

Gosforth East Middle School News



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A Trip to Edinburgh

By Cara Mitcheson

On the 13th of December, a key group from year eight went up to Edinburgh to take part in various activities. Mrs Leahy took Callie, Ruby, Nicola, Emily, and I. We were about to do this trip because of "The Key project" where you panel your idea, and you can be given money.

We arrived at the train station at 08:30 ready to get the train at 08:45. When we arrived at Waverly, we went to the Edinburgh Christmas Markets and had a look around the stands.

Our first activity was at 11:00 and it was The Edinburgh Dungeons. We went around the Edinburgh dungeons where in each room a spooky character appeared and at the end there was a ride which brought us up to the ceiling and suddenly dropped us down.

After we visited the dungeons, it was time for lunch. We navigated our way to Pizza Hut which was a buffet, and it was delicious!

Once we had finished our lunch, we had a bit of free time, so we looked around Edinburgh and explored Prince's Street and the Royal Mile briefly. After some time, we decided to find Camera Obscura which was booked in for 14:00. Camera Obscura is full of illusions. There was a mirror maze and even a vortex tunnel. This was my favorite activity because it was fun and intriguing.

After this activity we had around two hours until our train home. We decided to return to the Christmas Markets, and we even went on a ride. Next, we split up into groups and had a more thorough look in the shops. We then headed to the train station, and we got home around 19:20.

We had a great time and all of the planning paid off!





St James' Park Trip

By Cara Mitcheson

On the 21st of November all the year eight girls went down to St James' Park to discuss careers in cybercrime. Many people attended the event, including pupils from Gosforth Junior Academy, Benfield School, Kenton School, and others.

We began the day by getting on the coach and we were driven to the stadium. When we arrived, we were greeted by people in green shirts who took us up the escalator. We were taken into a room with many chairs and a stage at the front. Someone from the Sage came to talk to us about careers in cybersecurity and we were told there were various activities set up for us to take part in. Most of these were run by small businesses and some big branches. We went to one activity in a group of around ten people and then music would play which would show that it was time to move on to the next activity in the schedule.

There was a vast range of activities involving code breaking, password guessing, and virtual reality. Many students' favourite brand there was Greggs.

Personally, I think that everyone enjoyed this trip and learnt a lot. At the beginning of the day, we were all asked who would like to have a career in cybersecurity and almost no one put their hand up. By the end of the day far more people raised their hand.

Our school was even given an award by Greggs for being an eager and hardworking school and Miss Pink went up to receive it and it was 30 Greggs tote bags!

I thoroughly enjoyed this trip and now I have more knowledge on cyber security.

Walking With Trip

By Neela 8KS



Before half term, we collected harvest festival donations from the classes and spent a lesson sorting them into categories to make it easier for the people at Walking With to find things. I have to mention Jemima, who went through all the bags to find the right one to put things in even though the bags were already in Mr Cheetam's car and for being so strict with her system. I also have to mention the house captains for helping organise all of your donations and of course everyone for bringing in donations.

On Monday 6th November, six of the house captains (including myself) had an amazing opportunity to go to Walking With to have a shared meal with the people there. We left school during lesson three and walked to regent's centre to get the metro to Monument. We then changed lines and got the metro to Wallsend where we had a short walk to the building. When we arrived, we partnered up and sat on different tables and talked to different people. It was really interesting to learn about the people there and what Walking With do. We also had some food that the people had made. We all agreed afterwards that the food was amazing! I personally loved the food. We spent some more time talking to the people and then we had to leave. We got the metro back to school and sat in the library and read as we got back early.

The people at Walking With were very pleased that we organised the donations beforehand. All in all, I think it was a really good experience and would love to go again.

Walking With is an organisation based in North Tyneside that helps lots of refugees and asylum seekers who have been dispersed by the Home Office. They offer a range of services to help guide and support people who need them. Last year, they provided 1300+ food parcels, supported 600+ individuals and 2300+ attended activities.

If you would like to find out more about Walking With and their work, why don't you visit their website? <https://walkingwith.co.uk/>



Lit and Phil

On Thursday the 16th of November year 8s who were chose for the Lit and Phil writing contest went on a trip to the literacy and philosophical library. At the library we did writing exercises to get some ideas in our mind for what we want to write about for the competition.

We got there on the metro then walked to the library. In the library there was thousands books and lots of statues of famous writers and philosophers. We were then guided up stairs into a room with a big table. We were surrounded by books and it was there that we did all the writing exercises.

Personally my favourite part was going to the toilet and we had to go down some steep stairs into the basement and got lost. This was also all my friends favourite part as well.



Some of the exercises we did included writing poems and free writing. We also got the chance to take our work and the prompts home.

I enjoyed the trip and would go again.

