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EASTER EGG COMPETITION



A huge well done to everyone who entered the PTA Easter Egg competition. Judging was tough! Please see a list of winners below and their fantastic entries.

First Prize, **winning a bowling voucher for four people at the Metro Centre**, goes to **Sophia B** for her fantastic depiction of a No Outsiders assembly. The No Outsiders programme is such an important part of our school – everyone is welcome no matter their gender, race, disability, religion or belief or who they love.

Blue – Sophia B

Violet – Jenna D

Indigo – Jack

Yellow – Beatrice ZP

Orange – Brooke H

Green – Hugo H

Reception (Miss Parsons Munn) – Erin

Reception (Miss Coughlan) – Freddie J

Nursery – Molly H & Teddy-Jay

Reminder

Please be reminded that the last day of Spring Term is Thursday 28th March.

We return to school on **Tuesday 16th April**

Building Update

Our wonderful school council had another tour of the building this week. It was a quick one as there were so many hands on deck next door getting everything ready for after the Easter break and we certainly didn't want to slow them down. The rainbow canopy is flying up and we can't wait to see the coloured panels when they're added.

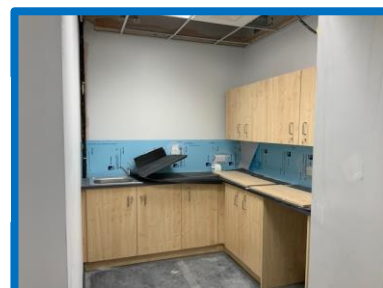


Rainbow canopy *left*
Corridor to main entrance *below*



Blue Class *left*

Wraparound kitchen *right*



Staffroom kitchen *left*

**Congratulations to our winners and
thank you to everyone who took part**



Important Site Updates

Dear Parents

We are very excited about the upcoming move, expanding into the new part of our GPFS home. The painting is done and the lights are in - we can't wait for another peek!

Next Tuesday morning, our KS2 and KS1 School Council will be having another tour of the building. I'm sure they'll see a huge difference since last time! We'll ask them to take some photos and will share these in next week's newsletter.

We have been working with the building team on the final logistics of the move. Operations next term will be challenging as we are at different ends of the school, with building works taking place in the middle.

