



Gosforth East Middle School News



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What's going on at
GEMS??



Cook off

This year our school is having an amazing cook off including all the year groups. All of the years have their own week day for the cook off. We have interviewed Mr Cheetam and asked him the following questions.

Who came up with the idea of the cook off and why? Mr Cheetam said that he knows there are children that have skills that they need to show off. And he wanted to give them an opportunity

Is the cook off more popular with girls or boys or is it equal? It normally depends on the year group but really it's all equal.

Is it more popular with a certain year group? Year 5, 6 and 7 were very quick to sign up but year 8 needed some persuasion.

Were a lot of people interested? Yes, 60 people.

Who are the judges? Mr Adcock, Mrs Armstrong and Miss Wilson.

Overall we think that the cook off has been very popular and that it should definitely happen next year. All of the students that have taken part have done fantastically and they all deserve to win!!!

By Sophia and Eva.

Y5 cook off Round1!

One Wednesday at the end of April 11 people brought in something that they cooked at home. But everyone went through to the semi-final. The judges were so impressed with all of the entries.

By Jemima Year 5

GEMS Y5 cook off semi-final took place on May 3rd. Everybody who got through from the first round was in the semi-final. Congratulations if that was you. Noah Harvey, (pictured left) was chosen to go through to the final round. Everyone else who has got through to the semi-final has been asked to contribute to a GEMS cook-book. By Elizabeth Year 5.



Table-top sale! By Cara 6PW

On **Friday the 6th May**, students from any year were able to a table and sell anything of their choice this could be from books to bracelets. Although, this may seem straight forward the students taking part need to make a profit.

Before the sale

I interviewed a Year 6 pupil who was setting up a shop with her friends. Their idea is to have a second hand book stall also selling homemade book marks. The books have a price of around £1.50-£2.50. Their inspiration was that they love books and they want others to enjoy the books that they have. They were really excited for the sale.

After the sale

One of our year six pupils who helped run the book shop said that the sale went quite well. They made £17.00 although, if they were to do it again, they would try to include more variety of genres to cater for different types of readers. They hope to do another book shop next year if possible!

Everyone who had a stall did excellently and all the stalls looked fantastic on the day after lots of hard work and preparation. Congratulations to anyone who successfully ran a stall!



Book shop owners on the day of the sale!

♥ PURPLE PERFECTION ♥

On Friday 6th May, students at Gosforth East Middle were prompted to wear non-uniform to school (specifically, in purple). If the colour was unachievable in a students' fashion, they were to come in regular uniform but would have the decision on whether or not to purchase a cute, purple pin, costing £1.00.

The plan was to raise money for the Air Ambulance

By Seb Morgan,

Purple day

On Friday the 6th of May it was purple day. Everyone had to come to school in purple and bring £1. All of the money went to the Air Ambulance—we raised £1111. I planted some purple flowers including purple poppies and have been watering them ever since. This is my class spot everyone wearing purple!

Purple day by Abi Henderson.







The seven – Key trip

On the 12th of May 8 students and 2w teachers went on a key trip to Darlington. The key group was 'the seven' even though there are 8 of us. We had to take two teachers with us so we took Mrs. Leahy and Ms. Robson with us. This made 10 of us in total. We did the first 3 lessons and then at lunch we took the metro to Newcastle station.

At Newcastle station, we then checked our tickets and seats and got to the right place. On the train we had lunch and took the train to Darlington. After that we got off and walked to our air B and B. Once we got to the house we sorted our rooms and then went shopping for food.

Later, Mabel, Daisy, Pia, Bea, Isla and Georgia made tea while Emily and Lizzie made lunch. We then ate, had showers and entertainment that Daisy organised. We played a VERY entertaining game of headbandz. We then watched a film and plenty of Heartstopper on Netflix. We then 'went to bed'.

In the morning, we had a quick breakfast, packed up and said goodbye to the house. We then got a taxi to the wake park. The wake park was really fun but very chilly and windy. We still had loads of fun! We did paddle boarding and then went on the aqua park. Afterwards we warmed up, had lunch and headed into Darlington by taxi.

In Darlington, we took a surprise trip to Waterstones and everyone got a new book! Everyone was very pleased and we decided to get cakes and tea at a café to end the trip. We then walked back to the station and came back to Newcastle. Daisy was the only one who got picked up at central station so we said bye. We then took the metro back to regent centre and we all got picked up at school.

