last week at Benfield School.

On Wednesday there was a Year 1/2 Multi-Skills Event and a Year 4 Football Event.

Multi-Skills:

The children took part and enjoyed a variety of agility, balance and co-ordination activities. They had a chance to socialise with other schools across Newcastle and had lots of fun!

Football:

Well done to all the boys who took part in the football tournament. It was lovely to hear how well they had all played as a team and how they demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout.

Year 1/2 and 3/4 X-Country Running:

On Thursday there was a Year 1/2 and a Year 3/4 X-Country Running Event. The children competed against lots of other schools across Newcastle and they all had a great afternoon! A special mention to Joe Grantham who came 1st in his race against approximately 100 other boys! Our Key Stage 1 boys were placed overall in 3rd place.

Well done to all of the runners! You did us all proud!

Tag Rugby:

On Friday there was a Key Stage 2 Tag Rugby Event. The children had practised during their lunch time club in preparation for this event. They worked together as a team to develop their tag rugby skills and as a result finished in 3rd place! Well done!

Well done to everyone who took part in our School Games 500 events and thank you to all of the staff and parents who helped.

Miss Walsh



Fantastic news everyone! It is with great pleasure that I am happy to announce for the second year in a row, our school has been awarded 'The School Games Silver Award'.

Everyone at Gosforth Park First School should feel very proud of this fantastic achievement as this was a whole school initiative over the past academic year. To achieve this award our children participated in high quality P.E. lessons, daily physical activities such as the Daily Mile or 'Go Noodle', active lunch times and play times, active sports clubs such as dance, dodgeball, tag rugby, handball and football club.

We have also been committed to attending more sporting events such as, Healthy Active Lifestyle events, Gosforth Gets Going events, School Games events and the Newcastle Dance Festival. A 'Personal Challenge Zone' was also set up in the playground. This gave the children the opportunity to become more involved in skipping, star jumps and hopping challenges to name but a few!

Thank you again for all of your support!

Miss Walsh

Proud Headteacher

I have had lots of parents and staff who have approached me this week to tell me how amazing our pupils are. Not only has the children's behaviour been outstanding while they have been out and about representing school, but their sportsmanship and team skills (even in the face of adversity) have been so wonderful that staff and parents have been left with goose bumps and there have even been some misty eyes! This can only happen when we all work together so thank you so much children, staff, parents and our wonderful community. We are raising leaders of the future who have the attitude to change things for the better and they are a credit to us all.

Mrs Lamb

Schools 500 rugby tournament

The GPFS 1st IX ran out against lots of schools in the region. Given that some of our team had never played before or at least played in a competition, you would have never guessed it. Our team consisted of Asmina Doshi, Megan Surrage, James Taylor, Ryan Middleton, Brandon Dargue, Thomas Alley, Hamna Pervez, William Handyside and Sam Tristram).

There were a lot of standout performances. William and Sam made some blistering runs to score some great tries. Asmina zigzagged through the opposition as though she was slaloming down a ski run. Megan was a perfect poacher on the wing supporting the runner and got a bagful of tries herself. Some great strong midfield running by James and Ryan made for a great platform for the runners to launch from. Brilliant defending by Brandon, Thomas and Asmina made us tight at the back. Having come second in our group stage we got to second place playoff and as far as we were concerned we came third in the overall competition. While there were no medals, all GPFS were winners as far as I could tell. In rugby we live and play by the core values: TREDS: Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship. Our GPFS team lived up to every one of them and became a great little team - Well done kids.

By Mr Tristram (Sam's dad who helped on the day and is also a rugby coach!)

Robinwood 2019

A reminder that all deposits for Robinwood 2020 should have now been paid. If you have not sent it in either by cheque or through Parent Pay, it is not too late. We do however require it by Monday 8th July.

Many thanks
Mrs Wilson



ParentPay

Thank you for your patience as we move over to the Parent Pay system. The technical staff from the LA are working directly with Parent Pay to sort out the issues.

If you haven't done so already, please use your unique code to sign up to Parent Pay. From September **all** texts, emails, consent forms and payments will be done through Parent Pay. We will no longer be using the T2P system. We currently only have 56% of parents signed up.

