

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter

11th October 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance Schools overall attendance for this week is 93.9% and the total for the year-to-date is 95.1%. Well done to 1MS and 3AW who will get extra playtime next week.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1NM	1MS	2AK	2BG
87.7%	90.1%	95.1%	95.2%	91.7%	94.3%

KS2

3CL	3AW	4AL	4KH	5JP	5RA	6EA	6GW
98.7%	99.1%	94.8%	92.1%	93.5%	96.5%	93.6%	93.8%

Reading books We have been working on improving our class libraries in school so this week we have spoken to children across school about reading so they can tell us which books and authors they like. From this, we have purchased lots of new books for every class to enjoy as well as new cushions and rugs to make every class library a special and comfortable place to be. A massive well done to Phoebe, Esme and Fearn who worked hard this morning to put George Washington stamps in all our new books, they had an amazing production line going in my office – thank you girls!

A small selection of the new books are pictured below:



Women's football match We had lots of entries to win 3 pairs of tickets for the women's SAFC vs NUFC match this weekend at the Stadium of Light. The lucky winners are Esmee W (1NM), Reagan W (2AK) and Ollie B (5JP). Congratulations!

Bikeability Next week, those children in Mr Alder's class who have signed up to take part in Bikeability cycling proficiency should bring their bicycle into school on Monday morning and wheel it onto the school tennis court area.

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 then we will hold the swap in the final week of the half term.

Football Last night, our school football team played 3 matches against St. Joseph's, Wessington and St. Bede's. Against St. Joseph's we showed great resilience to come from 1-0 down to win 2-1 thanks to goals from Callum and Freddy. We had a 1-1 draw against Wessington, again thanks to a goal from Freddy. It was a game that we dominated and we could have scored many more but unfortunately couldn't get a second goal. Against a strong St. Bede's team, we ended up with a 1-0 defeat. Despite this, the team played very well and were proud of their efforts.

After-School Curriculum Clubs This week, our after-school curriculum started with around 100 pupils signed up. There are still spaces left and it's never too late to sign up. If you would like any more information, please contact the school office.

Parent Governor Following our parent governor application process, we have two parents who have put their name forward to take on this role. As a result, we need to hold an election to decide a winner. Your child should have brought home information about this process and the two statements from the prospective governors. Each parent/carer in school gets one vote, regardless of how many children they have in school. Ballot papers can be returned to the school office and placed in the ballot box – this needs to be before 9am on 24th October. If you have not received the information and/or ballot papers, please contact the school office who will be able to provide these.

School Photographs Next Thursday, on 17th October, school photographs will be taken. All children will have individual photographs and sibling photographs will also be taken. If your child has PE/Forest School/cycling next week, they should come into school wearing their school uniform with a change of clothes in a bag.

Flu Immunisations A reminder that nasal flu immunisations will be happening in school on 24th October. A Parent Pay reminder was sent out yesterday and you have until the 17th October to sign your child up if you wish.

Parents' evening Our first parents' evenings of the year will be held on Monday 21st October and Wednesday 23rd October. A forms survey was sent out this week to indicate your preference of day and timeslot (3:30-4:40 or 4:40-5:40). Teachers will collate these and try to accommodate where possible. A paper slip will be sent home with your child next week with the specific time.

R. Knight

Mr R. Knight
Head of School



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

Date	Class
Monday 14th Oct	4KH
Tuesday 15 th Oct	3CL
Wednesday 16 th Oct	6EA
Thursday 17 th Oct	2AK RLM
Friday 18 th Oct	1MS 5RA
Monday 21 st Oct	4AL
Tuesday 22 nd Oct	3AW
Wednesday 23 rd Oct	6GW
Thursday 24 th Oct	2BG RSS
Friday 25 th Oct	1NM 5JP

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 Friday – Year 5 PE to change to Friday just for this week.	
Year 3	Friday	
Year 4	Thursday Friday – Year 4 PE to change to Friday just for this week.	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	Grace Nichols
	RSS	Brayden Duraku
Year 1	1MS	Blake Stephenson-Bray
	1NM	Ruby McAnaney
Year 2	2AK	Silvia Surugiu
	2BG	Emily Webber
Year 3	3AW	Jacob Sumby
	3CL	Tommy Hudson
Year 4	4AL	Jack Mackie
	4KH	Miyah Mae Readshaw-Leonard
Year 5	5RA	Mila Paton
	5JP	Zoe Marsden
Year 6	6EA	Lilly Thurston
	6GW	Lexi Redhead

House Points



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