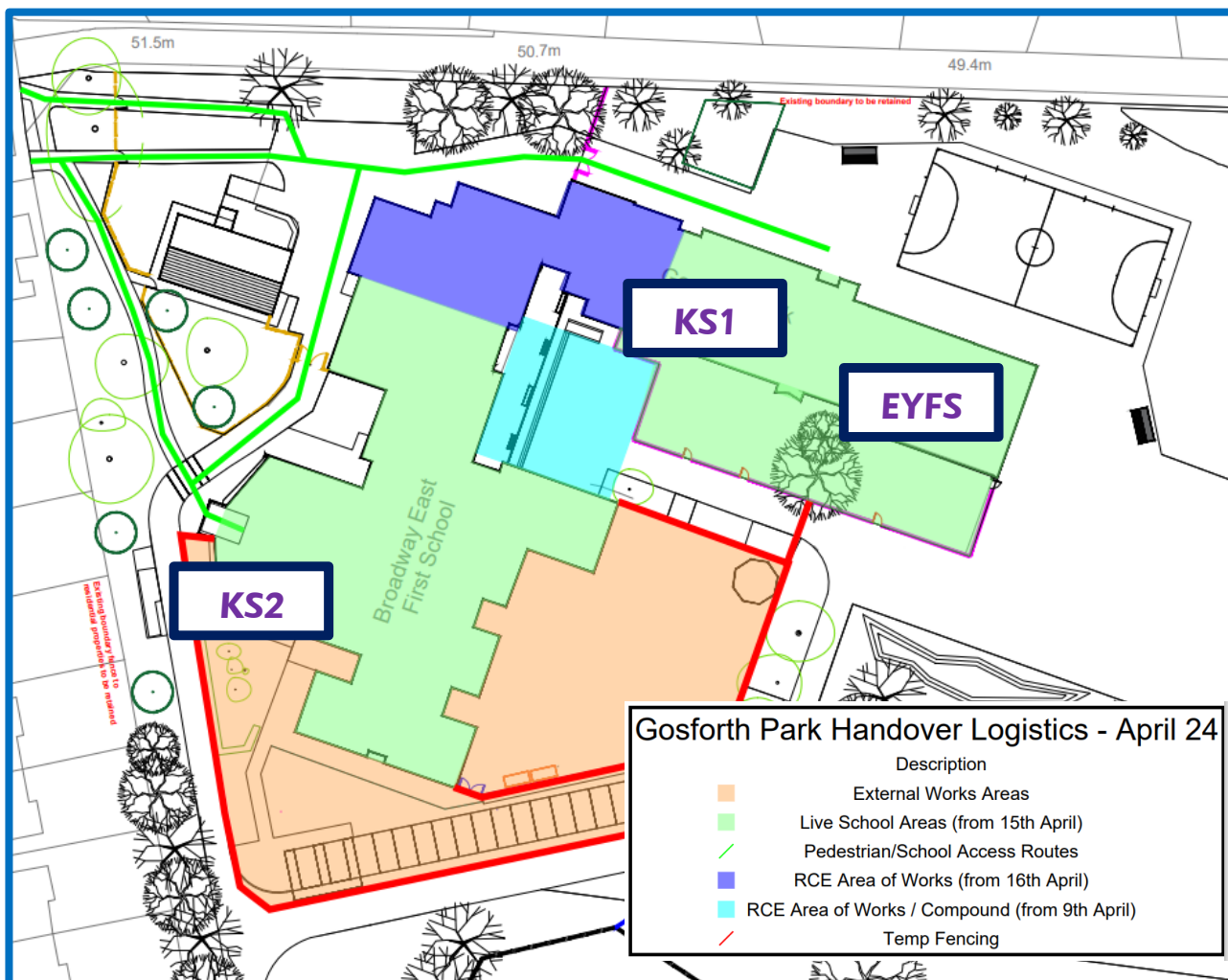
Please help us **by reading the following information very carefully** and bearing with us on the first few days of next term until we get used to the new system. We will make any tweaks as necessary – it will be new to us all!

Mrs Lamb

PLEASE

- Make sure scooters and bikes are dismounted at the very first set of school gates
- Do not ride scooters/bikes until you are off the school site
- Keep to the left when walking through gates and along pathways
- Drop-off and collect on time
- Avoid appointments during the school day where possible
- If children need to be taken out early for appointments please collect before 3pm
- There will be no collections between 3:00 and 3:30pm.
- Notify the office or your child's class teacher **in the morning** if your child is going to be collected by someone else. We do not want to delay collection but will not let your child go home with someone else unless we have been notified.
- If you need to bring **medication** to school, please bring this to **the new main office via the new entrance at 8:45**

Until works are complete, children will have to be escorted by a member of staff from one end of school to the other. Staff are needed in classrooms to support children with their learning.



Please see below for information about your child's entrance

Parents with children in EYFS/KS1 and KS2

AM: Please drop off the youngest children first in Nursery, Reception or KS1 via the usual doors then make your way round to the new entrance to drop off KS2 pupils.

PM: Please collect the oldest children first via the new entrance then make your way round to the main playground to collect EYFS/KS1 pupils.