Overall the trip was great, I loved it and had loads of fun! Thank you to Mrs Leahy, Miss Robson, The seven and the key, especially for nominating us for an award.

Emily 8KJ

My experience with key... I am extremely grateful for the opportunity of doing a key project. Taking part in key has been very fun as well as helping me build numerous key skills, such as: organisation, confidence building, fundraising and leadership. Thanks to Mrs Leahy and everyone involved. Pia Year 8



National Youth Choir By Neela 6LW

On the weekend of the 30/4/22 - 1/5/22, some students from Year 6 in GEMS went to an event at the City Hall by National Youth Choir (dominated by girls). I interviewed Benji, Claire and Bobbi Jo about their experience there and this is what they said:

What time was it on? 10am-4pm.

What sort of songs did you do? Folk, English and BSL songs.

Do you have to be part of a band or singing group to do the event? No but you have to be able to sing.

Do you need musical knowledge? No but it helps if you do.

The day ended with a performance which their parents went to. They all really enjoyed the experience and hope to do it again. Benji, in particular, said how good it was to meet lots of people who share his interests and he plans to keep in touch with them.

This experience was free and open to anyone, you just needed to apply by filling in a form - look out for similar opportunities and give it a go yourself.

Wake Park Visit...in pictures





Gardening club

Gardening club spend 1 hour per week looking after the amazing beds in the front of the school. These people dedicate their time to preparing, planting and tending this garden area. For the few weeks that it has been on (having resumed after the winter break) there have been some seedlings planted and lots of de-weeding. There are some loyal members including Katelynn and

her BFF Annabel. The club is run by 2 teachers: Mr Adcock and Mrs Weston.

Why don't you come along on a Tuesday after school and give it a try. We would love added members! In the first photo there is Katelynn watering some pumpkin plants, in the second there is me potting bluebells, in the third there is Katelynn and Annabel de weeding a bed and Mrs Weston turning over the bed and in the last photo the is Annabel and Katelynn again after a couple of minutes trying to get a very stubborn root out of the ground.

There are growing plants in beds (in one which we have prepared) growing leeks, pumpkins and cauliflower. By Millie year 5



LITTLE PICKS

THE LITTLE PICKS ARE AN AMAZING TEAM OF LITTER PICKERS. THEY THRIVE ON MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE. THEY SPEND THEIR BREAKTIMES CLEANING OUR SCHOOL AND SAVING IT FROM DISASTER. THEIR NAMES ARE: KAMMILLA, ZAARA , LUCY, OSCAR , MELODY , MALAK AND EMILY. HERE ARE A FEW WORDS FROM SOME OF THE LITTLE PICKS:



WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT LITTER IN OUR SCHOOL?

ZARAH: WE HAVE LOTS OF BINS AROUND AND I DON'T KNOW WHY PEOPLE ARE LITTERING. BEFORE YOU LITTER, THINK OF THE PLANET AND WHAT THE LITTER CAN DO. EVEN IF IT IS ONE BIT OF PLASTIC, IT CAN STILL HAVE AN EFFECT.

WHY DID YOU AGREE TO THE LITTLE PICKS?

ZAARA: I AGREED TO JOIN SO I CAN HELP OUR PLANET. THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER AND PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE LITTERING. WE HAVE ONE PLANET AND WE NEED TO SAVE IT. THAT IS WHY I

AGREED -TO SAVE OUR EARTH.

WHY DO YOU LITTER PICK?

MELODY: I LITTER PICK BECAUSE I WANT TO SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE. INSTEAD OF WRECKING THE WORLD, I WANT TO SAVE IT.

WHY DID YOU CALL IT THE LITTLE PICKS?

MELODY: WE WANTED TO CALL IT THE LITTLE PICKS BECAUSE WE ARE YOUNG, WE ARE SAVING THE PLANET AND WE ARE LITTER PICKERS.

OSCAR: I THINK LITTERING AT SCHOOL IS UNACCEPTABLE BECAUSE IT IS HARMFUL TO THE ENVIORMENT!

OSCAR: WE LITTER PICK TO HELP THE ENVIORMENT AND OUR SCHOOL. BY MILLIE YEAR 5



GEMS reading challenge

Can you complete the task?

In GEMS there is a reading challenge. The task is can you read twenty times fifteen minutes each. Last term the prize was extended break, this term the prize is even bigger! You will get an extended break and not only that but ice cream as well!



