

Gosforth East Middle School News



Autumn 2 2022



Merry Christmas
from the news
team

KSG2 Choir... Whitley Bay Playhouse Performance

Since the beginning of the academic school year, Year 5&6 have been singing and rehearsing songs. We began by giving Mr Williams (our music teacher) some ideas about songs we would like. We started off by singing songs like 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars and 'Eye of the Tiger' by Survivor. Right now we are practising three different songs because the choir is going to perform in Whitley Bay Playhouse on the 29th of November. The three songs we are practising are: 'September' by Earth, Wind and Fire, 'Firework' by Katy Perry and 'Wonderwall' by Oasis.

On November 29th 2022 the GEMS choir (KS2) went to Whitley Bay Play House to



perform 3 songs. We sang Wonderwall by Oasis, Firework by Katy Perry and September by Earth, Wind and Fire.



There was 8 schools at Whitley Bay Playhouse performing. While we were performing, we all wore the same uniform. We had a dressing room to stay in whilst we were waiting to perform. We got to the Playhouse at 2pm but didn't perform until 6:00pm. Our dressing room was really crowded so we went for a walk along the promenade. We took a few photos and we were out for about an hour. We rehearsed our songs on the beach.

When we got back we watched others practice whilst we ate lunch. When we got back we had about 2 hours until we performed so we had our packed tea and listened to other schools perform. It was really hot in our dressing room so a couple of us were allowed to stand outside the dressing room. When we stood outside the dressing room we had to be very quiet as others were performing. The show started at 6:00pm and ended 8:30pm. When it ended we waited for a parents/family to come and collect us. There was 7 Year 6s the names of them are Ava, Amelia, Rose, Elsa, Evie, Grace and Miley also there were 33 Year 5s. Some of the names are Mia, Poppy, Freddie, Lacy, Ivy and Lilly and there are many more names but we can't name them all we would be here all day! The teachers that came with us were Miss Wilson, Mrs Gill, Mr Williams, Mr Hodgson and Ms O'Sullivan. **By Amelia and Rose**



MACBETH

By Neela 7RC and Millie

On the 20/9/22, 3 women came into school to perform *Macbeth* for year 6 and 7.

We interviewed Mrs Collister who organised for the women to come into school and this is what she said:

Why did you organise for us to see *Macbeth*?

Pupils study *Macbeth* in summer term of Y6. Also they seem a great example.



Have you seen the performance before?

Yes I have.

Did you enjoy it?

Yes. I saw it at the RSC (Royal Shakespeare Company) and in Bristol.

Would you want them to do it again?

Yes.

Why?

There was a really good soundscaping and the actresses worked so hard to make it an energetic performance.



Waterstones Visit

Year 8 Book Club enjoyed a book choosing visit to Waterstones. A year after they had raised funds at the Christmas Fayre 2021, it was time to spend their profits.

Everyone chose a book for themselves and with the remaining money they chose a book for the school library. Look out for it on the shelves ...

The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
(suitable for High School readers).

A hot chocolate in Waterstones' café finished the visit off nicely.

Fancy joining Year 8 Book Club? We meet at lunchtime on Wednesdays. After Christmas we are reading 'To Kill a Mockingbird'.





In October, all Year 6 went to the Quayside to see Live Tales. It was an amazing experience as we got to talk and interact with other pupils. We got to share our ideas with people and work together to make the beginning of a story to show to 'the boss'.

6NS:

We got split up into small groups of about 5-6 pupils. Some strange ideas were shared but we still used them. Some of the characters were:

People/things

Steve the rainbow chicken nugget who escaped KFC

His 2 bodyguards

Chip who is a chip with tomato sauce as his hair

Tomato who is a tomato sauce packet with chip crumbs as his hair



Place: On a yacht from Saudi Arabia

The trip was organised to explore how you can use your imagination to write a story. I think that you can make such amazing and imaginative stories all on your own.

You could try going to live tales yourself or maybe try making up your own stories. By Rose 6NS

On the 14th of October, 6NG went on a school trip (for half the day) to the amazing Live Tales.

We got onto the Metro and went down to the Quayside. Then we walked along to the Live Gardens and in there is the Live Tales centre and WE WERE THERE!

In the centre we got to choose what our character was called, what their sidekick was called, where the story was to be set and what they looked like and behaved like. Everyone enjoyed it thoroughly.

We wrote the beginning of the story all together. And then the manager came up and told us to write the second part to the story but every single person to do a different ending.

Then we got split into different groups and that chose where we wrote our second part to the story.

