

# George Washington Primary School

## Friday Newsletter



20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Attendance** Well done to Mrs McMonigle's and Miss Lynn's classes for their attendance this week. School's overall attendance for the week was 92.4% and the year-to-date attendance is 94.6%.

*EYFS & KS1*

| RLM   | RSS   | 1NM   | 1MS   | 2AK   | 2BG   |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 93.6% | 96.4% | 96.7% | 89.7% | 95.3% | 91.4% |

*KS2*

| 3CL   | 3AW   | 4AL   | 4KH   | 5JP   | 5RA   | 6EA   | 6GW   |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 93.3% | 91.4% | 92.1% | 91.9% | 90.3% | 87.8% | 91.4% | 91.1% |

As it is the end of this half-term, we have given out certificates today to those children who had 100% for Autumn 2 – there were 143 children who received this brilliant certificate. We will give out 100% attendance awards again in Spring 1.

We have also drawn our half-termly attendance prizes for EYFS/KS1 and KS2. All children with 96%+ attendance or those whose attendance improved in Autumn 2 compared to Autumn 1 were in the raffle. The lucky winners were Christopher in Reception and Nancy in Y3 – congratulations!

**Carols around the Tree** Thank you to everyone who came along today. It is always lovely to see so many families and members of our community in school, and this morning was a fantastic way to finish our Christmas celebrations at GWPS.

**Journalism Club** Our journalism club have sent home a paper copy of their journal that they have been working on over a number of weeks. They are delighted to share it and show off their hard work - they hope that everyone enjoys reading it.

**WCFP** The Washington Community Food Project will once again be offering free packed lunches to children accompanied by an adult during the school holidays. Lunches can be collected Tuesday to Friday between 12pm and 3pm (except Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Years' Day). To do so, please visit Unit 0 (opposite Virgin Money) in the Galleries.

**Winter HAF** The providers of the winter holiday activity and food programme are now taking bookings. All children and young people in receipt of means tested free school meals or who fall within a vulnerable category are entitled to 4 free sessions during the holiday period. Please see the link below for more information and a list of available activities in the Washington area.



<https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/article/21867/Holiday-Activity-and-Food-HAF-Programme>

**Easyfundraising** A reminder to visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/george-washington-ps> before you do any last-minute online Christmas shopping, or before you have a look in the January sales! There are over 8,000 retailers who will donate to us for free every time that you shop with them. Thank you to those that have signed up so far – in the past week alone we have raised over £20!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year everyone – we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

R. Knight

Mr R. Knight  
Head of School



**Forest School Dates** Forest School will resume in the second week of Spring term. Please see the next newsletter for specific dates.

**PE and Swimming** - A timetable for PE and swimming is listed below. On their PE days, children should come into school in PE kit for the full day. School PE kit is a white T-shirt with dark coloured shorts or trousers. Football kits or similar clothing should not be worn.

| Year Group | PE Day    | Swimming Day                      |
|------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| Reception  | Wednesday |                                   |
| Year 1     | Monday    |                                   |
| Year 2     | Wednesday |                                   |
| Year 3     | Friday    |                                   |
| Year 4     | Thursday  | Tuesday - 4AL<br>Friday - 4KH     |
| Year 5     | Tuesday   | Wednesday – 5JP<br>Thursday – 5RA |
| Year 6     | Monday    |                                   |

**House Points** Well done to Hazel who won this term's prize and had their film treat on Monday this week. House Points will begin again in the new year.



# Achievers of the Week & House Points



| Year Group | Class | Achievers of the Week |
|------------|-------|-----------------------|
| Reception  | RLM   | Laila Mason           |
|            | RSS   | Austin Davies         |
| Year 1     | 1MS   | Charlie Ransom        |
|            | 1NM   | Evan Derbyshire       |
| Year 2     | 2AK   | Harry Nixon           |
|            | 2BG   | Harry Shepherd        |
| Year 3     | 3AW   | Parker Hogg           |
|            | 3CL   | Jack Field            |
| Year 4     | 4AL   | Matthew Harrison      |
|            | 4KH   | Ruby Robson           |
| Year 5     | 5RA   | Quinn Donnachie       |
|            | 5JP   | Jamie Wilson          |
| Year 6     | 6EA   | Alessia Tabacaru      |
|            | 6GW   | Mya Scott-Hillman     |

