

George Washington Primary School

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SHAUN THE SHEEP FOUND!



Yesterday, George Washington Primary School was in uproar as it was discovered that their prized-possession 'Shaun the Sheep' had been stolen! Throughout the day, the children worked tirelessly as detectives, examining the clues that had been left behind and questioning staff members to try and find the guilty culprit.

CCTV footage was shared on the school's Facebook page, and some families thought they recognised the thief immediately.

"Astin year 6 and Leyland year 5 both think it's Mr Storey," said one parent, with Finlay and Blake McAllister both claiming it was Mr Alder.

Luckily, it turned out that the theft was nothing more than a World Book Day prank played by the school staff, with Mrs Shevills being revealed as the 'thief' at the end of the day!

"I can't believe Mrs Shevills stole Shaun!" said many outraged students. Let's hope the staff at GWPS keep a close eye on her in the future...



Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day Thank you to everyone who joined in with our World Book Day 'heist' yesterday, both in school and via Facebook. The school was buzzing with excitement, and we had a fantastic day in school which was made even better by the wonderful costumes everyone was wearing!

Attendance Well done to Mrs Kane's and Miss Lawson's classes for their attendance this week. Our overall attendance for the week was 95.9% and the year-to-date attendance is 94.5%.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1NM	1MS	2AK	2BG
95.4%	96.4%	93.8%	95.8%	98.8%	95.4%

KS2

3CL	3AW	4AL	4KH	5JP	5RA	6EA	6GW
96.7%	97.9%	99.5%	89.2%	96.6%	94.1%	97.1%	96.1%

British Science Week Today, we had visitors from Newcastle University who launched our British Science Week with some amazing experiments and investigations. Next week, all classes will be taking part in a range of different science activities including experiments and live online lessons.

Parents' evening Next week, rearranged parents' evenings for 1NM and 3AW will be taking place on Monday and Wednesday. Please contact the school office if you need to check or arrange an appointment.

Y2 parent event On Friday 14th March, Y2 parents are invited into school to take part in our British Science Week parent event. These sessions will run 9:15-10:15am and 2:00-3:00pm. We will be making bird feeders out of recycled materials. Please sign up using the parent pay link and don't forget to bring an empty plastic bottle.

Y5 puberty talk Next Tuesday, the school nursing team will be visiting Y5. If you have any queries, please speak to your child's class teacher.

SATs club A reminder that SATs club is now up and running for Y6s after school on Tuesdays. There was a great turn out this week, and children enjoyed their revision in a relaxed atmosphere with juice and biscuits to help power their brains!

Football Last night, the Y5/Y6 football team played Fatfield Primary School in a league match. We played brilliantly and were the stronger side but unfortunately got caught out by two goals and ended the night with a draw.

On Monday night coming, some of our Y4 children will be playing in the Durham County Y4 trophy at Rickleton Primary School. The girls will also play their final two league games on Tuesday, and the Y5/Y6 football team will play on Thursday night. We will bring you an update from all these games next week.



Y6 France meeting There was a meeting held about the Y6 residential to France this week. If parents could not attend, a pack was sent home with information. The PowerPoint has now been shared via class dojo, a platform we will be using to communicate while we are away, and login information was sent out with the parent packs. Please can all parents join class dojo in order to receive up to date information. If you are having any issues, please ask to speak to Miss Gray. We kindly ask that you return the medical and contact information forms as soon as you can.

R. Knight

Mr R. Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates

Date	Class
Monday 10 th March	5RA
Tuesday 11 th March	3AW
Wednesday 12 th March	4AL
Thursday 13 th March	ALL OF YEAR 2 RSS
Friday 14 th March	1NM 6EA

Date	Class
Monday 17 th March	5JP
Tuesday 18 th March	3CL
Wednesday 19 th March	4KH
Thursday 20 th March	2AK RLM
Friday 21 st March	1MS 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	Friday	
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	Summer Johnston
	RSS	Tyler Featherstone
Year 1	1MS	Noah Thompson
	1NM	Hollie Middlesworth
Year 2	2AK	Giulia Maiorca
	2BG	Lexi Maddison
Year 3	3AW	Eva Simpson
	3CL	Alexander Engleby
Year 4	4AL	Everyone who took part in the Y4 residential
	4KH	
Year 5	5RA	Matthew Morrissey
	5JP	Jay Eggleston
Year 6	6EA	Jake Lane
	6GW	Jay-Jay King

House Points



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