



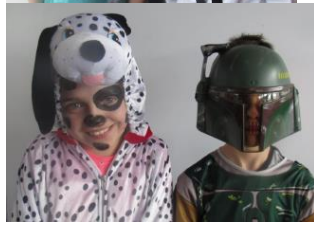
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Where's Wally?



World Book Day Fun

It was great to see all of the children and staff dressed as 'Story Book Characters'. We did have some tricky ones to work out. The atmosphere in school was one of excitement - everyone was 'buzzing'. Well done to everyone for supporting this World Event!



Please remember once you are on the school site to put your mobile phone away. If you need to make an emergency call, please do so in the school entrance near the office.

Thanks
Mrs Lamb

FGPFS NEED YOUR HELP!

An exciting opportunity has arisen for the role of chairperson for the FGPFS. Please have a chat with Mrs Lamb if you are interested.

Advance Notice of Dates

Science Week – 12th – 16th March

Viewing of children's work – the morning of Friday 23rd March

Parent Consultations – after school on Monday 26th and Wednesday 28th March

Note: Indigo Parent consultations will take place on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th

Open Day – the afternoon of Friday 22nd June

STEM Week

Monday 12th March – Friday 16th March

The children will take part in a variety of exciting Science, Technology Engineering and Maths activities and challenges throughout the course of the week. During the week children will also have an opportunity to become 'Little Inventors'. The children will get to use their imaginations to think up wonderful, funny and creative ideas that they would like to see used in the real world. One lucky person in the country will even have their invention created. I hope it's one of ours! Look out in next week's newsletter to see what we've been up to! Miss Young

YOUNG JOURNALISTS

As promised, read on below to find out the scoop about our visits to Daft as a Brush and the BBC Studios.

Mrs Renwick left a Trip Advisor Review for the BBC and they responded ...

○○○○○ Reviewed 1 week ago ☐ via mobile

School visit for Journalists club

We visited with 15 8/9 year old children who are part of our school journalists club. This tour exceeded our expectations in every way. Our two guides pitched everything perfectly, engaging the children with the interactive activities. They explained the history, and the way the radio/TV programmes are made in such a way it was easy for the children to understand.

The studio visits thrilled the children. Then meeting Colin Briggs in person and the fact he was patient enough to explain his job and answer lots of questions was the icing on the cake! What an engaging and lovely man he is!

The time just flew by. The children even got to dress up as if they were in a children's programme and act from a script, and became TV, sports and weather presenters!

Thank you so much for making this an absolutely brilliant morning. You have really inspired our children!

WOW!! what a really lovely, positive and touching review, I cant thank you enough for taking the time to leave it.

Simon and Lynne (your guides) and Colin will be over the moon to hear that you all enjoyed your visit and that your young budding journalists are inspired to keep on reporting!! FANTASTIC!

Oh your children may also enjoy knowing...your school is officially the bravest tour group in the North East as you defeated the 'BEAST FROM THE EAST' to get here, and were the only tour that made it last week!

We are therefore so much more pleased to hear that you all feel our tour is well worth getting snowed on!

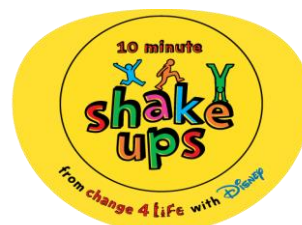
Thanks so much

All Stars Cricket

On Wednesday morning All Stars Cricket came into school to do a roadshow with some children from KS1 and KS2. The children had a great time. Here is some information from James in KS2 ...

When we were at the cricket we practised catching. We got partners then first we were using one ball then we used two balls. Then all of us formed a circle and then you and your partner would be opposite then you would each throw one ball at one another.

Then we split into ones and twos. Twos were the fielders and ones were the batters. Each tried to hit three balls then after the first team each had two goes the fielders became the batters. The fielding is where after the person bats the fielders get all three balls the person that's batting stops putting cones on the wickets.



'Change 4 Life' 10 Minute Shake Up!

Here at Gosforth Park First School we encourage the Government's initiative of encouraging every child to be active for at least **60 minutes** every day. Here is an activity endorsed by the 'Change 4 Life' campaign which you and your family may enjoy playing.

Elsa and Anna's Freeze Tag -

<https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups/elsa-and-annas-freeze-tag#gOAKQyiJ4hv3VglF.97>

Watch out for next week's game!

Miss Walsh

Attendance News

Our attendance this week is 96.6% which is down on this time last year (97.1%).

22 lates this week – 13 families



Classes of the Week!



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



The Mathletics trophy was awarded to **Mr Phipps'** class this week. A special mention goes out to **William Blyth** and **Leo Tomlinson** who were our Mathletes of the week.



Congratulations to Harry Brown who has achieved his 5m and 10m swimming awards and to Henry Craib who has achieved his 25m swimming award.

