



Gosforth Park First School

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Brilliant Balance Biking

Over the past few weeks, as part of our Road Safety programme, Nursery and Reception children have been out with the Bikability team on their balance bikes. The team reported that everyone's balance and control had improved by the end of the course and that the children had all learned a lot, in a fun way, with bundles of enthusiasm!

This is what the children had to say...

Maddie: "I wish balance bikes was every day!"

Tommy: "When we go round and round I get dizzy!"

Joe: "I loved weaving in and out of the cones!"

Abigail: "I loved all of it!"



Parent Consultations

Spring Parent Consultations for Reception to Year 4 will be held on **Tuesday 4th April / Thursday 6th April.**

There will be an opportunity to share your child's work with them on **Monday 3rd April** from **9:05 – 10:20** or **2:30 – 3:15.**

We will send you more detailed information nearer the time.

(NB -Nursery meetings will be in the summer term)

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday 8th February am = Year 2 Multiskills at Walker Activity Dome

Friday February 17th = Green Class

Friday March 10th = Indigo Class

Friday March 17th = Violet Class

Friday March 24th (Mother's Day) = Morning Nursery 10.40am teas etc children in for 10.55am

Friday March 24th (Mother's Day) = Afternoon Nursery, teas etc 2.15pm children in at 2.30pm

Friday May 5th = Blue Class

Friday May 12th = Reception 1 & 2

Yellow Class Special Assembly Friday 10th February

If you can help, please speak to Mrs Howitt.

Please send any donations of nut free cakes in on the morning of the assembly and remember to bring some change for raffle tickets.



Nursery

The deadline for Nursery applications is Friday 24th Mach. If you would like an application form, or to arrange a visit, please contact the school office.

ROBINWOOD 2017

All Robinwood Information will be given to your child on Monday 6th February. Please complete the necessary forms and return by Wednesday 1st March at the latest.

Thanks
Mrs Wilson



Thank you to those of you who were able to make it to Craig Johnston's Online Safety Workshop this afternoon. We hope you found it useful and informative. For those parents who were unable to make there will be a fact sheet sent out with the newsletter with a list of recommended websites for parents, including information about free anti-virus and monitoring and filtering software.

Gosforth East Middle School are holding an **e-safety Evening** on **Thursday 16th February 2017 at 6pm** and have extended their invitation to parents of Gosforth Park First School. A letter with further information should be in book bags tonight.

On the up!

Our figure for school attendance to date this term is 97.2% - up from 96.8% last year! Well done!!

Attendance - Classes of the Week!



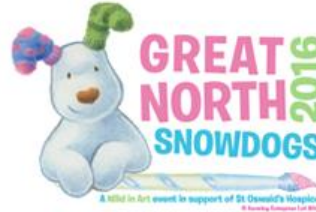
The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Green** and **Yellow** classes. Well done to everyone!



CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Luke Millican (Indigo Class) who has received his **RED STRIPE** in Taekwondo.



We have received a couple of fabulous certificates in school this week!

Firstly, the choir has been congratulated for their Carol Singing in Asda as part of the GREAT NORTH SNOWDOGS event and for raising a 'pawsome' **£115.77** for St Oswald's Hospice!

Secondly, St Oswald's Hospice has thanked us for raising an amazing **£320.00** from the sale of the Christmas 'beanies' at the office.

Thank you and well done!



Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

On **Wednesday 25th January** Sainsbury's launched their voucher scheme. For every £10 you spend in their store = 1 active kids voucher. Thank you to everyone who helped last year with our campaign. For a football net we need 2490 vouchers or for an outdoor play all weather pack we need 2016 vouchers! Keeping children active is important here at Gosforth Park First School and research has shown that more active children have a higher level of concentration and their attainment is also raised. So please help us achieve success by collecting as many vouchers as possible. Vouchers can be posted in to our collection box outside of the school office or alternatively handed to Miss Storey (Reception 2). Let's make this year even more successful!

Miss Storey



Healthy School

What is a Healthy School?

Healthy Schools is a local programme providing support, training, resources and guidance for all **schools**. The aim of the **Healthy schools** programme is to deliver real benefits for children and young people, specifically: To support children and young people in developing **healthy** behaviours.

Our aim is to support schools to help their children and young people to grow healthily, safely and responsibly and to become active citizens who do their bit for society and for the environment. The refreshed Healthy Schools toolkit builds on the underlying principles of the English National Healthy Schools Programme and is available to any school or setting. It has been revised in consultation with schools and health partners. Content is aligned, where possible, to the Ofsted framework and other available Ofsted guidance.

More information can be found at <http://www.healthyschools.org.uk/>