



ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL



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ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
★ 100% ★	96.9%	96.6%	96.7%	97.9%	96.3%	96.8%

Our school target for attendance is 97%. **Well done Nursery!**

PTFA NEWS

The tree planting session (taking place as I type) has been a huge success- thank you to all those who have supported this activity.



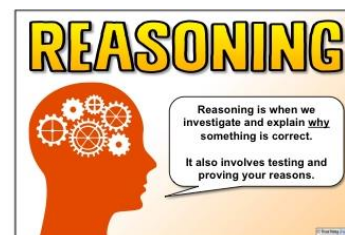
WORLD POETRY DAY



The children really enjoyed reciting their poems to an audience on Thursday to mark World Poetry Day. Thank you to all those who were able to attend. It was great to see everyone so enthused about poems!

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Mrs Gregory ran the Reasoning Workshop again for parents on Tuesday. We would like to express our thanks to her and to Grange First School for offering this to parents in GST. Next term she plans to run a multiplication workshop for parents on Monday 13th May (9:15am and 5:00pm).



We are also re-running our Behaviour workshop for parents on Monday 29th April.

The Safeguarding Workshop, held this morning, was also well received. Thank you to all those who attended. We do appreciate the time that parents, carers and friends of our school have given up in order to join us.

Miss Wilkinson is running a Year 1 Phonics Screen session for parents on Tuesday 30th April at 9:00am. Mr Renny and Mrs Mann will running a Year 2 SATs session for parents on Wednesday 3rd April at 9:00am.

THANKS



I have received an email from a local resident asking me to pass on a big thank you to some of our mums who were at the skate park on Tuesday 19th March. Our parents had helped and comforted a boy who had fallen from his scooter. The Mum of the boy has expressed her appreciation and thanks. Community Spirit is alive and well in Gosforth!



SAVE THE DATE

The PCC of Gosforth, St Nicholas' have kindly offered to host a Pentecost Teddy Bears' Picnic in the grounds of St Nicholas' Church on Saturday 8th June for our school community (and wider community).

There will be children's games, BBQ, live music and a beer tent! Families will be welcome to bring a picnic rug and set up camp for the day! All proceeds will go to our school so please show your support! The PCC have asked for offers of help to run stalls and activities for the children. The PCC will provide all food and refreshments. Please contact the PTFA or Gill Mitchell directly if you would be able to help. gill1mitchell@hotmail.com

STAFFING

This week, we have welcomed Miss Katherine Woodruff to help in the school office. She will be here all next week too. From next week, Mrs Carrick, from Gosforth Park First School, will be helping in the office each Thursday, assisting Mrs McCloud.

DIVERSITY



This week, we have learned about Purim; the Jewish holiday that commemorates the saving of the Jewish people from Haman. The story is recorded in the Biblical Book of Esther.

Mrs Kohannejad also came into school to talk to us about Nowruz (Persian New Year). Nowruz is observed by millions of people across



the globe, and is the Iranian celebration of spring and new beginnings.

The children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed decorating eggs as part of this. Mrs Ramsay, Mrs Chandler, Mr Renny and Miss Wilkinson get an extra special prize for their eggs (see picture!).



PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to all the parents who have completed and returned the Parent Questionnaire online. It is great to receive your feedback to help us continue to understand the strengths of our school and areas for further improvement. The questionnaire response window closes on Sunday 7th April, after which I will share results.

Y4 PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

It has come to my attention that the Year 4 Parent Teacher consultation booking form on ParentMail erroneously refers to you meet with Mrs Armstrong – a technical glitch in the setting up of the booking process. I can confirm that you will be meeting with Miss Burns. Apologies for the confusion.

STEM HOMEWORK

Lots of parents have expressed their thanks to Mr Renny for setting the STEM homework last week. It is great to hear how engaged your children have been. STEM challenge 2 is set out below. Mr Renny would love to hear how your child has got on with each challenge so please send any comments and feedback directly to him by Sunday evening via email - tom.renny@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk.