We created a story called KFC Chicken and his sidekick was called Professor Piggy Noodle Arms. They went on adventures together and saved each other from danger. It was fun creating the story and everyone suggested an idea (some were very, very crazy). We had a vote to decide what character we should choose.

Then the mean manager came back to collect our stories and she was thoroughly impressed.

She read out some of her favourite parts and then gave us a copy of the book. We got to write in our second paragraphs. We also were given the original drawings.

When we got back to our classroom it was lesson 4 (we missed some of it for lunch). Mrs Gill let us add in our extras into our storybooks and she even had the iPads booked for the lesson so that we could draw pictures with some help.

We would recommend this for other schools too.

I hope that you enjoyed reading this review. It has been one of the best trips in our opinions.

By ESME and ANA 6NG



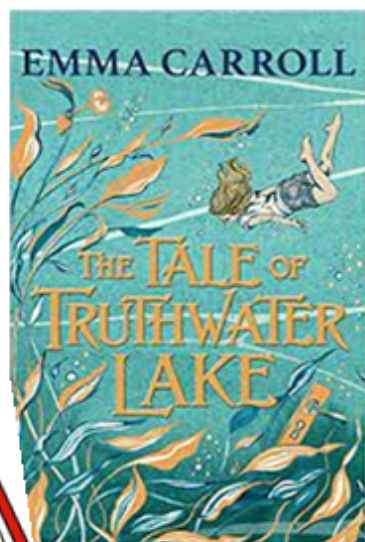
BOOK FAIR!



Monday 7th November- Friday 11th November the Scholastic book fair was at our school. The KS2 resource area was filled with many books and lots were bought.

I interviewed a friend, Neela, who helps out in the book fair who really enjoyed helping out. Her job is help organize the books and help people out when trying to choose a book. She would highly recommend the book "The Tale of Truthwater Lake" by Emma Carroll. Happy reading!

The school now has £663 to spend with Scholastics.



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By Cara



WHAT IS



SCHOLASTIC



If you don't know what the scholastic book fair is it is a book sale where a percentage of the money made goes to the school and the rest goes to scholastic.



COSY CLUB

By Jaymie and Neela 7RC

The new Cosy Club is a club being held in the library and it is run by Miss McFall . Me and Neela went out to get some inside info on this new club.

Miss McFall answered the following questions:

Why did you start Cosy Club ?

I started the club to share my love of reading.

Why did you come to this school?

I worked in another school where the library was well loved and I wanted to promote reading, the magic of books and the fact all libraries should be well loved.



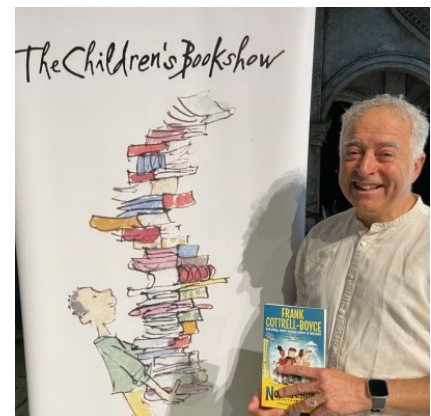
Me and Jaymie Love cosy club. We go into the library in the mornings and bring blankets, cushions and most importantly..... FLUFFY SOCKS!

We really enjoy it and would encourage others to come along. I mean who doesn't like being cosy?

Year Five trip to the Theatre Royal

The Year Fives went to see the author Frank Cottrell-Boyce. It was more like seeing a comedian. Jokes were passing laughs all around the audience. Noah's Gold, Frank Cottrell-Boyce's book is very good; the way it is written is amazing. We all got a copy of the book and I started reading mine on the Metro back to school!

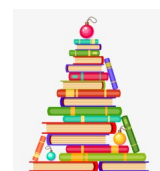
By Alexa



Christmas in the library...guest readers each break and lunch time in the final two weeks of term read Christmas stories. It proved very popular with the children



Winter reading on offer in the library



Queen Elizabeth II

On the 8th of September the monarch Queen Elizabeth the second died at Balmoral, Scotland at the age of ninety-six. She was an amazing person who reigned over England for just over seventy years being the longest Royal on the throne in British history. Our Queen had a love for corgis and loved the great outdoors. She loved horse riding and horse racing.



I interviewed several people and they all seemed to be shocked about the Queens passing, personally, I was shocked too because she stayed on the throne until the very end and she was royalty for such a long period of time we thought she would be there forever.

Rest in peace Queen Elizabeth II.