Parents with children **only in Nursery, Reception, Green, Orange or Yellow Class**

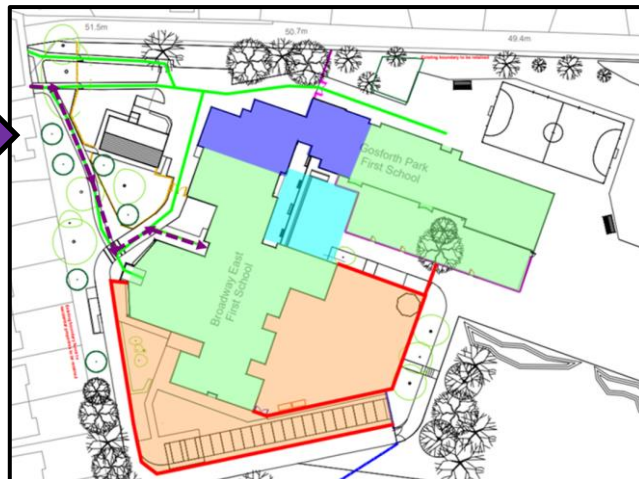
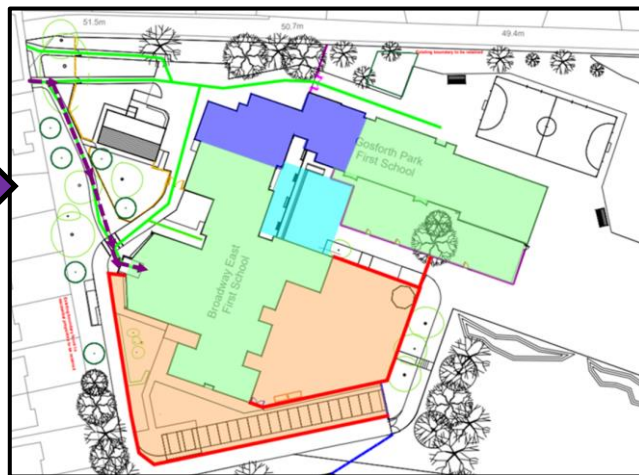
Please arrive and pick up at the usual time and place.

Parents with children **only in Indigo, Violet or Blue Class.**

Please arrive and pick up at the new school entrance. Follow the new path past the bungalow.

Parents with children in Wraparound.

Please arrive and pick up at the new Wraparound entrance. Follow the new path past the bungalow and take a slight left. will be yet!



Important Updates continued...

Clubs

Children attending outdoor after school clubs can be collected at the double green gates as usual.



PLEASE also note:

Bikes and Scooters

Can either be parked in the usual racks – gates will be locked during the school day OR

In the bike rack opposite the new entrance – these are left at your own risk.

Lexia Reading Club will not be on during the first week of term as we're not quite sure where the PCs will be yet!
We will get this up and running in the second week back.

Thank you for your patience and support.
Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the new arrangements.

Kind regards

Mrs Lamb

New Topics

Below are the topics that our children will be studying next half term.

Reception – Traditional Tales

Traditional Tales brings an endless range of opportunities to the classroom during the Summer term. Children learn about growth and change through links with scientific concepts of plants and life cycles. The outdoor environment comes alive as children retell traditional tales, plant their own beanstalks and build their own houses for the 3 little pigs.



KS1 – Out of Africa

KS1 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 idea of inequality through learning about urban and rural life.



KS2 – 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.



Please also find attached our Topic Webs with more detailed information about each curriculum area.

Mr Hindess



Eid al-Fitr is one of two major holidays celebrated by Muslims and commemorates the end of the holy month of Ramadan, in which Muslims fast daily from before dawn until sunset. It is commemorated by a large, community-wide prayer service in the morning, followed by meals and conversation with friends and family. **Happy Eid to all our Muslim families!**



Vaisakhi is one of the most important dates in the Sikh calendar. Vaisakhi is a spring festival which happens on the 13th or 14th April every year. It is a day to celebrate 1699 - the year when Sikhism was born as a collective faith. **Happy Vaisakhi to all our Sikh families!**

The Children's Additional Needs Network

Marketplace Event Wednesday 3rd April 2024 10am - 2pm at Hadrian School, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE15 6PY

The NECANN Marketplace is an event for Parents & Carers of children with additional needs and their families. The event is to help families explore what support and resources are available to them in the North East region. There will be a range of activities for children to take part in throughout the day:

- Inclusive sports clubs demonstrations
- NECANN members showcasing their services including therapies, aids/ equipment, charities & more
- Sensory room and activities
- Music, rebound Therapy, Face Painter and more

If you would like to attend the event please email NECANN to the address below.