Next term we will go to the park in Gosforth but only the people who can complete this challenge can go. So remember, -get reading and don't forget to get your planner signed! By Grace Year 5



The Goldfish Boy By Lisa Thompson

Matthew has OCD and, increasingly frightened of the world, he retreats to his bedroom and becomes just an observer of life. But, when a child goes missing from his cul-de-sac, he realizes that he is best placed to solve the mystery of the child's disappearance.

This book will help you to understand the difficulties of living with OCD while you work out for yourself 'who dunnit'. Recommended by Mrs Leahy



Guts by Raina Telgemeier

Guts is an autobiography graphic novel in the point of view of Raina Telgemeier.

Here is one of the pages from inside the book:

And here is the blurb from the book:

Raina wakes up one night with a terrible upset stomach. Her mom has one too, so it's probably just a bug. Raina eventually returns to school, where she's dealing with the usual highs and lows: friends, not-friends and classmates who think the school year is just one long gross-out session. It soon becomes clear that Raina's tummy trouble isn't going away... and it concedes with her worries about school, food and changing friendships. What's going on?

Here is what some bookshops think about the book:

Amazon UK: 4.8/5

Goodreads: 4.4/5

The Scholastic Teacher Store: 5.5



It is a very good book for people struggling with general life. By Esme Year 5

SIX SATS...

As you may know, Year 6 have been prepping for tests called the SATS. This is a yearly test for year 6s. For a week they will be completing tests such as reasoning, reading, arithmetic, spelling and grammar. Throughout the week they participated in these tests eventually finishing them. BUT don't worry these tests have nothing to do with the children it is mainly for the school.

The run up to SATS was really stressful for all of Year 6; they received lots of homework but they managed very well. I interviewed someone about their experience beforehand:

"I am quite nervous for the SATS but in the practice tests I did quite well. I believe everyone will do fantastically and will be relieved when they are over."

During the SATS, children were allowed to bring sweets in to enjoy after the test. They also - in the morning - received breakfast bars or pastries. There was also gluten free options available to those who needed them. Though the tests were

hard there were some treats to keep them going. By day 2, all of the English was finished. Maybe the actual tests weren't that bad.

On the Friday, Year 6 experienced a day like no other. They were involved in multiple activities! Activities included: a bouncy course, a movie morning complete with popcorn, karaoke (some teachers got involved), climbing, rounders, nail and hair salon, board games, ice cream, a pizza party and, to finish the day off, a water fight. The children had to bring a spare change of clothes and a water pistol if they were to get involved with the water fight.



Although the hard work towards the SATS was stressful, the treats made it worthwhile. All of Year 6 are glad the tests are over.

By Scarlett
6PW



SIX SPORTERS

By Jaymie and Phoebe Year 6



Welcome to the Year 6 sports column! Here we cover games and PE lessons for you guys to see how you are progressing and you can tell us what you are totally loving and totally *not* loving in all of your school sports lessons and clubs! Today we will be covering a Games lesson of 6LW and 6HT. In this term the classes started cricket! Did you enjoy doing these sports or are these not your top picks? Make sure to tell us so we can get your ideas into our next piece!

The lesson took place outside on the field with Mr Jordan and Mrs Robinson. We were put into teams of six and told to find partners to work with when practising: bowling, batting, fielding and backstop. Some of us have natural talent at cricket yet some people (like us) have not been blessed with this particular talent. Tell us if you have the skill of the bat and ball! Also let us know if you enjoy cricket, rounders, quick cricket and other sports that require a bat or a ball!

Don't forget, if you are interested in cricket, talk to Mr Yeoman if you want to join the cricket team (Year 6 only, sorry!)

Thank-you for reading and don't forget to read our next article on P.E (athletics)



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Athletics at Gateshead Stadium



Fun Football

Year 6 football is very fun and keeps you fit and healthy. I'm sure many people agree with me. It is run by Mr Robertson, Miss Crowe, Mr Hodgson and Miss Foskin. More people are starting to join and maybe you can ask Miss Foskin if you can join so! Here are a few opinions on the club:

"Football is really fun and keeps me busy!" Scarlett, 6PW

"The teachers are very nice, some of the girls are a little crazy!" Anonymous

"Really fun annnnnnnnd everyone gets involved." Cara, 6PW

If you want to join, don't expect proper training. If you think I'm not selling it you, it is just a lot of fun, where everyone gets involved! I really enjoy the start when you get given a football and you can just play with it; practice passing, scoring or dribbling. You can even create your own game!

I get better every week at football and I'm sure other people do too. I would really recommend joining, it's loads of fun!

By, Kate