



Gosforth Park First School

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On Monday 1st April, the Friends of Gosforth Park First School are holding an Easter Egg decorating competition for **Nursery – Year 4**. Entry to the competition will be £1. Please decorate your hard-boiled egg at home and bring into school on the morning of **Monday 1st April** (Wednesday 3rd for Nursery). Prizes will be awarded for the best 2 in each class! These have been generously donated by Asda. The eggs can be decorated however you like, Easter themed, super heroes, patterned, animals etc. We are really looking forward to seeing what your children can create!

Help!

Please remember that space is limited in school. We do not have space for each child to bring a large back pack. Please use reading folders which can fit inside our classroom trays. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Lamb



I'd like to say another big thank you to the members of our school PTA. They have provided some wonderful prizes for our school engineering competition. We hope you let us have some photographs of your Lego models.

Mr Phipps

The winners were:

- Robyn Bain-Reception (1st)
- William Gibbins-Reception (1st)
- Zoe Tinnion-Reception (2nd)
- Sophia Webster-Green Class (1st)
- Emily Graham-Green Class (2nd)
- Maddy May-Yellow Class (1st)
- Henry Musgrove-Yellow Class (2nd)
- Oliver Smith-Orange Class (1st)
- Ayla Seccombe-Orange Class (2nd)
- Ayah Hussein –Indigo Class (1st)
- Daniel Craig-Indigo Class (2nd)
- Martha Graham –Blue Class (1st)
- Rohan Gent-Blue Class (2nd)
- Elizabeth Graham-Violet Class (1st)
- Harry Brown-Violet Class (2nd)



Paramedics

Miss Coughlan's class had a visit from some Paramedics on Monday; the children had the opportunity to go and have a look inside of an ambulance and got to test some of the different equipment that the Paramedics use.



Testing our temperature. Bandaging our friends.



Putting the Paramedics to the test with our questions!

Nursery Assembly

Wednesday 27th March

10:45am and 2:30pm

Green Class Assembly

Friday 29th March

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. We look forward to seeing you there!

Reminder

Souvenir Payment Robinwood

Many thanks to those who have already paid for their child's souvenirs. If you would still like to order that's fine, if you haven't already paid, the deadline is **MONDAY 25th MARCH**. Thank you, Mrs Wilson.

Our Amazing Swimming Squad

Yesterday 8 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, including Mrs Wilson!

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.

Both Joshua Mancini and Sam Tristram won their freestyle heats. The two boys would meet head to head in the final! Lexi Eastham was up for her freestyle heat and romped home in 4th place. Nina Gumbrill dived in to seal 2nd place in her freestyle event.

The points were slowly mounting up. James Taylor earned us some extremely valuable points when he came 2nd in the Breaststroke and Elizabeth had the race of her life coming 3rd in the girls breaststroke.

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

Rohan Gent got in the water to swim his back crawl and hit the wall in 2nd place. Next was Millie Hunter 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 also came 2nd in her backstroke race.

The boys 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 girls were on their feet to cheer the boys on, big style! They smashed it, but would 2nd place clinch it? The girls relay team put on a magnificent fight to come in at very strong 4th place.

The final events were so exciting with Sam (silver) and Rohan (Bronze) both picking up individual medals and the boys relay team picking up silver medals in their final. The girls relay team were just outside the medals. All in all they were a real credit to the school and enjoyed every minute of it. Gosforth Park First School came 3rd overall in the Gala of 2019.

Well done swimmers. We are so proud of you!

Mrs Wilson

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
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 **Reception SC** and **Violet** class

Our attendance this week was 97.5%. A dip on last week (due to chicken pox) but still a huge improvement on last year (96.5%)

We only had 7 lates this week (7 families)
Thank you so much for your support.

Mrs Lamb



Our Mathletics trophy goes to **Yellow Class** this week and our Mathletes of the week are **Finn Walker**, and **Magnus Gouty!**
Well done!

Homework

Class	
Green	Spelling – common exception words Maths – heavier and lighter than
Orange	Spelling – common exception words Maths – fraction problems
Yellow	Spelling – common exception words Maths – Y1: subtraction word problems Y2: Add and subtract 10s
Indigo	Maths- Spin the Perimeter
Violet	Fractions problem solving.
Blue	Revision of taught concepts so far and suggestions for further revision. Mathletics – Introduction to decimals



Huge congratulations to Abigail Samples and Charlie Davies 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!



Well done to Melody Makvandi who has achieved her Stage 3 in swimming.

Well done to Joseph Norman who has passed his 25metre award.

Well done to Madeleine Lewis who has achieved her Stage 1 and 2 and 5 metres

Well done to Fraser Secombe who has been awarded his Seconder badge from Scouts.



The Friends of GPFS



Spring Disco

Our next event will be a Spring Disco on Sunday 28th April 3-4:30pm in the School Hall. Tickets will go on sale on Monday 1st April from the school office and are priced at £3 per child (accompanying adults and under 3yrs are free). Please can we remind you that this event requires all children to be accompanied and supervised throughout by an adult.

We ask that, unless absolutely necessary, older siblings do not attend as this event as it is intended for all of the students at GPFS from Nursery right up to Year 4. Any older siblings attending will require a ticket.

Easyfundraising.com Update

We received our donation for this month, which was £30 which is great considering it costs **absolutely nothing** to raise this! All you need to do is sign up then continue to shop online as normal and every time you spend money, we receive money. It couldn't be simpler! If every parent, grandparent, relative and friend could sign up on our behalf we could raise even more!!

Asda Green Coins

Don't forget we are still collecting the green coins at Asda, it's not much longer to go before it finishes so let's make a big final push to make sure we maintain our lead and win the top prize of **£500!!!!**

Parklands Crossing Committee – Raffle Fundraiser

The amazing volunteers from Parklands Crossing have organised a fantastic Raffle to raise money to fund the Crossing Patrol outside of school for the next two years. Our PTFA committee is very pleased to be able to work with fellow PTFA's from our neighbouring schools to support such a worthy and vital cause. Tickets will be in book bags tonight and the accompanying letter will be emailed out by school today.

Preloved Uniform

We still have stock available if you would be interested in purchasing some please contact Kate Watkins on 07947846974. So far, we have raised a massive £90 from Pre-Loved Uniform sales, all of which goes to buy new playground equipment for the children.

The Benefit of having the PTFA

All the members of the committee are volunteers and parents of pupils within the school. We do what we can to support Mrs Lamb and the Faculty financially to achieve their goals within school to ensure all the children have a lovely and fulfilling school experience. We cannot do this alone. We need support from our school community to continue to raise vital funds whilst also giving the children fun events to attend. Thanks to the generous donations, participation and support from our school community we have so far been able to fund £6000 worth of purchases within school that otherwise would not have been possible due to limited School Budgets, and we have agreed to fund a further £1500 approx. for Mrs Lambert to revitalise the literacy resources within school. For the PTFA to continue being successful we need fresh ideas, more helping hands and lots of donations. So if you feel like you would like to join the committee, or would just like to help out at an event, please let your class rep know. If you are not sure who to contact, you can find a list of who we are in the PTFA cupboard next to the bike racks or on the school website.

Committee Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 23rd April at 7pm** in the school Hall. As always everyone is welcome to attend, and it would be lovely to see some new faces!

Have a great weekend,

On behalf of the Friends of GPFS,

Jen Higgins

Dates for your Diary

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