Visit www.northeastcann.org
<https://hadrian.newcastle.sch.uk/parents/school-events/>

Email info@northeastcann.org



Help kids boost their happy hormones this Spring!

Please follow the link below to access the Spring edition of the Kalmer & DOSE magazine [Spring into Happiness \(dosemagazine.co.uk\)](http://dosemagazine.co.uk)

Mrs Lamb

Congratulations!

Well done to Marlee who achieved her 200 meter badge at swimming this week!



Gracie and Zara from Year 1 Green class took part in their first street dance show last Friday night. Here they are dressed as Trolls in full character! Well done!



Congratulations!



Huge well done to our Gosforth Voices members who toured the GST schools last Friday to perform. Well done and thank you!

New Community Room Opportunities

We'd love to hear your ideas for how you'd like to use our **community room**. We've had a few ideas and would love to get your views via this online form <https://forms.office.com/e/SFsj22b5zt>

Please pass it on to grandparents, childminders and anyone else you think would like to use the space!



KS2 Book Donations

We are putting out a request for any donations of pre-loved chapter books that would appeal to our KS2 learners. Our bookshelves at school are always nice and full, but we would really love a refresh for our new classrooms after Easter! If you are having a Spring clean this holiday, please pass book donations to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your support!
The KS2 Team

KS1 Lemonade

KS1 enjoyed their half-termly food technology project on Monday morning. Children helped to grate and squeeze their lemons and evaluated their lemonade after the all-important taste test!



This week children across school have been creating our own **blossom-inspired artwork** to be displayed at Gosforth Shopping Centre in their new Spring Art Installation. If you are heading to Gosforth Highstreet make sure you pop in and see if you can spot your watercolour painting! A big thank you to Georgie at Gosforth Shopping Centre for inviting us to participate.
Mrs Armstrong



Healthy School

There are a huge range of events happening across our region over Easter. If you are looking for some fun sporting activities for your children to try, Northumbria University run full day sports camps for children aged 6-11. There is a charge but there is a good range of sports on offer every day including netball, basketball, athletics, swimming and climbing. Newcastle Climbing Centre also have bookable sessions for children throughout Easter and the regions swimming pools all have children's sessions. Don't forget there are plenty of parks for some free active fun and the beach is only a short distance away for some fresh air and exercise!
Mrs Wells

PTFA Meeting

Next meeting:
Tuesday 7th May from 6:15 - 7:15pm in the brand new community room!

Pre-Loved Uniform

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

Items are sold from 1 Park Drive, Melton Park NE3 5QB, with a drop off box at the front door. Please REMEMBER items, particularly red, must not be marked as they are unable to be sold on. You can text me Natasha Davy (Parent) on 07736276653. All money made comes back to school to be spent on playground equipment for our wonderful children.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **96.4%** up on **95.6%** last year.

Our classes of the week are **REC SC** with **98.6%** and **Indigo** with **96.7%**

Well done everyone!
Mrs Lamb

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Well done everyone for another great term on TTRS. Congratulations to Blue Class who are our most active class this week with 90%! Our top coin earners are **Lauren S, Henry H** and **Ava U**. You will be able to complete a new gig from Monday, you can choose to practice all the times tables together or choose a few you feel less confident with.



Yellow Class are our most active class this week! It has been great to see all year groups using NumBots this term. You have all achieved so much on NumBots in just two terms so keep it up!