Any photos of children completing tasks with parents/carers/friends are welcome too! Over the coming weeks, we will add these photos to a display in school to celebrate the children's efforts and scientific enquiry.

SAFETY POSTER

This week, we had a visit from ESH Group who have asked us to join their safety campaign to design a site safety poster, to be displayed on their construction site, at home. They have said that:

- The poster must contain the words "STAY SAFE"
- The poster must be bright and colourful

Children have 2 weeks to complete the poster then ESH will select 3 winning posters to be created into signs to display on their construction sites. We have added their presentation to the school website if you want to look at it with your child prior to them undertaking this task.



Please send complete posters to school marked FAO Miss Wilkinson.

GROWTH MINDSET



We are now seeing the benefits of Growth Mindset in school; children often talk about challenge and learning from mistakes. Parents and families could also help embed this. This week, I have been informed about a book called "Family Mindsetters". Family Mindsetters is a book that gives tips and insights into how to talk with children, respond to children, and, most importantly, model a way of thinking that can rapidly change what parents and their children are capable of.

The book includes:

- Family stories for a Growth Mindset;
- Family activities to accompany the stories;
- The science-y bit for adults - an explanation of the theory, with parent tips.

The Family Mindsetters uses tried and tested methods used in schools, translated into a highly accessible form for families to use. Let us know how you get on!

VISITS & VISITORS

As a school, we place high value on the place and purpose of educational visits and visitors to school. We are committed to taking our children on educational visits so that they gain experience which can bring the curriculum alive and offer memorable learning experiences.



We believe that educational visits are an integral part of the entitlement of every pupil to an effective and balanced curriculum. Appropriately planned visits are known to enhance learning and improve attainment, and so form a key part of what makes Archbishop Runcie CE First School a supportive and effective learning environment.

The benefits to pupils of taking part in visits and learning outside the classroom include, but are not limited to:

- Improved achievement and attainment across a range of curricular subjects. Pupils are active participants not passive consumers, and through a wide range of learning styles can flourish.
- Increased cultural capital (the essential knowledge that children need to be educated citizens, introducing them to the best that has been thought and said and helping engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement.
- Increased skills and knowledge to draw upon to prepare them for opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.
- Enhanced opportunities for 'real world' 'learning in context' and the development of the social and emotional aspects of intelligence.
- Increased curiosity and resilience.
- Increased risk management skills through opportunities for involvement in practical risk-benefit decisions in a range of contexts i.e. encouraging pupils to become more risk aware as opposed to risk averse.
- Improved environmental appreciation, knowledge, awareness and understanding of a variety of environments.
- Possibilities for genuine team working including enhanced communication skills.
- Increased levels of trust and opportunities to examine the concept of trust (us in them, them in us, them in themselves and in each other).
- Improvements in their ability to cope with change.
- Greater sense of personal responsibility.



We very much appreciate your support with these educational experiences. It would not be possible to offer our children such rich and varied experiences without your practical and financial help.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs KE Massey

Headteacher

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Colossians 3:23-24

STEM CHALLENGE 2: Build a soap powered model boat

You will need

- A foam tray (like the kind meat comes in) or paper plate.
- a bowl/tray of water
- Liquid dish soap
- A toothpick

What to do

- Cut the foam tray or cardboard into a boat shape as shown to the right (5 cm is a good size).
- Dip the toothpick into the liquid soap and use the toothpick to put soap onto the sides of the notch at the back of the boat.
- That's it! Now carefully place the boat onto the surface of the water and watch it scoot across the water for several seconds – you've made a soap-powered boat! To demonstrate the boat again, you will need to rinse out the tray to remove any soap from the previous demonstration.

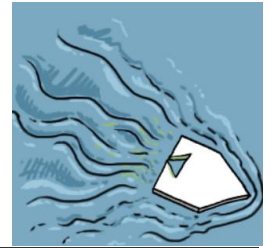
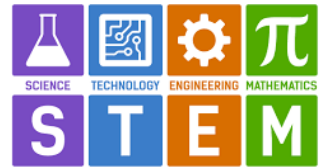
How it works and questions to ask your child

Soap is a surfactant – that means that it breaks down the surface tension of water. As the surface tension is broken up, it creates enough of a force to push the lightweight boat across the surface.