By Cara



Many things happened throughout careers week but the one I'm focused on is the learning disability nurse group chat. To be a learning

disability nurse you need to have a basic pass in GCSE's English, science and maths and you need to be patient, understanding and good with children. A learning disability nurse don't normally work in hospitals but usually work in people's homes due to the fact that people suffering from a learning disability whatever form it might take find it less disturbing to their usual daily routines. By Ophelia Yr5



Year 5 trip to Trinity Church

On the days 30/11/22 and 2/12/22 Year 5 took a trip to Trinity Church, Gosforth to learn about the church.

The walk to Trinity Church was 15-20 minutes and we were in pairs. When we got there we were quite surprised to find that the church was quite modern and the vicar just looked like a normal person.

After the vicar had introduced himself we were challenged to find different features around the church or count how many of something there was (for example how many different flower carvings there were on the plinth). We were even challenged to find a hidden pool!

Soon after that we were told all about the Christmas story and the different things that happened at the church. We were then told about what different things were for and we had a really good time.

We walked back to GEMS just before lunch in pairs knowing a lot more about R.E than we did before. If you want to enjoy something like this trip then ask your R.E teacher and I'm sure you will love it! **Ophelia Year 5**

Young country diary:

Interesting habits of a mountain dog-Leader

Pirin Mountain, The Balkans: Every summer we go hiking with a husky-dog called Iron. Iron has three very interesting habits.

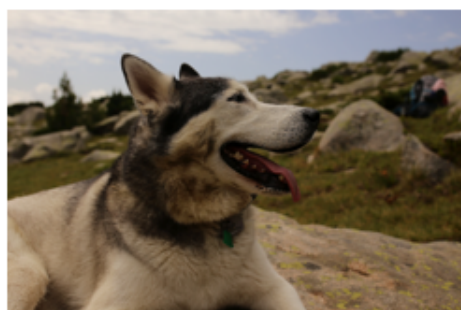


*Iron first then Ellie at the top Djantal,
2730m / 8960ft
Photograph: mum
Sat 18 Aug 2022*

He loves to be ahead of everyone and whenever he starts getting distracted sniffing or chasing, my siblings and I rush ahead before him. That obviously does not work because when he realises (which is pretty quick) that we are ahead he runs so fast so he can be first again. Whenever he whisks past you, it feels like a soft brush against your leg. It feels really silky and chilled.

Iron is also a bit of a leader, but sometime leads us where he wants to go, and that make him easy to loose. For us, people, we know where we are going because we follow mountain trails in corresponding colours. As you may know dogs can't see as many colours. So, we have to sit and wait patiently (as well as calling his name thousands of times) for him to come back and lead us again.

Iron doesn't carry a water bottle. Instead, he has very strong and fast paws and an extremely sensitive snout that can send him to the most distant spot of water. Nor can we see it, nor can we hear it, nor can we stop him from going there to quench his thirst.



Different fur colour.

Photograph: mum

Sat 18 Aug 2022



Iron following his own trails in the mountains.

Photograph: mum; Aug 2019

While high in the mountains the husky's ancestor spirit is calling him. Iron likes to roll in cow's poo. Out in the wild and rolling around in poo means he is trying to trick some sheep or goats into thinking he was one of them. Then when he is close enough he would pounce on them and would have a nice easy snack. But in this case our smelly, stinky and very silly looking fellow has a nice packed lunch. Plus the only pinched nose company he has is us.

These three habits are his instincts, and its not his fault he is doing this. He is just a husky and he probably thinks he is free out in the wild like a wolf again.

Ellie, 9

Young country diary: Mountaineering

One of my favourite things is to go hiking with my family. It keeps me fit and I can spend time in the nature with my family. I prefer climbing rigid mountains. I have climbed several mountains in different countries.

On weekends we often go to Lake District. I have climbed some of the highest peaks like Scafell-Pike, Helvellyn, Blencathra and many others. I find Lake District as one of the most beautiful places in the world.



I have also been to Snowdonia in Wales and Ben A'an in Scotland. These hills look very similar to the Bulgarian mountains.

Every summer we go hiking in Bulgaria with friends. We make long and difficult routes in Pirin and Rila mountains. We usually sleep in various huts and chalets.

Our friends have a husky-dog called Iron. He likes to lead and that's why we made him our scout. But sometimes, he leads us his own way so we wait and call him back. However, he is always the first one up there.