Homework

Class	Homework
Mrs Gordon	Counting up in 10s and ones and recording numbers
Mr Phipps	Fractions of numbers/quantities
Miss Young	Mathletics - Length
Mrs Thorpe	Worksheet converting centimetres to metres
Miss Cogdon	Mathletics – Fractions Spellings
Mrs McClurg	Spellings – Words with a 'soft c' spelt with 'ce' Maths – Comparing decimals on Mathletics

Class Assemblies

Class Assemblies – Special Class Assemblies will be taking place over the term. The children will showcase some of their learning and this will enable parents to see what they have been doing. The Special Assemblies will take place on a Friday afternoon. Parents and carers will be invited to the School hall for 2.30pm to have a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. Fundraising will take place with the sale of cakes (nut free please), raffle etc. This will be to support the class with buying some little extras. The children will come in at 2.50pm to showcase their talents. We do need some parents or family volunteers to help on the afternoons to do the teas and coffees, sell donated cakes (nut free please which need to come in on the morning of the class assembly). Donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated. Please see your child's teacher or contact the school office to say if you can help. Thank you in advance for your much valued help and support.

Please save the date!

Friday 16th March – Blue Class

Friday 23rd March – Green Class

Friday 4th May – Orange Class

Friday 11th May – Reception 1 and 2

Friday 18th May – Yellow



YOUNG JOURNALISTS' VISIT DAFT AS A BRUSH

On Monday last week we got to go to daft as a brush to see 'Bluebell' bus. We found out that a person called Brian Burnie and a couple of other people are going to travel the whole of the UK and Ireland. The purpose of his long journey is to spread the word about Daft as a Brush and encourage other Councils to run a service which can get cancer patients to hospital for their treatment. Brian said he is going to bring 20 pairs of shoes for the whole of the journey! Brian said that he is bringing his own generator to make electricity. Since Brian is walking the whole of Britain and Ireland, he sleeps in the bluebell bus. The bluebell bus is going to become Brian and the other people's home. The bluebell bus features a kitchen, bedrooms, living room and a trailer. The trailer has 2 enormous tanks which are used for their dirty water and their clean water. The bluebell bus and the walkers are going to take a ferry from Britain to Ireland and somewhere else I can't remember. Brian is going to end his journey at the Millennium bridge and he wants us to meet him there. After Brian's journey Brian wants to travel the whole world- his aim is Montreal, Moscow and Melbourne. By Shuwen

Last week on Monday Young Journalists visited Daft as a Brush to see the new built bus named 'Bluebell'. First we went in and had a drink and biscuit and then we watched a clip that Brian the founder of Daft as a Brush made himself! The clip showed us how they made the bus Bluebell. To start with they had an ordinary double decker bus and they took out all the doors, seats (except for the driver's seat) and windows then it was repainted. It was then time for the inside. On the bottom floor was a bathroom, and at the back were three very comfy seats with a TV! Upstairs there are four bedrooms and a sink for washing your face in the morning. There are even speakers to play music! At the end all the Young Journalists got an Easter egg and a flag. Brian is going to do 16,000,000 steps in two years. By Adam

At Daft as a Brush we saw a video about five people going to walk 7,000 miles around the coast of Great Britain and it would take two years. In the first year it will take them 8,000,000 steps. We were the first children to step on that bus. Brian Burnie is the man who is going to take place on the walk with four other girls. They will have a trailer on the back of the bus to carry twenty pairs of shoes for each of the five people to wear. Daft as a Brush are thinking of going to the three 'Ns' - Newcastle upon Tyne, and both the towns of Newcastle in Northern and Southern Ireland. By Pheobe

At Daft as a Brush we asked a lot of good questions about 'Bluebell'. Then they took us on a tour in small groups. It's going to take two and a bit years and will finish where they started on the Millennium Bridge and we have been asked to meet them there so Mrs Renwick is going to ask GEMS if we can do that...we hope they will let us go! By Lydia

We went out to see the bus and we were shown that attached to the back of the bus there was a trailer. The trailer will carry all their dirty water and clean water and a generator. It is decorated in the same colours as the bus and on the side there is a map of the route. We enjoyed the trip, and we all said thank you for our Easter Eggs. By Joshua



On Wednesday 28th February 2018, Mrs Renwick and Mrs Wilson's club, Young Journalists, went to BBC for a V.I.P tour. We went into the building and we were given a lanyard, then there was a room with lockers in and we put our coats in. Our tour Guides were called Simon and Lynn who were very kind. By Ellie

YOUNG JOURNALISTS' VISIT TO BBC NEWCASTLE

The first thing we did was Glory Games. Jay and Adam mummified an Egyptian pharaoh. Then Mabel and Shuwen did a Jigsaw of Queen Elizabeth 1. We looked at the BBC time table. Then we went to the weather room and tested different colours and finally went into the studio. By Jay

First we went into the Horrible History games part where we did awful Egyptian games. We took out the lungs, liver, intestines and the brain and put them in special jars protected by different Gods. Next we went in to Studio C. In Studio C there was a green screen that could change blue. We found a blue mat that made us disappear. There were different scenes: the office, Gateshead (at day) and Gateshead (at night). By Layla

