

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter



18th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance Schools overall attendance for this week is 94.4% and the total for the year-to-date is 95.1%. Well done to Mrs Kane and Miss Lawson's classes who have had the highest attendance in their phases this week.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1NM	1MS	2AK	2BG
94.7%	93.9%	96.1%	94.7%	96.3%	89.3%

KS2

3CL	3AW	4AL	4KH	5JP	5RA	6EA	6GW
96.7%	96.3%	98.5%	94.3%	97.7%	96.8%	90.7%	95.5%

Harvest festival Our harvest festival service for the children will take place on Friday 25th October at Holy Trinity Church. If you would like to donate anything for a local foodbank, please send donations into school next week. Children will carry any donations to the church next week who will then hand it over to Mickey's Place.

School Council Democracy has come to life over this last week at George Washington! After thoughtful campaigns and fair votes, we officially have our nominated school council for this academic year. The school council have met twice over this last week to discuss recent and upcoming changes in our school. They are all keen to ensure that pupil voices are heard so that they can bring about positive change. We're looking forward to seeing what they achieve with their time as our representatives. Well done, school council!

Parent Governor If you have not yet voted in our parent governor, there is still time. Voting closes at 9am next Thursday (24th October). If you need further information, including candidate statements and ballot papers, please contact the school office.

Halloween costume swap This year, we will be holding a costume swap at school. Families can donate any used costumes that they no longer need, and take any that would fit their child. Any leftover costumes will be donated to charity. Please send costumes into school next week, and we will hold the swap on the final few days of term.

Y6 Athletics A group of year 6 children took part today in a Sports Hall Athletics festival against 4 other local schools. They competed brilliantly across a range of races and field events. We will get the full results next week.



Year 6 EXPO On Thursday 24th October at 2pm, parents of year 6 children are invited into school to see our wonderful geography work. Hopefully you have all heard about it already, as year 6 are very excited to show you their learning!

Football The year 5/6 football team has had a busy week this week. They started the week playing in the Daniel 'O'Hare semi-finals, where they played against some of the best school football teams in our local area. Unfortunately, the night did not go our way, and we were unable to make it through the next round. The team should be very proud of their efforts.

Last night, the team played three matches in our league campaign. In the first match, the team played very well against Biddick and had lots of chances but could not find the net. Unfortunately, we conceded from a freekick with the last kick of the match. In the second match, we lost 2-nil against a very good Holley Park team who have won 8 out of 8 games so far. In the final match, we won 1-nil against Albany. We played very well and created lots of chances in what could have been an even bigger win.

An apology and correction for last week as Mason scored one of the goals in the 2-1 win against St. Joseph's.

Girls' Football What an outstanding start to the season for our girls' football team! The girls not only won both their matches against Usworth Colliery and Biddick Primary Schools but finished the night with a plus 5 goal difference following 3-1 and 3-0 victories. It was great to see our girls in action and really coming into their element. A big shout out to Jessica this week who scored three amazing goals. Freya scored two and Lydia one. Well done to all the girls for two fantastic performances.

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.

Free Tennis Sessions Are you looking for something **free and fun** for the family over the October half term? Why not visit your local tennis courts and join in the **Free family fun** sessions which are taking place across the city from 28th October to 3rd November. There's no need to book or bring anything with you, other than your enthusiasm, as all equipment will be provided. The sessions will be led by a qualified coach and give you and your family an introduction to tennis and to use the fantastic courts that are available.

Sessions are taking place across the city (weather permitting) on:

Monday : 12.00 - 1.30: Hetton Park
2.00 - 3.30: Usworth Park
Tuesday: 12.00 - 1.30: Thompson Park
2.00 - 3.30: Barnes Park
Wednesday: 12.00 - 1.30: Barley Mow
2.00 - 3.30: Ryhope Park
Sunday : 10am - 11am Roker Park (this is a regular weekly session that anyone can attend)

R. Knight

Mr R. Knight
Head of School





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

Date	Class
Monday 21st Oct	4AL
Tuesday 22 nd Oct	3AW
Wednesday 23 rd Oct	6GW
Thursday 24 th Oct	2BG RSS
Friday 25 th Oct	1NM 5JP
Monday 4 th Nov	4KH
Tuesday 5 th Nov	3CL
Wednesday 6 th Nov	6EA
Thursday 7 th Nov	2AK RLM
Friday 8 th Nov	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	Monday	
Year 2	Wednesday	
Year 3	Friday	
Year 4	Thursday	Tuesday- 4AL Friday – 4KH 4KH Wednesday – 4KH swimming to change to Wednesday just for this week due to Church visit.
Year 5	Tuesday	Wednesday- 5JP Thursday- 5RA
Year 6	Friday (This week only)	

Achievers of the Week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RLM	Alfie Moody
	RSS	Clara Tempest
Year 1	1MS	Roman McQue
	1NM	Matei Anca Tabacaru
Year 2	2AK	Logan Dye
	2BG	Joseph Thurston
Year 3	3AW	Aviana Williams
	3CL	Amelia Hagan
Year 4	4AL	Autumn
	4KH	Molly Sowerby
Year 5	5RA	Matthew Lower
	5JP	Ellie Egan
Year 6	6EA	Aaron Lansdowne
	6GW	Kian Whatley

House Points



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