I have been on the highest peak in the Balkan Peninsula, witch is almost 3,000 meters high. The hike up to the top took us 4 hours and 3 back. There are many wild animals in the Bulgarian mountains like wolves, bears, foxes, wild goats and many more. I have met some of them but luckily no wolves or bears. Interacting with nature makes me feel alive and recharges me with energy and joy. Zach Aged 9

Ellie and Zac's diaries have been sent into the Guardian so hopefully you will spot them one day in the Young Country Diary section of the Guardian newspaper.

Arran in Pictures



LITTER PICKERS

The amount of litter around school environment was spotted by several year 6 children. They demanded action fast and started a team to pick up litter and to encourage others to pick up their own litter and to remind pupils that bins are there for a reason.

The litter pickers also presented an assembly for the Year 5s to remind them about littering and encourage people to join our group.

The litter pickers now have their own area in the KS2 resource area next to the caretakers office and Miss Crowe's class. They call themselves "The Little Picks" and did a fantastic job at even litter picking in the Asda car park entrance. They picked a lot of litter from the bushes and made a colossal impact.

We are happy to see pupils getting involved in litter picking and also joining the group. **By Kamilla**



GAMES CLUB

By Neela 7RC

At lunch on Monday-Wednesday in the KS2 resource area, you can go to games club.



Games club is run by Miss Graham and here are some quotes

from some of the children who attend:

"Game club is about playing with others, being kind and having fun. It is really fun!" -Zach G

"Games club is super fun because there is a bunch of different games. You can have lots of fun with your friends" -Harriet

"I like games club because there is lots of games. It's fun and nice to play." -Martha

If you like the sound of games club go along and join the fun!



Games Club Motto

Christmas jumper day: Save the Children!

By Neela 7RC AND Zoe 7KD

On Thursday 8th December, the school council ran the Christmas jumper day in aid of Save the Children.

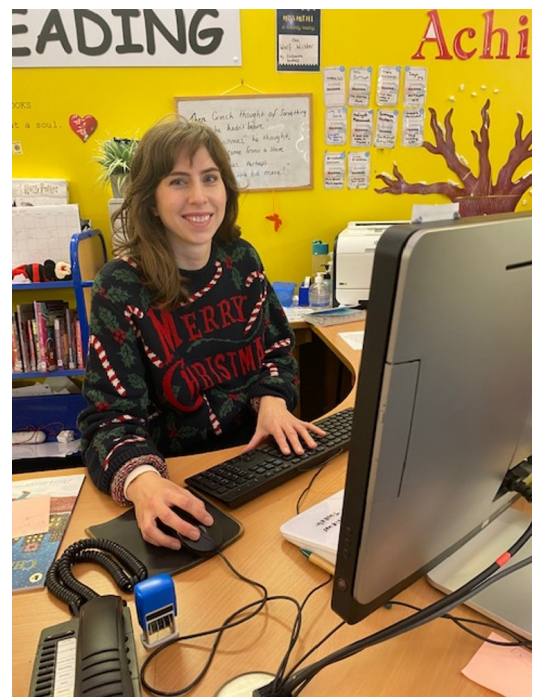
As a school we raised a total of £460. To make it better, the government pledged to double every pound we made and this brought the £460 to £920!!!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the day a success.





Christmas jumper day in pictures...





Girls Football

As most of us know the women's England football team won the Euros at the start of Summer.

England's success is not just getting fans into the stands. The Wildcats scheme, launched in 2017, has proved a huge hit in boosting the number of 5- to 11-year-old girls playing the game across the country, with fun sessions overseen by FA-qualified coaches and volunteers.

There will be football club on for Year 5 and 6. For Year 6 there will be a football team. **Izzy Year 6**

GO FOR THE GOAL GIRLS

This year the Year 5 teachers have made a girls only football club for Year 5&6. This club is on a Thursday after school. The teachers who run the club are Miss Foskin, Miss Crowe and Mr Hodgson. At football club we practise skills and play matches at the end. We practise on the field and enjoy football very much. I think that girls can play football as much as boys and can be better. As well as practise, we will have a girls football team but it has not been picked yet. The name of the football club is GEMS Giants. Lots of girls attend and enjoy the chance to play/train against other girls. The teachers enjoy the chance to watch girls play and love to be there. The teachers also get to teach the girls football as they do not teach generally in this area. **By Hannah 5CF.**



Interested in girls' football

Why don't you try one of these books from the school library.

