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Our school photographer will be in school next week on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June** to take **individual photos** of the children and a **leavers photo for our Year 4 children**.

Unfortunately due to time and restrictions we will not be able to offer sibling photos or class photos for other year groups this time round.

Please make sure your child is in school uniform for the day. If it's a PE day, PE kits can be brought in to school as a one off on this day only. We will send out a reminder next week.

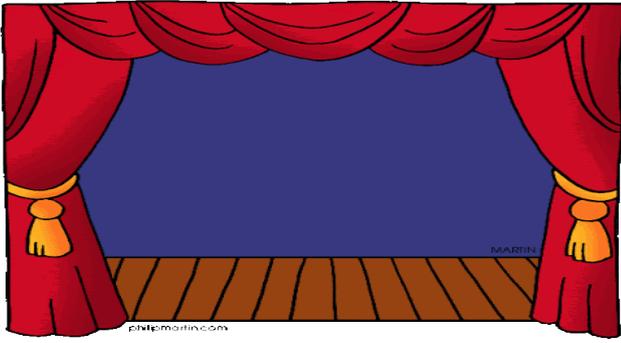


We enjoyed a fantastic "virtual" author visit in school this week from Guy Bass - the author of *Stitch Head*. He is hilarious and so engaging, and the children absolutely loved it! It was lovely to hear the laughter echoing round school. Thank you so much to our wonderful PTA who have supported 3 virtual author visits across school this year. Thank you also to Eric Ferguson and Literature Works for organising these. Fingers crossed we can welcome more authors in person next year! Mrs Lambert

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## Dates for your Diary

- Monday 28th June (AM) GEMS teachers meeting Yr4 pupils at GPFS
- Monday 28th June (AM) GEMS 'Buddy Letters' given to Yr4 pupils
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June School Photographs
- Monday 5th July (2-3pm) Yr4 Sports Day
- Tuesday 6th July (2-3pm) Yr3 Sports Day
- Tuesday 6th July (after school) New Reception Starter Meetings
- Wednesday 7th July (2-3pm) Yr2 Sports Day
- Thursday 8th July (2-3pm) Reception Sports Day
- Thursday 8th July (after school) New Reception Starter Meetings
- Thursday 8th July (after school) Transition Passports sent out via Seesaw/Tapestry with new class teacher information
- Friday 9th July (AM) Whole School Transition Morning
- Friday 9th July (AM) Yr4 GEMS Transition Morning (at GEMS)
- Friday 9th July (2-3pm) Yr1 Sports Day
- Thursday 15th July (All Day) Yr4 On-site Residential/Sleepover
- Friday 16th July (AM) Yr4 On-site Residential/Sleepover
- Friday 16th July (PM) Yr4 Leavers Presentations
- Friday 16th July (PM) Yr4 Leavers Video sent out
- Friday 23rd July Last Day



## Unfolding Theatre

KS2 thoroughly enjoyed their workshops with Unfolding Theatre this week. This is an exciting oracy project we have been involved in with the Gosforth Schools Trust, encouraging children to find their voice and build up their confidence in debating and public speaking. The children have been designing creatures and this week it was a chance to be filmed and give these creatures a voice. The theatre was so impressed with our children and their creativity and confidence.

*On Wednesday 23rd June, Gosforth Park First School had an amazing day. The International Ministry of Play came to GPFS and told us that they needed our help! Everyone created their own mystical creature with a special magical purpose. We read out lines from our story and a man named Elliot recorded us with a microphone. We even added our own sound effects! Everyone really enjoyed it. They made everyone smile and it was a great experience.*

Maddy May and Heidi Collins (Blue Class)

