

# George Washington Primary School

## Friday Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> October 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

**Attendance** Schools overall attendance for this week is 94.8% 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 Kane class and Miss Wade's class (a superb 100%) who have had the highest attendance this week in their key stages and will enjoy some extra playtime as a reward.

*EYFS & KS1*

RLM	RSS	1NM	1MS	2AK	2BG
94.6%	94.4%	95.4%	92.5%	96.7%	94.2%

*KS2*

3CL	3AW	4AL	4KH	5JP	5RA	6EA	6GW
93.3%	100%	97.2%	90.1	94.7%	96.1%	92.4%	96.1%

In assembly today, all children with 96%+ attendance for this half-term were entered into a draw to win one of two special prizes. The lucky winners were Lydia Mae Lowden and Thomas Anderson. Those children who had perfect attendance, 100%, received a certificate for their excellence. Next half term, we will have a raffle for those with excellent attendance and for those children who have improved their attendance.

**Parents Evening** Thank you to everyone who came into school this week to speak to their child's teacher. I hope that you found it useful and enjoyed looking through and discussing their work. If you could not make it this week, then please contact the school office after half-term to arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher.

**Harvest festival** Our KS1 and KS2 Harvest Festivals were superb today. The children's singing was beautiful, and all the speakers spoke loudly and clearly to show our appreciation to all those people that ensure we have food on our plates. A massive thanks for the generous donations that will be used by Mickey's Place foodbank to support others in our community.

**STEM Day** On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, we will be having a STEM Day across school. Each year group will have a famous person from one of the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering or maths to research and take part in activities based around their work. This is part of a wider drive by the school to enhance the children's learning in these important subjects and to build an understanding of how STEM fits into our everyday lives. We are really excited to be driving this important area forward within school and have some exciting visitors, visits and experiences planned for the children over the coming year. More information to follow over the coming weeks.



**Parent Governor** I am delighted to say that Beth Nichols has been elected to be a parent governor on our local Governing Body. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her and wish her well as she takes up this important role. Thank you to Matthew Thompson for his candidacy and for giving parents two very good options for this position.

**Halloween costume swap** Thank you to everyone who donated old Halloween costumes for the swap – we had some very happy young people who walked away with a new costume for over half term!

**Streetworx** After half term, from 4<sup>th</sup> November until 15<sup>th</sup> December, school will be a drop off point for Streetworx, a charity that works with homeless people in the North East. We found out about their work through one of our pupils, Elliot Headspith, who has raised money for them in the past. Over this period, Streetworx are collecting donations of Christmas gift bags. They could include things like hats, socks and gloves, or food and hygiene products. There are some important that objects that should not be included, so please have a look at Streetworx's Facebook page for more information, or contact Miss Gray for more details. As a school, we will be looking to make up some bags of our own, so look out for more information in later newsletters about how to make donations of individual items.

**Year 6 EXPO** Thank you to everyone who came to the year 6 expo this week. It was a great success, with the children showing off all of their hard work, from food that they had cooked, to clothes they had made, to PowerPoints of facts they had created – I'm sure you can all agree it was a fantastic event. Thank you to the year 6 team who worked hard to ensure that this could happen for our children.

**Year 4 Parent Event** We are excited to welcome parents of year 4 children into school after the half term for some maths fun! There will be two events for parents to attend where we will play a variety of times table games, explore Times Tables Rockstars and have the opportunity to find out more about the year 4 MTC. These will take place on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of November at 2pm, and Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November at 9.15 am. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Football** The Y5/Y6 football team played two fixtures last night against JFK and Rickleton Primary Schools. Against JFK, we were beaten 3 nil in a tough game. The team battled hard but couldn't get into it. Following this, the team drew 1-1 with Rickleton in a match we could have won, but we couldn't get the decisive second goal. Well played to the whole team over the last half-term, with the highlight being the superb Autumn Cup win earlier this month.

**Girls' Football** The girls football team continued the superb start to their season. Following last week's two wins, the team won 3 and drew 1 match from 4 played this week. They beat Rickleton 4-1, St. John Boste 4-2 and Wessington 3-0 as well as coming from 2 down to get a 2-2 draw against an excellent St. Bede's team. After 6 fixtures, the girls' team are sitting top of the league. Well played girls – you have made us all very proud.

I would like to say a massive thanks to Mr McLaughlin and Mr Storey for all their efforts in organising and attending training and matches over the last 8 weeks. It is a big commitment to run these teams and to ensure that fixtures can be fulfilled.

**WCFP** The Washington Community Food Project will once again be offering free packed lunches to all local school children accompanied by an adult during the half-term holiday. Lunches can be collected Tuesday to Friday between 12pm and 3pm. To do so, please visit Unit 0 (opposite Virgin Money) in the Galleries.

I hope you all have a wonderful half-term and enjoy any Halloween activities during the week. School will re-open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

*R. Knight*

Mr R. Knight  
Head of School



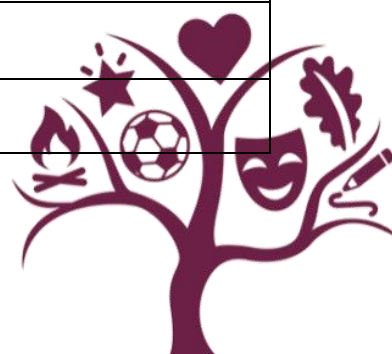


**Forest School Dates** - See below for the next forest school sessions:

Date	Class
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5JP
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3CL
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4KH
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2AK RLM
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1MS 6EA
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

**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	



# Achievers of the Week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RLM	Albie Stephenson
	RSS	Erika Southern
Year 1	1MS	Amal Bilal
	1NM	Jack Weatherstone-Boyle
Year 2	2AK	Elliot Nicholson
	2BG	Maddison Morrissey
Year 3	3AW	Connor Bennet
	3CL	Benjamin
Year 4	4AL	Izabella Stockley
	4KH	Elliott Manson
Year 5	5RA	Isaa Bilal
	5JP	Dean Hudson
Year 6	6EA	Peter Baron
	6GW	Oscar Falcus

## House Points



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