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Easter Fun!

A huge well done to all of our children on their eggs-ellent and egg-stravagant Easter egg designs! Thank you so much to Asda for donating the eggs and prizes. Huge thank also to Daft as a Brush who donated a huge haul of chocolate eggs to school. All of the children's names were entered into a pot in class and lucky winners were chosen at random.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing you in the Summer term.

Mrs Lamb

Next term's topics

After the Easter holiday, our children will be exploring the world with two new geography-based topics 'Home and Away' (KS1) and 'Location, Location, Location' (KS2)

In Key Stage One, children will be finding out about the significant of the equator in relation to hot and cold places. They will be researching interesting places around the world and finding out about how humans have learned to adapt to their different surroundings.

In Key Stage Two, we will be focusing on our geographical skills, using latitude and longitude to locate countries and taking a closer look at different types of mapping, such as ordinance survey and topographical.

Mr Hindess

Remember: school closes on Thursday 1st April and reopens on Tuesday 20th April.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

COVID-19

If your child has been in school on Wednesday and Thursday this week and becomes symptomatic on Friday 2nd or Saturday 3rd April, please let us know by emailing the admin inbox immediately.

Anyone showing symptoms during this time may have had close contacts with others in school in the 48 hours prior to this (when contagious) and therefore there are actions that school will need to take. If your child becomes symptomatic/accesses a test after this, please continue to update us for information via the admin email address.

Parent Consultation Days

Please see the information sent out on Parent Pay for how to book your parent consultation appointment.

Booking will go live on Tuesday 6th April at 4pm and will close on Wednesday 21st April at 4pm.

Monday 26th April 09:00 – 17:00

- Mrs Easdon – Violet Class
- Mrs McClurg – Green Class
- Miss Walsh - Reception

Tuesday 27th April 09:00 – 17:00

- Mr Hindess – Blue Class
- Mrs Lambert – Yellow Class
- Miss Coughlan – Reception Class

Wednesday 28th April 09:00 – 17:00

- Mr Patterson – Indigo Class
- Miss Pope – Orange Class

Nursery – Miss Gasper

- Monday 26th April
- Tuesday 27th April
- Tuesday 4th May
- Wednesday 5th May

If you have any problems please drop us an email at admin@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk



Dear Parents/Carers,
Get set... we're taking part in Sustrans Big Pedal 2021, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 19 April to 30 April, so as soon as we return to school after Easter. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to take active journeys to school on as many days as possible during the event, and join them on their way.

Or, if your child(ren) are needing to learn from home due to self-isolation, encouraging them to do physical activity on as many days as possible instead will also count.

As the bike racks may start to get pretty full, we will have designated areas in which to store your child's bike or scooter. Look out for the laminated signs when you arrive along the boundary fence which starts next to the nature garden. Children will not have access to these during the day apart from on our final Friday (see below).

Tell us what you've done at home

If your child(ren) are taking part in Sustrans Big Pedal from home due to self-isolation, you can let their teacher know if they have completed a physical activity through See-Saw by 3.30pm each day. We need to log activity daily in order to enter to win prizes for our school.

Please use this communication channel to let us know if other family members (including parents and siblings not at the school) have joined in, as supporter activity counts in the competition too.

Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Pedal is a great way to get children active, which is important for physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate.

Covid-19 has made active travel to school even more important. The Department for Education have said encouraging active travel to school helps "to enable pupils to be physically active while encouraging physical distancing."

Plus there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!

Cycle, walk, scoot and snap to win family prizes

You and your family can also win prizes during Sustrans Big Pedal. Simply post a photo of you cycling, walking, wheeling or scooting to school on social media during the challenge using #BigPedalWin.

To be in with a chance of winning, you'll need to follow Sustrans on Instagram

[instagram.com/sustrans](https://www.instagram.com/sustrans), Twitter

twitter.com/sustrans or Facebook

[facebook.com/Sustrans](https://www.facebook.com/Sustrans).

Be sure to check the terms and conditions found on the Big Pedal website prior to entering the competition.

The Big Pedal is For Everyone

We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Sustrans Big Pedal.

We will also be taking part in educational activities within school including learning about the amazing benefits of active travel, adapted bikes to enable access for all, epic school journeys from around the World and much more.

On the final Friday (30th April), we would like to celebrate by having a "Bling you Bike/Show off your Scooter" Day. We would love for as many children as possible to come in with their modes of transport decorated as brightly and extravagantly as possible. Think rainbow colours, neon, amazing attachments, stunning saddles etc. (please be mindful of any attachments that may prohibit the correct use of the equipment or dangle too close to wheels etc).

We will allow the different classes to parade their transport around the playground and celebrate their fantastic designs and imagination. There will also be prizes awarded for some of the best dressed bikes or scooters in school.

Useful resources

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide packed with advice, games and challenges to help you have hassle-free cycle, walk or scoot to school.

[Download your free family guide](https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-family-guide/) using this link: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-family-guide/>

Please use the below link for tips on staying safe on the school run during lockdown:

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/get-active/2020/everyday-walking-and-cycling/how-to-stay-safe-on-the-school-run-during-lockdown/>.

For more information about the event go to www.bigpedal.org.uk. Enjoy the challenge!

Best wishes

Mrs Wells

Clubs

As restrictions begin to ease in the Summer term we will be reintroducing some of our clubs in school. We are delighted that Greame Doyle is able to offer football club to our Year 4 children after Easter and we'll keep you updated about other clubs in due course. Watch this space!

PRELOVED UNIFORM INFORMATION AND PRICES

Uniform can be purchased via text followed by a covid safe collection from 6 Burnside Road. Text Kate on 07947846974.

Prices subject to available stock: Jumpers £2.50, Cardigans £2.50, Polos £1.50, Summer Dresses £1.50, Pinafores £1.50 - Skirts, trousers, shorts, PE tshirts, PE shorts sold for 50p.

Unwanted uniform can be dropped at the door of 6 Burnside Road. No need to knock. However please note, marked red items are unable to be sold. Due to Covid all items should be clean before drop off.

Thanks

Kate Watkins



Yellow class are our Mathletics champions, though Indigo, you almost caught them this week, so well done! Hania Pervez, Phoebe Elwood and Sahib Singh Dhaliwal are our top Mathletes this week – amazing work everyone!



Jemima Bond, Elizabeth Muldoon-Smith, Isabel Gent well done to you all, no-one has quite caught up to your amazing scores yet! Let's see how many of you can try to challenge them over the Easter holidays!

Ms Gasper



Lucy Watkins is our Oxford Reading Buddy this week- well done!

Mrs Lambert

