



Gosforth Park First School

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World Book Day Fun!



What a fantastic World Book day we had this week. The children (and staff!) looked amazing dressed as their favourite book characters. After our special assembly, children went to different classes to share stories with their friends.

It was a real challenge to judge the Design a Book cover competition as all the entries were so good. We've got some budding illustrators in school! Congratulations to the winners:

- RC – Sophie McElwee - Super Tato
- RW - Sam Bruce - Super Tato
- Theo Birdsall - Sir Scallywag and the Golden Underpants - Green Class
- Heidi Collins - The Worst Princess Orange Class
- Charlie Davies - The Polar Bear Explorers club - Yellow Class
- Nusaybah Amatul-Karim - Secrets of a Sun King – Violet Class
- Jazleen Alam - The Bite of the Eaten lobster - Indigo
- Jamie Watkins - Stig of the Dump – Blue

Mrs Lambert



Parent Consultations

Thank you so much for taking the time to come and join us for parent consultations this week. We had a fantastic turn out and it was great to hear your lovely comments about our wonderful children, staff and school.

If you haven't seen your child's class teacher please do arrange an appointment. If you need to contact your child's class teacher and cannot get into school, please email

admin@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk and we will pass on any information. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Lamb



It's STEM Week!

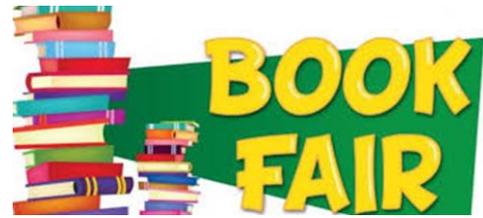
Next week is STEM week in school and we have some exciting things happening. The focus this year is 'Engineering'.

Thank you to our kind parents who have volunteered and are coming into school to work with our children.

Our PTA has also bought lots of great prizes for our school competition and the winners will also then go on to compete against pupils from other schools within the Gosforth Schools Trust (GST)

Keep your fingers crossed!

Mr Phipps



The book fair will be arriving in school on Friday 8th March. It will be open for business after school in the library in the week beginning Monday 11th March. Many thanks to our fantastic parents group for running this – please speak to our PTA to sign up for a slot if you'd like to volunteer. Come along and see the wonderful selection!

RED NOSE DAY

Friday 15th March 2019

For Red Nose Day this year we will be asking children to donate £1 to attend school wearing their own clothes (including at least one red item!) They can, of course, wear their red noses and other funky red accessories!



P.S. Mr Hindess and School Council have been busy organising a few surprises for some unlucky teachers which will be sure to add some comedy value throughout the day!

Dates for your Diary

<i>WB 11th March</i>	<i>STEM Week</i>
<i>Monday 11th – Thursday 14th March</i>	<i>Book Fair School Library 3:30 – 4:00</i>
<i>Friday 15th March</i>	<i>Red Nose Day (more information to follow)</i>
<i>Wednesday 27th March</i>	<i>Music Students from Durham University to see Violet and Blue Class</i>
<i>Tuesday 2nd April</i>	<i>KS1 Trip to Alnwick Castle</i>
<i>Wednesday 3rd April</i>	<i>Year 3 Singing with Ian Roberts (more information to follow)</i>
<i>Wednesday April 3rd – Friday April 5th</i>	<i>Year 4 at Robinwood</i>
<i>Thursday 4th April</i>	<i>Music Students from Durham University to see Indigo Class</i>
<i>Friday 5th April</i>	<i>Break up for Easter Holiday</i>
<i>Tuesday 23rd April</i>	<i>School reopens</i>
<i>Monday 6th May</i>	<i>Bank Holiday Monday</i>
<i>Friday 24th May</i>	<i>Daft as a Brush Day</i>
<i>Friday 24th May</i>	<i>Break up for May half term</i>
<i>Monday 3rd June</i>	<i>Training Day</i>
<i>Tuesday 4th June</i>	<i>School reopens</i>
<i>Friday 21st June</i>	<i>Open Day from 12:30</i>
<i>Friday 12th July</i>	<i>End of Year reports out to parents</i>
<i>Friday 19th July</i>	<i>Break up for Summer Holiday</i>

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies will begin this 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 **Violet** and **Yellow** class

Our attendance this week was 97.7%. An improvement on last week and huge improvement on last year (96.5%)

We had 13 lates this week (7 families)

Thank you so much for your support.

Mrs Lamb



Our Mathletics trophy goes to **Blue Class** this week and our Mathletes of the week are **Reine Eblewi**, and **Magnus Gouity!**
Well done!

Homework

Class	
Green	Phonics – er sound and 5 spellings Compare numbers – reasoning and problem solving
Orange	Phonics-phase 5 Sentence activity Maths- shape activities
Yellow	Phonics – Suffixes Maths - Fractions
Indigo	Maths – Measurements.
Violet	Recapping multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000
Blue	Finding the whole when given a fraction. Times tables (however you want to practice)



Huge congratulations to Theo Birdsall, Ivy Lynch and Sophia Webster 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!



Congratulations to Lily Pattison who has achieved her Stage 4 swimming award!



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Preloved Uniform

We have had lots of sales since last week, but we still have a lot of stock available if you would be interested in any items please contact Kate Watkins on 07947846974. All the money raised will be used to buy playground equipment for the Children.

Asda Green Coins

We are still in the lead – our tub is almost full!! But let's not stop now, let's keep popping those green coins into the yellow slots and win that all important £500 top prize for GPFS!! The money will be used on the outdoor learning areas for the children.

Committee Meeting

Remember, our next meeting is on **Tuesday 19th March at 7pm in the school hall**, and as always everyone is welcome.

Save the date... Sunday 28th April 2019 3-4:30pm for our Spring Disco!! More information coming soon!!

Have a great weekend,

On behalf of the Friends of GPFS,

Jen Higgins