

Gosforth East Middle School

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Dear Parent/ Carer

We have had a great start to the new school year with the children being really settled, work ready and getting involved in all the extra-curricular activities the children of GEMS enjoy. As you can see from our School News magazine, it has been anything but a quiet start as there have been so many opportunities to engage in school life.

Our new Year 5 cohort have really embraced the challenges of GEMS and have thrown themselves into the new experience wholeheartedly. They are mature, polite, keen to learn and very engaging people to spend time with – so well done Y5. A great start.

It is lovely to see Moana beginning to take shape under the watchful eye of Mr Williams and the highly skilled team, we can't wait to see the final production next year.

It is clear for us all to see that the children are loving their new found freedom and experiences through Opal. It has had a positive impact on concentration and learning, especially after lunchtime. A big thank you to Miss Wilson and the dinner staff for enabling this to work so well for our children.

As we all know, reading unlocks so many doors to new experiences and opportunities. School is focused on many aspects of reading and so please keep encouraging your children to keep reading in any medium.

We were delighted to have an impressive guest list for the opening of our new and much vaunted, eco classroom. They ranged from pupils who have been involved in the project from its inception. (They came back from Gosforth and Great Park Academies). Councillors, MPs, other Head Teachers, Music Teachers and our own community. Mrs Jefferson and her exceptionally hard working pack of Green Influencers did a brilliant job at making the event such a memorable occasion. Well done to everyone involved.

Just a few reminders for you as we approach the winter season. The children should have a coat every day as we do try to get all the children playing out at break and lunchtimes as much as possible. The children also do need to have a full games kit at this time of year. Long dark blue socks, games shorts (not the lycra variety) rugby shirt, football boots and, for when it gets really cold, a dark coloured tracksuit.

Could I remind you that it makes it very difficult for the children at the local schools to cross the roads safely if you park on the double yellow lines.



We have had a couple of cases of head lice in school recently and so we would recommend that you try to check your child's head regularly just in case.

The Pastoral parents evening is coming up on the 13th November so could you make sure you have taken the opportunity to book a slot via SchoolCloud if you haven't done so already.

Can we also request that you ring up every day, or leave a message on the absence line if your child is going to be absent through illness.

Finally, could we thank you for your generosity on our "Be Bright, Be Seen" day. We have raised £794 currently, which will really help us to keep our Crossing patrol person, Katie.

Wishing you all a good half term.

Best wishes,

Mr TJ Stout
Head Teacher