

# George Washington Primary School

## Friday Newsletter

27<sup>th</sup> September 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another super week at GWPS with lots of brilliant work across the whole curriculum. Y4 went on a trip on Monday to explore Sunderland's maritime history at Seventeen Nineteen. Whilst there, they learned about how people lived in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and got to make their own junk-model boats.

**Attendance** Schools overall attendance for this week is 94% and the total for the year-to-date is 95.4%.

Well done to Mr McLaughlin's Reception class in EYFS/KS1 and to Miss Wade's class in KS2 who have the highest weekly attendance this week in their respective key stages.

### EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1NM	1MS	2AK	2BG
99.2%	98.8%	93.4%	92.9%	97.1%	93.3%

### KS2

3CL	3AW	4AL	4KH	5JP	5RA	6EA	6GW
91.7%	97.1%	94.2%	96.4%	96%	93.5%	96.3%	94.7%

**Parent Governor Vacancy** We have an upcoming space to fill on our local governing body for a parent governor position. Applications close on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30pm. Should you wish to have more information, then please contact the school office.

**Parent Meetings** Thank you those parents who could join us for the Reception and Y1 parent meetings this week. We hope that you found it useful. We will look at suggestions from parents on the feedback forms about ideas for future sessions and try to plan these in.

**Football** Unfortunately for our Y5/Y6 football team, last night's Autumn Cup got cancelled due to the inclement weather. We have received confirmation today that it will be rearranged for next week on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October playing at Biddick Academy on the 3G pitches.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** Thank you to everyone who braved the incessant rainfall to come and join us on our coffee morning and those who donated cakes to our sale. We hope you enjoyed the hot drink and cake on offer as well as the opportunity to hear our brilliant choir sing a few songs. Thank you also to those who entered their baked goods in our competition. I am delighted to say that the winning cake was by Alessia in Y6, with 2<sup>nd</sup> place being Jack in Y6 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Ted in Y1. There will be prizes for the top 3 in the cake competition given out next week.



**TA Appreciation Day** Today marks National Teaching Assistant's Day. Yesterday, in assemblies, we marked the day by discussing with the children all the hard work TAs do to support them and the school. I would like to take this opportunity myself to thank our TAs for all the invaluable work they do to make GWPS the brilliant place it is for all children to learn and reach their potential.

**After-School Clubs** A Forms survey has gone out today for parents to sign their child up to one of our brilliant after-school curriculum clubs – see the choices below. Once Reception children have fully settled into their new school, they will have option in Spring term.

Year Group	Day	Club Choices
Year One Year Two	Thursday	Arts and Crafts Construction Club Keep Fit (Games)
Year Three Year Four	Tuesday	Arts and Crafts Board Games Football/Futsal
Year Five Year Six	Monday	Arts, Crafts and Textiles Journalism (School Newspaper), Photography and Media Softball, Badminton and Indoor Sports

**INSET Day** School will be shut again to children on Monday for the second staff training day of the year. School will reopen on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

*R. Knight*

Mr R. Knight  
Head of School



**Forest School Dates** - See below for the next forest school sessions:

Date	Class
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	No Forest School due to INSET Day
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	3AW
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	4KH – Due to INSET Day on Monday 6GW
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	2BG RLM
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	1MS 5JP
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	4AL
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3CL
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6EA
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2AK RSS
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	1MS 5RA

**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	Thursday (Due to INSET)	
Year 2	Wednesday	
Year 3	Thursday	
Year 4	Thursday	Tuesday- 4AL Friday - 4KH
Year 5	Tuesday	Wednesday- 5JP Thursday- 5RA
Year 6	Tuesday (Due to INSET)	



# Achievers of the Week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RLM	Bradley Pearson
	RSS	Savannah Carney
Year 1	1MS	Ollie Quinn
	1NM	Cleo Bonallie
Year 2	2AK	Ayla Okon
	2BG	Harry Cook
Year 3	3AW	Neve Heppell
	3CL	Klay Scott
Year 4	4AL	Thomas Taylor-Deacon
	4KH	Malachi Morton
Year 5	5RA	Issac Chukwu
	5JP	Elliot Davison
Year 6	6EA	Sophie Rowell
	6GW	Chloe Armstrong

## House Points



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