Our top coin earners this week are:

Blue – Jazmine I

Violet – Harper D

Indigo – Isla B

Yellow – Matthew C

Orange – Alanna T

Green – Fionntan M

Reception (Miss Parsons Munn) – Emilia W

Reception (Miss Coughlan) – Henry S

Have a lovely Easter everyone
Miss Pope

Advanced Notice of Dates 2023-2024

Updates will be added in red

	Easter Holiday
Monday 15th April	School Closed
Tuesday 16 th April	School reopens
Monday 29 th April	Reception Healthy Active Lifestyle Event
Wednesday 1 st May	KS1 Trip to Washington Wetlands
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th May	PTFA Meeting 6.15pm - 7.15pm
Wednesday 8 th May	Y2 Safety Works Trip 1-3pm
Friday 10 th May	Y4 Safety Works Trip 10-12
Sunday 19 th May	Children's Cancer Run
Friday 24 th May	Daft Day
Friday 24 th May	Last Day of Term
	May Half term Holiday
Monday 3 rd June	Training Day
Friday 7 th June	Wear Wellies Day
Wednesday 12 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Friday 21 st June	KS2 Big Gig 'Hello Sunshine'
Tuesday 25 th June	Hoopstarz
Monday 1 st July	Year 4 Leaver's Video Filming
Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 4 transition to GEMs
Thursday 4 th July	Year 4 transition to GEMs
Thursday 4 th July	In school transition to new classes
Friday 5 th July	Year 4 transition to GEMs
Thursday 11 th – Friday 12 th July	Mr H Onsite Residential for Year 3 children
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term

School Closed Monday 15th April

Staff Training Days

Staff Training Days for GST schools this academic year will be:

- Monday 3rd June 2024

Rainbow Wraparound

Please contact us via

wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk

or for any ad hoc bookings

Rainbow Wraparound: 07926 946 565.



If you don't already, please give us a follow on Twitter. Our school account is @GosforthPark1st

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CLICKBAIT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Clickbait is a controversial online marketing strategy which uses sensationalist (and frequently misleading) headlines to encourage engagement with an article, image or video – often playing on users' emotions and curiosity, while much of the actual content is of questionable accuracy. Clickbait is also sometimes used to disguise scams, phishing sites and malware.

HARMFUL MISINFORMATION

Clickbait tends to play fast and loose with the truth, opting for eye-catching content over objectivity. This is particularly dangerous for younger internet users, who are generally more susceptible to that type of material. A child could be presented with fake news, misleading articles and – in some cases – outright lies without fully understanding what they're viewing and why it's harmful.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Due to the misleading nature of many examples of clickbait, what may seem to be innocuous and child friendly could actually contain age-inappropriate material such as extremist political views or violent, pornographic or sexually explicit content. This is clearly a hazard for young people, who could be upset, disturbed or influenced by exposure to such subject matter.

HIDDEN MALWARE

While most clickbait is simply trying to promote engagement to earn companies additional revenue, some of it does redirect to dubious sites with the potential to infect devices with viruses or malware. This could put a child's sensitive data – such as their name, their location and their date of birth – at risk of being accessed and exploited by malicious hackers.

PRIVACY PROBLEMS

Some clickbait leads to sites which could coax a child into volunteering their personal data – using pop-ups to ask them for their email address and phone number, for example, in exchange for accessing additional content or subscribing to various services. Normally, this harvested information is then sold to third parties, who often utilise it for targeted adverts and other sales schemes.

A DRAINING DISTRACTION

Clickbait encourages spiralling consumption of online content, which could easily result in a young person spending hours scrolling aimlessly instead of doing something productive or interacting with family and friends. This can leave them tired, apathetic and lacking focus – and, in the long term, can negatively impact their social skills, education and mental wellbeing.

IMPACT ON BEHAVIOUR

Depending on the type of clickbait a child is interacting with, you might notice negative changes in their behaviour. Weight loss scams, for example, are common among clickbait and have the potential to influence eating habits and body image – while deliberately inflammatory 'rage bait' articles can leave impressionable young people feeling irritated, restless or argumentative.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START A CONVERSATION

The sheer volume of clickbait can make protecting children against it quite challenging. It's vital to talk to young people regularly about the types of content they encounter online, so that they understand the risks of engaging with clickbait. If you're still concerned, it may also be wise to keep an eye on children's online activity to ensure they're not being tempted by clickbait headlines.

PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Encouraging children to question the legitimacy of sensational headlines and too-good-to-be-true promises will help them to become savvier online – and far less likely to be drawn in by clickbait content. These critical thinking skills will also serve to protect them in other areas of the digital world where misinformation is becoming increasingly common.

SPOT THE TELLTALE SIGNS

There are certain common elements in clickbait, including headlines and images that use shock and outrage to grab people's attention – as well as numbered lists, such as "8 Facts You Won't Believe Are True". Some clickbait combines several of these tactics to snag users' interest. Learn to recognise these techniques for yourself so you can teach children to notice them as well.

TAKE CONTROL

Many parents opt to place limits on how long their children can spend online each day, which obviously reduces the chance of exposure to clickbait. Alternatively, most internet-enabled devices have built-in controls that allow parents to manage what sort of online content their child can access – including filtering by age, which can screen out a percentage of inappropriate material.

Meet Our Expert

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The National College



After School Club



Follow us on Facebook
@mrhoutdoorexperiences

Mr H is BACK at Gosforth Park First School in April 2024! Mr H will be providing 1 night of after school club over 3 weeks, in April for KS1 and KS2 children.



- * Tuesday 16th, 23rd & 30th April 2024
- * The cost is £20 for the 3 weeks in total
- * Clubs are from school finishing time until 5pm



- * Children will complete activities such as: orienteering; lighting fires; cooking on fires; clay puppet shows; making clay pots; archery; tug-of-war; bug hunts; art in the environment; discovering the natural environment; and traditional outdoor games
- * **Contact—mrhoutdoorexperiences@yahoo.com for a place on the club and to receive payment details**
Please provide your child's name and year group



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
RECEPTION, YR 1 & YR 2
TUESDAYS 15:25-16:25
THURSDAYS 15:25-16:25



TEAM FUN



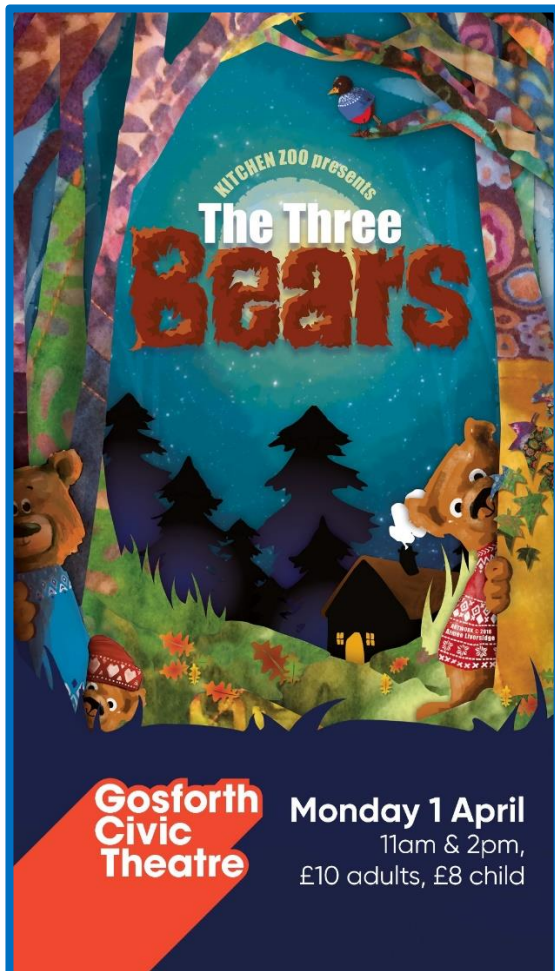
SKILLS



GAMES

CHALLENGES

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Signs of Spring

PHOTO COMPETITION

Take a picture to show signs of spring.

COMPETITION
DEADLINE

APRIL 26

WINNERS
ANNOUNCED

MAY 03



Email or hand in your photograph to your school along with your name and year group. A school winner will be selected for EYFS, Years 1&2, Years 3&4, Years 5&6 and Years 7&8.

A GST winner will be selected for each group.



Show your
photography skills to win a prize.

