



# Gainsborough Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear parents/carers,

You will remember that we set the children a half term reading challenge to visit the local library and send in a photo and to also re-design a front cover for a book that they borrowed.

We had many super entries but the winner on this occasion was Blake in class 12. His entry can be seen below along with a few photos from the library that we particularly liked.

Well done to classes 8 and 14 who had the most entries out of all the classes in the school!

Many parents often ask us how they can help their child at home with their learning and our answer is always the same – Read! Read! Read!

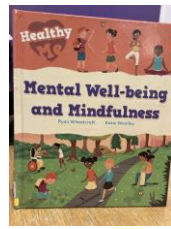
Developing a love of books is so important and helping your child to read will help them in every area of the curriculum as well as improve their vocabulary and their writing skills - so regular visits to the library are a great way to encourage your child to read frequently.

If your child is struggling with their reading, why not come and get some advice at our parent drop in session at 8.45 on Tuesday mornings? Miss Eccleston will be on hand to give practical tips and information about how you can help with reading at home, whether your child is just learning to decode words or whether they are fluent readers but are finding comprehension tricky.

Let's hope the weather warms up soon!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Nurse



## Year 3

This week, Year 3 were lucky enough to visit the second purpose built Mosque in the UK, Birmingham Central Mosque. During our visit, we had the opportunity to look at the features and artifacts that only a purpose built Mosque has. We learnt more about the Islamic faith, its origins and traditions and learnt about some of the links it has with other religions. The children were in awe when they entered the prayer room and saw the crystal chandelier hanging from the dome. We learnt that over 4000 people could pray there at one time and that each section of the bespoke carpet indicated a prayer space. These all faced in the direction of Mecca. The children really enjoyed our visit and were made to feel welcome by all the staff. It really made our RE learning come to life.



## Lunchtime Menu - week 1 - w/c 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

| Monday                          | Tuesday  | Wednesday                    | Thursday                           | Friday  |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Pasta Italiane<br>Jacket Potato | Spaghetti and Meatballs<br>Enchilada with Rice | Roast Gammon<br>Quorn Fillet | Chicken Curry<br>Vegetable Ravioli | Fish Fingers and Chips<br>Vegetable Nuggets and Chips |
| Ham / Cheese / Tuna             | Ham / Cheese / Tuna                            | Ham / Cheese / Tuna          | Ham / Cheese / Tuna                | Ham / Cheese / Tuna                                   |

### Nursery

We have been crafting independently this week



### MUSICAL MONDAYS

We are welcoming you into Nursery to make a music shaker with your child!

### MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Session 1 - 8:45 - 9:15am

Session 2 - 2:15 - 2:45

(You can attend either session)

A chance for you to play with your child and look at their Learning Journey Book. Experience the Nursery and chat with teachers and other parents.



Year two pupils, aged six and seven-years-old, from Gainsborough Primary and Nursery School visited the Brookhouse Drive care village to read their favourite books

### Readers bridge the generation gap

YOUNG readers and budding authors in Crewe have been enjoying story time with an intergenerational twist, sharing the delights of the literary world with older people residing at the Belong care village who have been supporting their speaking, reading, and writing development.

Year two pupils, aged six and seven-years-old, from Gainsborough Primary and Nursery School visited the Brookhouse Drive care village to read their favourite books, with the residents listening to their young guests and helping them with unknown words, while bringing the tales to life, together.

The children also took the opportunity to present their creative ideas, impressing their new friends with their own personally penned adventures.

Pupil Amber said: "I liked Alf because he helped me with my tricky words." Francesca added:

"The lady I read with was funny because she kept making me laugh!"

The visit aimed to champion the pleasure of reading for National Storytelling Week and World Book Day, while Belong Crewe's relationship with the school and nursery forms part of their wider strategy to promote intergenerational relationships in its award-winning approach to specialist dementia care.

Jess Butler, experience coordinator at Belong Crewe, said: "Our customers tell us how much they value imparting their skills and life experience with younger generations and the sense of purpose it gives them."

"Reading helps us to learn about different people, cultures and places, and our goal was to engage this with an age-inclusive session, full of teamwork, companionship and an increased sense of

belonging to the community."

Sharon Webster-Smith, teaching assistant at Gainsborough Primary and Nursery School, added: "Our year two pupils thoroughly enjoyed their recent visit to Belong Crewe. Gainsborough Primary and Nursery School embraces opportunities to connect with the wider community and we are looking forward to our next collaborative project with Belong."

