

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter

20th September 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance Schools overall attendance for this week is 94.7% which is a slight dip on last week. We have had a few children sent home this week with a sickness bug. We have talked in assembly with the children about the importance of hygiene rules such as washing hands at regular intervals and at times such as after using the toilet.

I am super proud of our newest cohort of children in Reception who very nearly achieved that magical 100%. In KS2, Mr. Perry's class also have a brilliant attendance figure this week of 98.9%. Both sets of children will enjoy some extra playtime on Monday.

EYFS & KS1

Rec	1NM	1MS	2AK	2BG
99.5%	91.1%	89.1%	98.7%	91.3%

KS2

3CL	3AW	4AL	4KH	5JP	5RA	6EA	6GW
91.7%	92.7%	97.1%	98.6%	98.9%	92.3%	92.5%	93.1%

Oxclose Opening Evening Oxclose Academy are hosting an opening evening on Tuesday 24th September. There will be two presentations to choose from – one at 6pm and one at 6:45pm. Children and parents will get an opportunity to meet the Oxclose staff and see the 'superb facilities they can offer.' A reminder that secondary applications must be completed by the 31st October. This can be completed online on Sunderland City Council's portal. Please speak to our school office if you have any queries.

Mexican Fiesta Schools Meals Promotion On Thursday 3rd October, the school meals service will be running a special Mexican themed lunch day. We would encourage all children to have a school meal on the day – the higher the pupil uptake on this day, the more funding the school receives. If your child does not normally have school dinners, then please let the school office know in advance if they want to be part of the promotional day so that the kitchen can plan to feed them.

In each year group there will be a lucky "golden ticket" winner with a spot prize – each one of these winners will then enter a city-wide prize draw to try and win one of the following star prizes:

- Mexican t-shirt & Mexican flag wrist band (5 prizes to win)
- £25 Amazon voucher (5 prizes to win)



Parent Governor Vacancy We have an upcoming space to fill on our local governing body for a parent governor position. Today, all children have brought home an information leaflet about this role and a form to return should you wish to apply. Parents can also nominate another parent, but you should have their permission to do so. Should school receive more applications than places available, then an election would take place to nominate the preferred candidate. Should you wish to have more information, then there are details on the information leaflet about how to contact the chair of governors.

Parking A reminder to parents to park considerately when doing so near school. We ask that you consider the local residents who live nearby and to avoid blocking their driveways. At the beginning and end of the school day is very busy with limited places for parking and as such it can become congested in the visitor carpark. Where possible, please consider walking to school, or parking further away and walking the last part of your journey.

Macmillan Coffee Morning We will be having our usual coffee morning to raise invaluable funds for Macmillan Cancer Support on the morning of **Thursday 26th September** at 9:15am in the studio. This year we are holding a cake competition. We would like to invite you to make a cake with your child and enter it into the GWPS Bake Off! This competition will be judged by Mr Knight and there will be a prize for the winning entry. All cakes entered into the competition will be entered into a raffle and children will be able to buy raffle tickets on the day. The raffle will take place on the afternoon before the end of school. We hope you can join us to support this worthy cause. Please note that we have children in school with nut allergies so we would appreciate it if any donations did not contain nuts.

Football What a fantastic start to the season for our year 5 and 6 football team! They played both Lambton and Blackfell Primary Schools last night. Not only did they win their games, but won 3-0 in both, giving us a massive +6 goal difference to start the season. We are very excited to see how far the team will go this year. Well done everyone!

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

Date	Class
Monday 23 rd Sept	None (4AL on Wednesday due to trip)
Tuesday 24 th Sept	3AW
Wednesday 25 th Sept	6GW 4AL
Thursday 26 th Sept	2BG RSS
Friday 27 th Sept	INSET DAY – STAFF ONLY IN SCHOOL
Monday 30 th Sept	INSET DAY – STAFF ONLY IN SCHOOL
Tuesday 1 st Oct	3CL
Wednesday 2 nd Oct	6EA
Thursday 3 rd Oct	2AK RLM
Friday 4 th Oct	1NM 5RA

R. Knight

Mr R. Knight
Head of School



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	Thursday	
Year 4	Thursday	Tuesday- 4AL Wednesday (due to INSET)- 4KH
Year 5	Tuesday	Wednesday- 5JP Thursday- 5RA
Year 6	Monday	





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Achievers of the Week

Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RLM	Lucie Harkness
	RSS	Vinnie Nutting
One	1MS	Evie Willey
	1NM	Sarah Arain
Two	2AK	Reggie Turnes
	2BG	Keanu Archer
Three	3AW	Emily Matthews
	3CL	Lola Smith
Four	4AL	Jorgie Gray
	4KH	Charlie Hill
Five	5RA	Leyla Davies
	5JP	Emilis Rulevicius
Six	6EA	Scarlett Hopper
	6GW	Flynn Doolan

