

# George Washington Primary School

## Friday Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> November 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

**Attendance** Schools overall attendance for this week has been a fantastic 96.1% and the total for the year-to-date is 95.1%. The expectation is that all schools have attendance of 96%+. Well done to Mrs Spencer's class and Miss Allen's class who have had the highest attendance this week in their key stages and will enjoy some extra playtime next week as a reward.

*EYFS & KS1*

RLM	RSS	1NM	1MS	2AK	2BG
98.1%	98.3%	97.1%	92.7%	98.1%	90.7%

*KS2*

3CL	3AW	4AL	4KH	5JP	5RA	6EA	6GW
95.6%	93.7%	95.6%	93.1%	99.2%	98.1%	99.3%	96.6%

**STEM Day** Today has been seen a brilliant launch of our STEM focus in school with all year groups taking part in lessons linked to science, technology, engineering and maths. There have been lots of practical investigations including the creation of rockets, bridge building, using Microbits and a DNA structure task involving fruit pastilles. Look out on Facebook for pictures from today's lessons.

**Odd Socks Day** Anti-Bullying week will take place in the week beginning the 11th of November! Children will be taking part in activities throughout the week linked to this year's theme, 'Choose Respect'. Teachers will be working with children during this week to have discussions about what it means to disagree respectfully, and how we can all choose to lead by example. We will be marking this event with 'Odd Socks Day' on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Children are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate everything that makes us unique!

**Book Fair** Our Book Fair started last night and will continue every night after school until next Thursday. If you would like to come and have a look, please come to the front office to enter the school hall where the books will be on display.

**Children in Need** Next Friday (15th November) we will mark Children in Need by inviting children to dress in non-uniform, with spotty or Pudsey outfits optional. We may even get a visit from a special guest! Optional donations can be made on the day or online.

**Snacks** Learning builds up an appetite, and we welcome children to bring in a snack to enjoy at playtime to keep them fuelled up until lunchtime. Please ensure that any breaktime snacks are a healthy choice (such as fruit or a cereal bar) to promote a healthy and active lifestyle. Chocolate bars and crisps are a wonderful treat, but we ask that they are not sent in as a playground snack. We appreciate your support in setting our pupils up for success each day!



**Sensory equipment** A polite reminder to all parents that if a child requires sensory equipment on their desk at school this will be provided by school and should not be sent in from home, unless requested. If you feel that this is something your child requires, it can be discussed with their class teacher. This is to avoid children's desks becoming cluttered, which can cause other children to become overwhelmed.

**Year 4 Parent Event** Thank you to everyone who came along this week to one of the hands-on, practical workshops linked multiplication and timetables. We hope you found it useful and were able to take away lots of ideas of how to support your child at home in preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in June. If you would like any more information or have questions about this event, please speak to the Y4 class teachers who will be happy to help.

**Bottle and Chocolate Tombola** With the Christmas Fayre fast approaching, we are looking to raise supplies for our fabulous bottle and chocolate tombola. On Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November, we are asking children to bring in a bottle or a chocolate item in exchange for wearing non-uniform. We encourage creativity with the donated bottles – bubble bath, fizzy pop or even wine! We welcome it all and are grateful for your contribution to our Christmas Fayre.

**Business Opportunity** Are you looking for an opportunity to expand your business and reach out into the community? This year's Christmas Fayre will fall on Thursday the 5th of December and we have a very limited number of business stalls available at the cost of £20 each. The fayre starts around 4.30pm and we have a wonderful, committed community of repeated visitors! If you are a business and are interested in having a stall during the event, please see Miss Lawson or Miss Hussain at their year 4 classroom doors, or alternatively, contact the school office.

**Girls' Football** It was a fantastic night of football in the Autumn Cup for our girl's football team who competed against ten other schools. They dominated in their group games, winning three games and drawing one. Finishing top of their group, the girls qualified for the semi-finals where they played against Rickleton Primary School. After a close game, Rickleton managed to score a late goal and knocked our team out of the competition. A big well done to the team who had a brilliant night of football and finished in the top four out of eleven teams.

**Football Training** In preparation for the Year 5/6's indoor football league, training will be moved onto the MUGA from next week. A reminder that children will now need to bring trainers for football training not football boots. Although the training is aimed at the Year 5/6 team, the girls' team are more than welcome to come and continue to train. Girl's indoor football will begin after Christmas where they will have their own dedicated training sessions.

*R. Knight*

Mr R. Knight  
Head of School



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

Date	Class
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5RA
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3AW
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4AL
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2BG RSS
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1NM 6GW
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5JP
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3CL
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4KH
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	2AK RLM
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	1MS 6EA

**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 Friday – 4KH
Year 5	Tuesday	Wednesday- 5JP Thursday- 5RA
Year 6	Monday (Children need to wear school uniform and bring PE kit to change into due to Y6's part in school's Remembrance Day assembly)	



# Achievers of the Week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RLM	Jack Wheatley
	RSS	Lyra Young-Storey
Year 1	1MS	Jackson Harkess
	1NM	Carter McKinley
Year 2	2AK	Charlotte Hughes
	2BG	Oliver Naylor
Year 3	3AW	Caleb Halliday
	3CL	Tina Dawson
Year 4	4AL	Hibbat Oloaniye
	4KH	Lillibeth Day
Year 5	5RA	Leyland McVeigh
	5JP	Jay Eggleston
Year 6	6EA	Ruby Stubbs
	6GW	Lillie Avey

## House Points



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