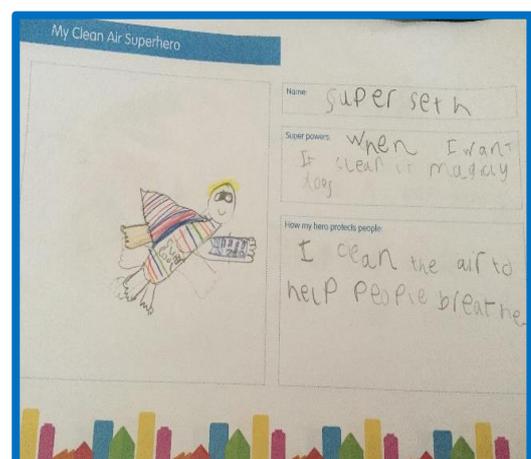
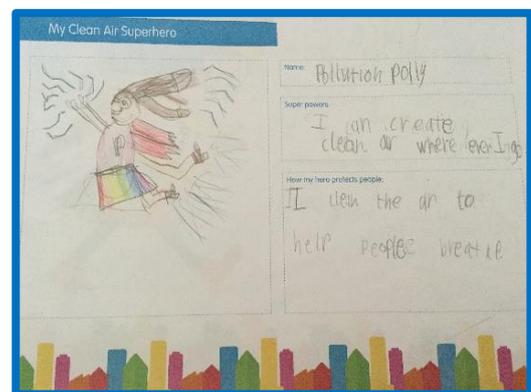
*I really like No Voice Too Small they were so kind and inspiring. When the video got recorded I was really shy but they were all really happy and didn't do a face at me so I carried on and I luckily did it! My words weren't too long and I made up some bits of it myself and me and the No Voice Too Small people thought it was great!*

Myar E (Violet Class)

## Clean Air Day

To recognise Clean Air Day last week, children across our school learnt about the impact of pollution on our health and carried out a Lichen Bio-Indicator Observation to find out if the air around school is polluted. Children also had lots of fun designing their own Clean Air Superheroes. From Cleaner Serena who has a magic wand which turns pollution into fireworks to Captain Tights who has a vacuum cleaner which sucks up all of the polluted air making it easier for people to breathe there were some great ideas!

Mrs McClurg



## Bikeability



This week Year 4 have taken part in and completed the Bikeability Level 1 course. They had lots of fun preparing for cycling on the road by developing their cycle handling.

*"First we had to check our bikes. They taught us how to check if our bikes were safe to use. I really enjoyed it! It was really fun!"*

Elizabeth Muldoon-Smith

*"We learned how to ride using only one hand and we had relay races. It was really good."*

Oliver Ramsay



## Oxford Reading Buddy

It's a tie for Oxford reading buddy this week! Well done to Jacob Mancini and Anna Gillot in Yellow Class.

Mrs Lambert



## Mathletics

Yellow class are our Mathletes of the week, though well done to Orange class, it was really very close! Sahib Singh Dhaliwal, Joel Whitehall and Kunal Arora are our highest scorers this week – fantastic work!



Jemima Bond, Elizabeth Muldoon-Smith, Isabel Gent have amazing studio speeds – well done! It's lovely to see David Taylor, Millie Anderson and Hunain Hashim catching up to them though – nice work everyone!

Ms Gasper



Well done to Heidi who has achieved her level 1 and 2 swimming awards!



Well done to Vesper who has passed her first grading in taekwondo!



## Think COVID first

If you or your child are unwell and have any of the following symptoms please do not send them to school. Think COVID first and book a test.

- A new or continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A change or loss in taste or smell

### COVID-19

## Guidance Change PCR Testing for all Close Contacts

Individuals who have been in contact with someone who has tested positive are now advised to access a free PCR test at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119 (free of charge).

Public Health teams from Newcastle City Council and Public Health England are working to detect further cases of COVID-19, limit its onward spread and reduce the impact it may have on local communities. We would therefore advise that schools inform any close contacts of a positive case to take a PCR test before the end of their period of self-isolation. They should do this even if they have returned a negative Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test during the period of their self-isolation.

This additional testing will help to reduce any possible transmission within the school. This highly precautionary approach will allow us to detect any additional cases within the wider community and reduce possible transmission.

In line with national guidance, anyone identified as a close contact must stay at home and self-isolate for 10 full days. In this time, they must not go to school/work or to public areas: they must remain at home and must not mix with anyone outside of their household.

If a negative test is recorded, then the close contacts will be able to return to school **only when their full period of self-isolation is complete.**

If the PCR test result is positive, the whole household must self-isolate and follow the advice of NHS Test and Trace. If any close contact should develop symptoms during their self-isolation period they should take another PCR test and isolate with their household until the results are known.