Thanks for your support
Mrs Carrick and Mrs Eltringham

End of Year Reports

As advised in the Dates for your Calendar section, end of year reports will be sent out on Friday 12th July. If parents do not live together and require a copy each, please let the school office know and they will make sure each parent receives a copy of the report.

Mrs Carrick and Mrs Eltringham

Transition Day

All of our children have had the opportunity to spend some time with their new class teacher this week. As I walked around the classes on Thursday morning the children were all working hard trying to impress their new teachers and have produced some lovely work to be displayed in their new classrooms for the new school year. The staff were very impressed with the behaviour of their new classes and are raring to go for September!

Our Year 4 children looked so smart as they headed up to GEMS for the day. They were full of chat on the way back and sounded very excited, if a little worn out!

Teachers are in the process of passing on information to each other. If there is anything new you think we might need to know such as medical info or changes in family situations please pop in and speak to me.

Thanks. Mrs Lamb



Classes of the Week!



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

Our attendance this week was 97.2%, up on last week (97.1), and still better than last year (96.5%)

We had 11 lates this week (6 families) which is an improvement on last week. Let's see if we can do even better next week!

Thank you so much for your support.
Mrs Lamb



Our Mathletics trophy goes to **Yellow Class** again this week and our Mathletes of the week are **Jack Lloyd** and **Jamie Watkins**
Well done!



Well done to Asmina Doshi who has achieved her Silver Stage 3 Life Saving Award!

Homework

Class	
Green	Maths – number bonds to 10 & 20 - counting in 2s 5s and 10s to 50/100 Reading
Orange	Maths – number bonds to 10 & 20 - counting in 2s 5s and 10s to 50/100 (Y1) Multiplication (Y2) Reading
Yellow	Maths – number bonds to 10 & 20 - Multiplication Reading
Indigo	Mathletics-Properties of Shape Spellings
Violet	Reading Times table practice
Blue	Mathletics (time) and Times Table Rock Stars

Year 4 Leavers

Our transition activities are well under way for our children moving to middle school after the summer break.

Some of our parents have arranged a **Year 4 Leavers Party** on Friday 19th July 5-7pm St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park. Tickets are £6 per child (siblings £3). Please see Caroline (Lucy's Mum), Claire (Archie's Mum), Nicola (Matthew's Mum) or Anna (Elizabeth's Mum) for tickets.

Thank you very much.
Caroline (Lucy's Mum)

Advanced Notice of Dates

Friday 12 th July	End of Year reports out to parents
Thursday 18 th July	Year 4 Leavers Assembly (am approx. 9:15 – 11:20 details TBC)
Friday 19 th July	Break up for Summer Holiday
Monday 2 nd September	Training Day
Tuesday 3 rd September	School reopens



Shout Out to our Donors!!

Throughout the year we have been very fortunate to have received a lot of support from various companies in the region. They have provided us with raffle prizes, supplies for events and matched our fundraising totals, and we would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to them all!

Alpha Male	Joanne and Matthew Flinders
Ascot Care	Keri & Al Walker
Asda	Kirkley Hall
Bar Luga	Kitwave
Beamish	Lollybomb
Blue Reef	New New Bengal
Boden	Newcastle City Golf
Close House	Newcastle Eagles
Delta Force	Newcastle Falcons
Durham County Cricket Club	Newcastle Keep
Easyfundraising	Newcastle Race Course
Eldon Leisure	Newcastle Vikings
Falcons Nest	Pikku
Flamingo cards	Round the Twist
Football Squirts	Ryder Architechure
Gallery 108	Sage (Benevity)
Gosforth Civic Theatre	Saltwell Park
Gosforth Leisure	Shine Shimmer Glam and Glitter
Great Park Food	Stampastic
Happy Journal Company	Stitch It
InfiniteAir, Durham	The Gym
Jen The Piecemaker	Tyneside Cinema

PTFA Meeting

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 9th July 2019 at 7pm** in the school hall. This will be our last meeting before the summer holidays, as always everyone is welcome.

Have a great weekend!