"It is always a pleasure to spend time with the residents and their carers; we always receive a wonderfully warm welcome."

The news follows Belong Crewe's recent launch of Across the Generations, an intergenerational stay-and-play session for local children up to age five, and their grown-ups. The free monthly meetups offer quality time with older people alongside a programme of activities, including singing, arts and crafts and storytelling.

### Reception

Reception have completed lots of exciting activities this week. The children have been measuring how tall they are and comparing their heights. They are also continuing to work really hard using 'Fred Fingers', so they can write and read more words.



### Music Lessons

Learning a musical instrument brings so many benefits to a child's overall development as well as developing a skill and interest that a child can have for life. Music for Life is a not-for-profit music service working in partnership with schools which currently arranges lessons for more than 4,000 young people across our area. There are opportunities for pupils to have a 10 week course before the summer holidays if they would like to try lessons out in school. **The deadline for booking a new course to start after the Spring holiday is 31st March.** (Please note that bookings are subject to a final confirmation from the tutor and from school that the extra course can be accommodated but more than 95% of people who request lessons will get a place.) You can find out much more and book online here: [www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now](http://www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now)



## Cup Winners



- Class 1: Hana for a great work ethic.
- Class 2: Audrey for super phonics work.
- Class 3: Brendan for always being ready to learn.
- Class 4: Ollie for huge improvements in his phonics and handwriting.
- Class 5: Ruby for a great attitude to all learning. Well done.
- Class 6: Angelina for working hard on her spelling.
- Class 7: Hanaw for super contributions and ideas during our visit to the Mosque.
- Class 8: Jakub for fantastic listening during our visit to the Mosque.
- Class 9: Tyler for improved resilience and not giving up.
- Class 10: Thea for always trying her hardest and taking pride in her presentation.
- Class 11: Mazie for making an excellent effort during English lessons and producing a great descriptive poem about Grendel.
- Class 12: Samantha for trying hard in PE.
- Class 13: Jasmine for trying really hard in her maths lessons; she now has a great understanding of decimals.
- Class 14: Tazim for working hard to improve his writing.

## Mrs Nurse's Special Award



- ★ Victoria (c14 ) and Maisie (c13 )for effort in reading comprehension.
- ★ Mia (c6) for doing extra maths at home.
- ★ Ayaan (c8) for excellent knowledge in history.



### Attendance

|  |              |                           |              |
|--|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| National average Primary School attendance |              | <b>96%</b>                |              |
| Overall school attendance to date          |              | <b>92.43%</b>             |              |
| Overall school attendance last week        |              | <b>93.71%</b>             |              |
| Nursery Miss Farnworth                     |              | <b>84.8%</b>              |              |
| Class 1 Miss Croucher                      | <b>92.3%</b> | Class 2 Mrs Grocott       | <b>94.3%</b> |
| Class 3 Miss Eccleston & Mrs Clewes        | <b>94.3%</b> | Class 4 Mrs Hampshire     | <b>88.7%</b> |
| Class 5 Mrs Kettle & Mrs Taylor            | <b>91.9%</b> | Class 6 Mrs Poulson-Green | <b>92.3%</b> |
| Class 7 Miss Jones                         | <b>93.9%</b> | Class 8 Mrs Taylor        | <b>95.2%</b> |
| Class 9 Miss Marshall                      | <b>95.2%</b> | Class 10 Miss Garside     | <b>94.2%</b> |
| Class 11 Mr Basing                         | <b>96%</b>   | Class 12 Miss Hitchen     | <b>98.3%</b> |
| Class 13 Miss Lee                          | <b>93.3%</b> | Class 14 Miss Gough       | <b>97.6%</b> |

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### Dates for your Diary

|                        |             |                                     |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 14 <sup>th</sup> March | 2.15-3.00pm | N & R Come and Read                 |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> March |             | SCHOOL CLOSED (except N, c7 and c9) |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> March |             | SCHOOL CLOSED (except N, c7 and c9) |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> March | 1.30-2.30pm | Tots' Time in Nursery               |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> March |             | Comic Relief – Red Nose Day         |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> March | 8.20-8.35am | Y5 Breakfast and Books              |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> March | 11.30am     | Y3 Parent Lunch                     |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> March | 8.20-8.35am | Y4 Breakfast and Books              |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> March | 3.00-4.15pm | N, R Y1 & Y2 Spring Fling Disco     |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> March | 4.30-6.00pm | Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Spring Fling Disco  |