Will Year 8



House Captains

By Neela8KS

Before half term, some year 8 students (including myself) decided to run for House Captains. Each person had to prepare a speech and read it out in front of everyone in their house. And we did. On Friday 6th October, we delivered our speeches during registration and waited for the results. Because there was only 3 or 4 people running from each house, everyone got a role. That afternoon, Miss Pink gave us the results. Each house has one head of house, one deputy and one or two assistants. Here are our houses and roles below and a massive congratulations to everyone!

Robson:
Head-Amber
Deputy-Wills
Assistant-Neela



Darling:
Head-Emma
Deputy-Ismail
Assistant-Cara
Assistant-Zoe



Stephenson:
Head-Luca
Deputy-Jemima
Assistant-Ivan



Davison:
Head- Joseph
Deputy-Eliza
Assistant-Zach



SPARK! WATERSTONES TRIP

On the 14th November Spark! Club went to Waterstones to pick some new books for the library. This money was a prize won through our involvement in a competition. We took part in the Spark! Book Awards. We were given a selection of books to read and then vote for our favourite. Not just spark! Club could read the books; they were available for everyone. Spark! Club met every Thursday and talked about the books on the short list. We also



The books we bought are now available to take out in the library. Be fast they are going quickly... in fact one shelf is empty! [Ayla and Eliza](#)

The book club party!

On Thursday the 14th of December the Year 6 Book Club had a party to conclude the term. The party had popcorn and hot chocolate to enjoy and we did a secret Santa! We had Ayla's award winning cookies while we opened the gifts. There were mini crackers that had smoke explode when pulled open. We are looking forward to our first book next term which is 'Wink' by Rob Harrell.

By Ayla and Eliz 6PW



Y6 QUAYSIDE TRIP By Ayla and Eliza 6pw

On Monday the 27th of November the y6 DT groups went to the quayside to see the bridges and the different structures that hold them together. We saw all 11 bridges along the riverbank while we walked along. We were allowed to bring our phones on the trip to take pictures for a piece of homework on the trip. We got to jump on the millennium bridge to see if the cables would move and they did! It would only work if we jumped in the middle of the bridge. It was a fun and educational trip that we all enjoyed to go on.





Craft and Cookery Club Trip To Pizza Ex-

By Millie interviewing Elizabeth

Summarise What you did

We travelled on the metro and made a pizza each at Pizza Express

What toppings did you put on your pizza?

We were all given mozzarella to put on our pizza

Where was the Pizza Express?

Jesmond

Would you recommend going there?

Definitely, the staff were super nice and the pizzas were yummy!

Who were some people who went other than you?

Most of the members of Craft and Cookery club

What would you rate craft and cookery club and why?

10/10 because you get loads of opportunities to craft and get to cook the best foods



Squash Tournament

On Monday the 5th November 24 people in year 5 took part in a Squash Tournament. This exciting event took place in the Northern Rugby Club.

Six teams competed in the competition and only one managed to take victory back to their class! The results were really close. In 1st place was 5NSK with 15 points, in 2nd place was SR and ER both with 14 points, then it was SC in 4th place with 10 points, in 5th place was CF then in last place was KR.

The winning team got a gold medal with 2 squash tennis rackets crossing and a squash ball in the middle. IZZY



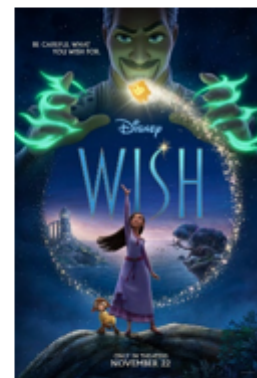
Christmas at GEMS

THE CINEMA TRIP!

Everyone is excited to watch **WISH**★ as on the 21st ks2 are going on a trip to the cinema. Most people are trying to be as good as gold. You had to come with a snack and a drink. Also non-uniform is not allowed.

You're not allowed to bring a share size snack, but if you do your teacher will only let you eat half or less! So it's not worth bringing a gigantic bag of Doritos, Walkers or Wotsits.

Also you'll have a great time so don't be naughty otherwise you won't be going! So good luck getting that spot!



On the 6th of December we had a Christmas accessory and Christmas jumper day. Also we had Christmas dinner or pack lunch. On this day the dining hall became much more festive with Christmas songs and decorations. The Christmas tree was put up and lit in reception. I'm now feeling in the Christmas spirit! **Eliza D. 6PW**



The Christmas Concert!

At the 14th December 2023 the Christmas concert took place at 6:30 to 8:30. Everyone who did choir club on Monday lunch time and people who do a musical instrument performed in the concert. Some people even felt brave enough to go in front of all the parents and do a duet with their friend or even a single!