1. Does liquid soap last longer than a solid piece of soap?
2. Does warm water work better than cold water?
3. What materials make the best floating boat?

Watch this video to see an example

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=miWIDVOhrSE>



Dates for your Diary

New dates are in red, for your information.

Date	Event	Additional Notes
March 2019		
Tuesday 26 th March	STEM workshop for Rec & Y1	
	pm Y4 to watch GCMS Bussy Malone production	
	School Nurse delivering PHSE sessions in school	
Wednesday 27 th March	2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay & Play	Nursery parents invited
Thursday 28 th March	9:15 Reception Parents Stay & Play	Reception parents invited to all or part of session
	Year 4 Parent Teacher Consultations	Please book your appointment online
	Full Governing Body Meeting	
Friday 29 th March	Y1-4 Mothers' Day Service 9:00am	Mums (or alternative carer) invited!
	N & Rec Mothers' Day Service 2:30pm	Mums (or alternative carer) invited!
	Nursery places offered	
April 2019		
Monday 1 st April	GCMS Spanish event for Y4	Selected children only
	11:00 Parent Council	
	Autism Awareness Week	Activities in school
Monday 1 st April	Forest School- N, Rec & Y1	Please wear outdoor clothes with long sleeves and bring wellies if wet/sunhat and suncream if warm
Tuesday 2 nd April	Forest School- Y2, Y3 & Y4	
	School Nurse delivering PHSE sessions in school	
	Cross Country Event- Blakelaw	
	Autism Awareness Day	Activities in school
Wed 3 rd April	9:00am Year 2 SATs Meeting for Parents	Y2 Parents- please come along!
Thursday 4 th April	PTFA Film Night- Sing along Greatest Showman	Please note, this film is a PG
	Y3 & Y4 Football Tournament BEFS	
	No Art Club tonight	
Friday 5 th April	Easter Service at All Saints Church for children in Y1-Y4 2:00pm	All Saints' Church , West Avenue (off the High Street) Families welcome
	Closing date for ESH poster competition	
	School closes for Easter	
Sunday 7 th April	Deadline for Parents Questionnaire	
Friday 19 th April	Messy Church at Gosforth, St Nicholas'	Contact Gill Mitchell for more details
Tuesday 23 rd April	School re-opens to children	
	Shakespeare Day	Activities in school
Wed 24 th April	Y4 Bikeability	
	Bugs 'n' stuff visit for Nursery and Reception	Please pay £3.50 online
Thursday 25 th April	TBC Year 2 visit to RNLI Grace Darling Museum at Bamburgh	Please note that this is not yet confirmed. More info to follow in due course.
Friday 26 th April	Deadline for acceptance of Nursery places	
	Y1 visit to Dobbies Garden Centre	Details to follow
	PTFA Easter Cake Stall	After school- please send cake donations to school on the day
Saturday 27 th April	PTFA Sponsored Walk	Druridge Bay
Monday 29 th April	Behaviour Workshop for parents.	Time TBC
Tuesday 30 th April	9:00am Y1 Phonics Screen Workshop for Parents	
May 2019		
May	Year 2 Statutory Assessments	Y2 children must be in school please
	PTFA 5p challenge	Details to follow
Thursday 2 nd May	International Laughter Day	
	Governors Ethos Cttee	
Thursday 9 th May	Governors TLA Cttee	
12-18 May	Christian Aid Week	More info to follow