Cross-country On the 4th of October a group of Year 5,6 and 7s went to Temple Park Memorial Centre, South Shields for a cross-country tournament against other schools. The Year 5 and 6 girls and boys ran 1600m (1 larger loop) the Year 7 boys had to run 3200m (2 large loops) however, the year 7 girls had to run 2100m(1 small and large loop). Amazingly, Maggie came first from approximately 25 teams and Will for the Year 6 boys came 9th. Overall, the whole team of year 6 boys came 2nd out of all the teams and the Year 7 girls team came 3rd. Well done to everyone who ran. By Ghida Year 7



A bird's eye view of the course.

STEEL PANS... Come on Thursday after school to learn how to play the Steel Pans. It is fun and it is a great to learn new skills.

Eliza from 5SC goes and said this club is for Y5 and 6. She said that the drums are called...

- . GUITAR (sounds like a guitar hence its name)
- . BASE
- .TENORS
- .SECONDS/double seconds



(See them in the picture below). In most songs there are solos and the tenor usually does a bit above the other pans. You can begin to learn by learning the chords or by using the colour coded stickers.

THEY ARE WORKING ON

Shot gun, Tequila and Joy to the world. The group are going to perform at the Christmas Concert on the last Tuesday of school. The group is wanting some more people to join so you could be the one! Plus it's free!

500 games

The last week of September our school participated in 500 games at Benfield school against lots of other schools around Newcastle. Our school took part in Rugby, football, Handball, Orienteering and cross Country. I took part in 7 aside girls football in which we won Gold; we won six games and drew two. I was the lead goal scorer not to brag! (Miss Leahy made me put that in!) Amelie scored a couple so did Ghida and Sophie. It was very enjoyable and I would definitely do it again. Personally I would say to anyone taking part in activity for the school you will enjoy it lots and it will be a good experience for you. Well done to anyone who took part or helped out. By Izzy



The Girls who took part in football won gold.



The boys and girls who took part in handball won a gold.



The Boys and girls that took part in rugby won silver.



ESFA Trophy

INTERVIEW WITH LEFT WING, LUCAS MOAT. After the team won the semi final

By Lucas, Joe and Connor Year 6

REPORTER: Do you think the team is playing well?

LUCAS MOAT: Yes, we all had a really good performance. The team really enjoyed it; it was a great experience.

REPORTER: Great, do you think you have a good chance of winning the tournament?

LUCAS MOAT: Yes, we have a really strong squad. I also think we will do well in this tournament because Ravens Wood were our toughest game and we still won that.

REPORTER: At the moment from the past group stage who would you say has been the best player?

LUCAS MOAT: At the moment I reckon our best player is our defender Alfie Brown.

REPORTER: Good choice, who's scored the best goal or has scored the most so far.

LUCAS MOAT: Best goal was probably Laion Reeds volley from outside the box.

REPORTER: And the most goals?

LUCAS MOAT: Will Gittins with 2 goals.

REPORTER: Now who brought the team on and encouraged them the most?

LUCAS MOAT: Err, I was up there but I reckon the person who encouraged us the most was Joe Grantham.

REPORTER: Who was the captain?

LUCAS MOAT: Joe Grantham was also our captain and I think he brought the team on well.

REPORTER: Any other comments?

MOAT: Now the team needs to be prepared for Thursday since this will be a very good contest.

INTERVIEW WITH STRIKER - JOE GRANTHAM ...after the final

REPORTER: Hi Joe, do you think the team played well in the finals?

JOE GRANTHAM: Yes I think we played well as there were some very tough matches.

REPORTER: How did it go?

JOE GRANTHAM: It went really well and was a great experience.

REPORTER: What did it feel to win?

JOE GRANTHAM: It felt amazing and I was proud of myself and the team of course I don't think it could have gone better.

REPORTER: What was lifting the trophy like?

JOE GRANTHAM: It was an unexplainable experience, I loved it.

REPORTER: What was it like to win the penalty shootout?

JOE GRANTHAM: Gosh, it was tense but I think we deserved to win as we did, good feeling but again, really tense.

REPORTER: Who was your best player of the whole tournament?

JOE GRANTHAM: That's hard, I think we all played amazingly and I it's hard to narrow it down to one but either Nathaniel Waldock or William Gittins.

REPORTER: Now who brought the team on the most and encouraged them?

JOE GANTHAM: Err, I was probably up there but I reckon Nate Griggs was up there too, hard to choose one.

REPORTER: Who was the penalty shootout against?

JOE GRANTHAM: NSB or Newcastle school for boys.

REPORTER: Any other comments?

JOE GRANTHAM: No not really although I'm excited to go and represent Northumberland and our team needs to stay strong.



Year 6 Regional Newcastle ESFA Trophy winners