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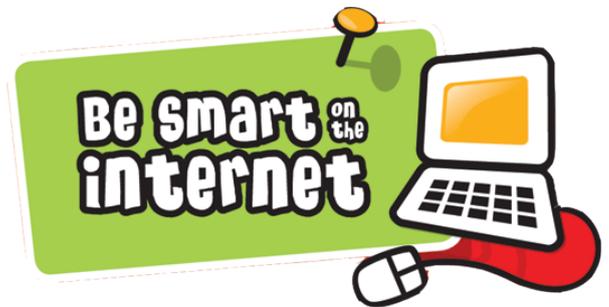
Gung Hay Fat Choi

We wish all of our Chinese families a very happy, prosperous and good new year. This year is the year of the Dog in the Chinese calendar. The annual Chinese New Year celebrations will be taking place at Grey's Monument and on Stowell Street on Sunday 18th January. Head to Monument to see a stunning parade including a dragon, lion and unicorn dances as well as various themed floats and exciting performances! Go to www.getintonewcastle.co.uk for more information. I am sure it will be a fabulous day for all the family!

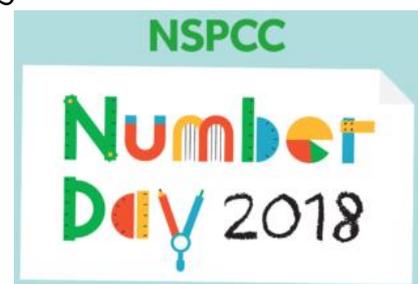


Many thanks once again for your patience and support during the school closure last week. I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and look forward to welcoming you all back into school on Monday 19th February.

Mrs Lamb



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.



We've had lots of requests to reschedule Number Day and are pleased to announce that this will take place on Friday 23rd February.

To celebrate the day we are asking children to wear an item of clothing with a number on it and bring in a suggested donation of £1.

Thank you

CEILIDH

*A **ceilidh** is a traditional Scottish or Irish social gathering.*

On Thursday afternoon I went to Gosforth Junior High for a ceilidh.

We listened to some great music which was played by children from local schools.

As they played we learnt some dances. It was very energetic dancing.

I had great fun but it was very tiring.

By Daisy Wrigley



Mrs Thorpe took us to Gosforth Junior High School .

It was like Irish dancing and it was really fun. It made me really sweaty. I couldn't do it every day because I would be the hottest person in the world.

My favourite dance was when I was with Layla and we had to make an arch with our arms and everyone went under it and then the second pair of dancers had a turn. We thought it would finish after that dance and went to have a long drink, but we had to dance some more! Two circles with two schools together, where we all had to hold hands. The number ones went into the middle and then the number two's went in ... I think it was called the Circassian circle.

We danced to the Ceilidh Band and I recognised some of the children who used to go to this school.

There were some singers, who were really good and they had made up their own song. They played electric guitars. I think they should go on the X Factor!

By Finley Ratcliffe.



RAISING MONEY FOR THE DEAF HEALTH CHARITY SIGNHEALTH

It's that time again!! Oh no I hear you cry – it's okay it was just the **annual Sign2sing event** in school. We spent the afternoon on Wednesday 7th singing and signing as many songs as we could squeeze into 25 minutes in order to raise money for the sign health charity in our Song Practice session.

Because of the 3 days out of school last week I was unable to give you advanced notice so it would be lovely to receive any donations to send away after half term. The charity usually asks for a **donation of £1** but any amount bigger or smaller would be gratefully received.

Last year we raised £189.58 and it would be fantastic to send a good amount this year too. The singing was fantastic, loud and energetic. Everyone in school gave it their all so ask your child about the songs and I'm sure they can at least sing you the chorus!!

Thank you

J Thorpe

Class Assemblies

Class Assemblies – Special Class Assemblies will be taking place over the term. The children will showcase some of their learning and this will enable parents to see what they have been doing. The Special Assemblies will take place on a Friday afternoon. Parents and carers will be invited to the School hall for 2.30pm to have a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. Fundraising will take place with the sale of cakes (nut free please), raffle etc. This will be to support the class with buying some little extras. The children will come in at 2.50pm to showcase their talents. We do need some parents or family volunteers to help on the afternoons to do the teas and coffees, sell donated cakes (nut free please which need to come in on the morning of the class assembly). Donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated. Please see your child's teacher or contact the school office to say if you can help. Thank you in advance for your much valued help and support. Please save the date!

Friday 23rd February - Violet Class

Friday 2nd March - Indigo Class

Friday 9th March Nursery am and pm Nursery

Mother's Day Assembly

Friday 16th March – Blue Class

Friday 23rd March – Green Class

Friday 4th May – Orange Class

Friday 11th May – Reception 1 and 2

Friday 18th May – Yellow

Advance Notice of Dates

PTFA AGM – Tuesday 20th February 7pm

Robinwood Meeting – Wednesday 21st February 6:30pm

World Book Day – Thursday 1st March

Book Fair – 5th – 9th March

Science Week – 12th – 16th March

Viewing of children's work – the morning of Friday 23rd March

Parent Consultations – after school on Monday 26th and Wednesday 28th March

Open Day – the afternoon of Friday 22nd June



The Children's Cancer Run 2018

We would like you and your family to join our school team at the 36th Children's Cancer Run at Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park on **Sunday 20th May 2018**.

Your child will have brought home information regarding this year's event. Please ensure that you **register online** for the event:

1. Log on to www.childrenscancerrun.co.uk
2. **Select** 'Enter now' and you will be asked to log in or sign up to Everyday Hero - this is an essential part of the registration system and only takes 2 minutes to sign up
3. Complete your entry form, selecting our school name from the drop down list
4. Click **proceed to payment** to complete the registration for you and your family

Every child must be accompanied by an adult.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Miss Walsh

Attendance News

Our attendance this week is 96.7% which is down on this time last year (97.3%).



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Indigo** and **Reception 1** classes!

Well done to everyone
Mrs Lamb



Congratulations to the following swimmers who took part in the Dolphins swimming gala at the weekend. All of them came home winners:

Olivia Rivett – BRONZE in Front Crawl and GOLD in Butterfly

Max Cala – GOLD in Front Crawl and GOLD in Butterfly

Dyanesh Athiraman - SILVER in Back Stroke and BRONZE in Front Crawl



Congratulations also to Katelynn Anderson for achieving her Puffin Award for swimming and Maisie Rivett who has achieved her 5 metre and Stage 1 + 2.



The Mathletics trophy was awarded to Mrs Thorpe's class again on Monday. A special mention goes out to **Katie Collins** and **Aurelia Fahey Garvey** who were our Mathletes of the week.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

ROBINWOOD APRIL 2018

A meeting will be held for all parents /guardians of children who are going on the residential trip in April, regardless if you have had a child go before as there are new protocols and important information to hand out. If you cannot attend please send a representative from your family. The meeting will take place in the school hall at 6.30 on Wednesday 21st February. A letter will be sent out nearer the time to remind you.

Many thanks, Sue Wilson

Nursery

The deadline for Nursery applications is Friday 16th March. If you would like an application form, or to arrange a visit, please contact the school office.

Remember

Violet Class Special Assembly

Friday 23rd February