Monday 13 th May	Parent Workshop on Multiplication and teaching your child times tables	Please book online. Workshops at 9:15am and 5:00pm
Thursday 16 th May	Themed lunch	Details to follow
	Governors Safeguarding visit to school	
Friday 17 th May	Worship (lead by Year 1) 9:00am	Parents welcome
Sunday 19 th May	Greggs Children's Cancer Run- Newcastle Racecourse	Details to follow
Monday 20 th May	Y1 DAAB planting	Selected children only
	Wesak (Buddhist)	Activities in school
Tuesday 21 st May	Happy Shoes Day	Walk to school and wear your own shoes- donation of £1 please.
	World Day for Cultural Diversity	Activities in school
	Governors Finance Cttee Meeting	
Friday 24 th May	GST Daft Day for DAAB	Details to follow
	School closes for half term	
June 2019		
Monday 3 rd June	GST Staff Training Day- school closed to children	
Tuesday 4 th June	School reopens to children	
	Eid-UI-Fitr (Muslim)	Activities in school
	pm KS2 All Saints Schools Week visit	Details to follow
	Safeguarding update for Governors	
Saturday 8 th June	Teddy Bears Picnic in the grounds of Gosforth, St Nicholas'.	All proceeds will go to ARFS
Monday 10 th June	10:00am Pentecost Service- All Saints'	All welcome
10-14 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen	Y1 children must be in school please
Tuesday 11 th June	9:15 Reception Parents Stay & Play	Parents invited to all or part of session
Wed 12 th June	GST Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Fair - open to all parents of children on the SEND register	Held at GCMS
	Class Photos	
	2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay & Play	Parents Invited
Friday 14 th June	PJ Day for Ronald McDonald House Charities	Children invited to wear PJs for school for a £1 donation
Tuesday 18 th June	Big Gig (Gosforth Band & Gosforth Voices)	Northumbria Sports Central
Thursday 20 th June	Y4 Leavers' Service	St Nicholas' Cathedral
	Govs TLA Cttee Meeting	
Monday 24 th June	Y2 French Club today	Lunchtime
Tuesday 25 th June	New Nursery Parents Meeting 5:00pm	
Thursday 27 th June	New Reception Parents Meeting 5:00pm	
	TBC Nursery visit to Railway Museum	More information to follow
Friday 28 th June	Non Uniform Day	Please send bottles or tombola prizes
	Y1 French Club today	
	Y2 Big Sing 1:15-2:30pm	Details to follow
July 2019		
Tuesday 2 nd July	Gosforth Pyramid Concert (Trinity Church)	For children in Gosforth voices & Gosforth Band
	Y3 & Y3 Beach safety session	
Thursday 4 th July	Governing Body Meeting	
	Transition Day for all classes	Y4 children visit GCMS (all day)
	Y4 Parents Transition Evening at GCMS	Info to follow from GCMS
Friday 5 th July	End of year reports sent home	
Saturday 6 th July	PTFA Summer Fair 3:00pm-6:00pm with BBQ	
8-12 th July	PE Week	If you know anyone who is involved professionally with any sports and could lead a session, please let Mrs Mann know!
Monday 8 th July	Drop in sessions to speak to teaching staff	No appointments required
Tuesday 9 th July		
Monday 8 th July	Y1 & Y2 Beach safety session	
	9:15 French Assembly	

Wed 10 th July	N & Rec Teddy Bears Picnic (am) children only	Please bring a teddy bear and a healthy snack to share with your friends
Wed 10 th July	N & Rec Sports day (1:30pm)	Parents invited
Thursday 11 th July	Y4 Transition activities TBC	
Fri 12 th July	Year 1-4 Sports Day (1:30pm)	Parents invited
	Year 4 Leavers' Disco after school	Details to follow
Monday 15 th July	Forest School- Y2, Y3 & Y4	Please wear outdoor clothes with long sleeves and bring wellies if wet/sunhat and sun cream if warm
Tuesday 16 th July	Forest School- N, R & Y1	
	Y3 & Y4 instrumental concert TBC	Parents invited
Thursday 18 th July	Cakes in the Courtyard	All helpers and volunteers invited- please join us!
Friday 19 th July	9:15am Y4 Leavers' Service	Y4 Parents and carers invited
	3:15pm Picnic in the Playground	Everyone welcome!
	School closes for Summer	
September 2019		
Monday 2 nd September	Staff Training Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 3 rd September	School opens to children	
Wed 25 th -Thursday 26 th September	Y4 Residential to Dukes House Wood	

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