Our tour guides were called 'Simon and Lynn' and were very friendly. We got our own lanyards and travelled around the building. All the people there had a role to play and that's what makes the BBC unique. First we went into studio C and Simon let us into a very interesting secret. You know when you see the reporters standing in the place they are telling you about, well they aren't actually there. It's all pre-recorded. There is a reflective curtain at the back of the room and there is a blue light at the front that makes anything blue invisible. By Lola

On Wednesday morning my favourite part was when I was playing Tee, Sophie was Floss, Lola was Carmen, Finley was Finn and Jay was Mo. We acted out a scene from the Dumping Ground which was so fun! Guess what! We met Colin Briggs - he was ace! He was really nice and he talked to us about lots of cool stuff. I asked him 'why did you want to be a journalist in the first place?' and his answer was 'well I haven't always wanted to be a journalist!' which surprised me so much! By Mabel

We went to BBC Newcastle. We saw the studio where the news people talk about all around the world. Did you know that the news people make a script of what they need to say but they don't look down? What happens is under the desk where they don't show you is there is this button that they press with their feet and in front of the camera there are some words; those are the words that they have to say. So it just looks like they just remember what they're saying but actually there are already words. For being a weather person it's quite tricky; you have no words in front of you. So pretty much you have to make up what you're saying. And you have to stand up for this. By Sharon

At BBC Newcastle we looked at a timeline of BBC. The first broadcast from BBC was in 1920. Then we went to the most important studio in the building. It was a small room with a grey background. That was where the weather came from. After that we went to a studio for the classroom setting in Hetty Feather written by Jacqueline Wilson. Then we went to the studio for BBC Look North. We met Colin Briggs, the morning presenter. We asked a lot of questions and found out that the air conditioning used in the studio is controlled in Manchester. Then we went to the sound control room. If they had any mistakes the manager was blamed even though it was the sound person's fault. After that we went through the newsroom. By Thomas

Young Journalists went on a trip to BBC Newcastle! I am Sophie and I think our trip to BBC Newcastle was amazing!!! One of my favourite parts about the trip was acting out a very old scene from one of my favourite T.V series called the Dumping Ground. I, Mabel, Finley, Jay and Lola all dressed up as a character from the dumping ground and acted out a real scene. I loved going to BBC! I hope to go again soon. We also went to the set of 'Hetty Feather'!!! If you didn't know Hetty Feather's real name is Sapphire Battersea! (It's a very nice name). The T.V series Hetty Feather is based on a real book by Jacqueline Wilson and guess what? We went on the set where they actually film 'Hetty Feather'! By Sophie T

Our Amazing Swimming Squad

Today 9 of our Year 4 swimmers entered the Gosforth Pools' Swimming Gala which took place at Gosforth Pool.

The children took it all in their stride although there were one or two who were feeling sick with nerves!

They took to the starting blocks and the nerves were evident but once they hit the water there was a sharp intake of breath from those standing poolside and the cheering began.

Dhyanesh romped home to take 2nd place in his Freestyle heat and Max came 1st in his. The two boys would meet head to head in the final! Olivia dived in for her freestyle heat to come in a comfortable second place, while Eva came home and took 3rd in her race.

The points were slowly mounting up. Thomas Hearn earned us some extremely valuable points when he came 4th in the Breaststroke and Sophie had the race of her life coming 1st in the girls breaststroke.

Gallons of water were being drunk on the poolside as the children and I were screaming the swimmers on.

Theo got in the water to swim his back crawl and hit the wall in 2nd place. Next was Pheobe (our reserve). With legs buckling and knees knocking she walked to the end of the pool. Still smiling she lowered herself in. She shot off at a fantastic rate of knots and took the lead immediately, and won her race comfortably.

The girls then stepped up a gear as they headed off to their respective ends for the Relay. Oh my goodness. We needed to win this heat, the pressure was on. The boys were on their feet to cheer the girls on, big style! They smashed it and won the heat by a ¼ of a length. I knew they would do well in the finals.

The final events were so exciting with Max, Sophie and the girls relay ending up with gold medals and Theo picking up a bronze.

The most nerve wracking was the boys final. Max got us off to a good lead, handing over to Thomas who gave it his all. We lead from the front. Dhyanesh held it together and the final leg was handed over to Jay who had a narrow lead and all I can say is I am glad I didn't have my finger on the stop watch. Close, so close, but who won. Heads were in hands. YES! The boys had done it – another gold in the relay!

Mrs Wilson

Swimming Gala Friday 9th March 2018



There once were some swimmers from GPFS,
And of course they had Mrs Wilson no-less,
The boys and the girls sported all styles,
And by the end of it all they must have swum miles.

They clapped and they cheered and shouted their names,
To them it was like swimming in the Olympic Games,
The parents and Wilson were beaming with pride,
Very hard not to as they watched poolside.

Team GPFS swam well in their lane,
And with courage and talent supremely they reign,
For when waters had calmed and results were counted,
First place they had come and the trophy was mounted.

Well done one and all and to all a great day,
But there really is something I'd just like to say,
You all stuck TOGETHER – there's no 'I' in team,
Well done, bravo, you swam like a dream!