



Gainsborough Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

15th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2023!

This week we have been entertained by some of our youngest pupils in their Nativity; there was singing, acting, dancing and narrating and the children made everyone proud with their performances. Above all, they reminded us about the true meaning of Christmas – to remember and celebrate the gift of Jesus.

Key stages one and two visited All Saints Church this week for a special service delivered by Reverend Pete and Becky. The pupils had the opportunity to take part in the interactive service with some dressing up to take the parts of the characters in the Christmas story.

We are looking forward to welcoming Nursery parents and carers to a special screening of the children’s Nativity on Tuesday at 4.30pm. We do hope you can all join us.

Also next week, the children will be enjoying a delicious Christmas lunch on Tuesday cooked up by Chef Sarah. Please note that there will be **no sub bar option** on this day. Don’t forget your Christmas jumper!

Children will also be enjoying their Christmas parties and you can find details of the dates for each year group below in the ‘Dates for your Diary’ section.

School closes on **Thursday 21st December** and re-opens on Monday 8th January. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at ‘Family Gainsborough’.

Mrs Nurse



Year 5

This half term Year 5 have been busy learning lots of carpentry skills. To begin with we built a prototype bridge out of spaghetti - but that wasn't very strong ! We then started measuring, sawing and sanding to produce lots of wooden struts to make a truss bridge out of. The final stage was to put all the struts and supports together. We used a hot glue gun and reinforced the corners with cardboard. We think our truss bridges look amazing and we have really enjoyed learning our carpentry skills.



Lunchtime Menu week 1 - w/c 18th December

Monday	Cheesy Pasta Jacket Potato	Ham Cheese Tuna
Tuesday	Roast Turkey Quorn Roast	
Wednesday	Sticky Citrus Chicken Loaded Potato Skins	Ham Cheese Tuna
Thursday	Fish Fingers and Chips Texan Quorn Tortilla	Ham Cheese Tuna

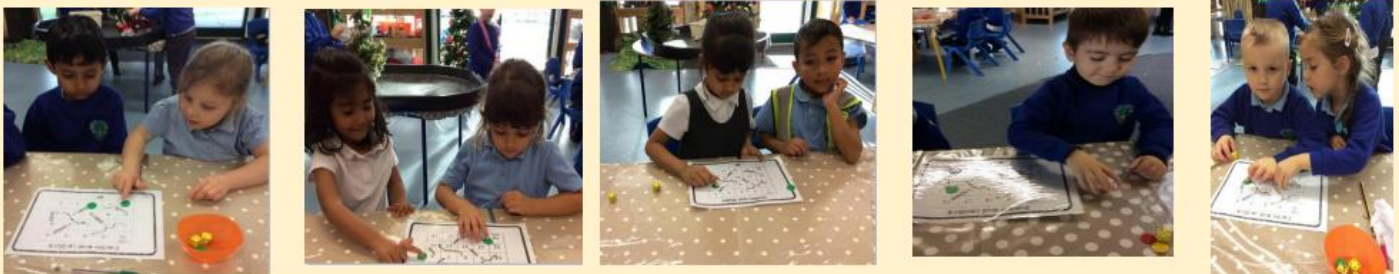
We have been busy making Christmas Cards!



This week in Reception, we have been practising our maths by playing games. Have a look at this game to have some addition fun at home.



<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/addition/robot-addition>



Please take a look at the QR codes to have some fun looking at the sounds we have learnt this week. Please remember to send in your child's book bag and reading diary every day.

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/86GCNarp/U656Qir8>
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Cup Winners



- Class 1: Willow for super recall of Traditional Tales.
- Class 2: Aliza for trying hard with her learning.
- Class 3: Annabelle for her excellent singing in the Christmas play.
- Class 4: Lylah for remembering all her set 2 phonics sounds and reading more at home.
- Class 5: Efe for settling into GPNS and making new friends.
- Class 6: Ellis for his understanding of column subtraction.
- Class 7: Ramon for listening carefully to instructions & always working hard.
- Class 8: Archie for really improving his handwriting.
- Class 9: Lacey for her lovely description of how an Egyptian slave would feel when building pyramids.
- Class 10: Natalia for showing great progress in her Book Club. She is using the text to back up her answers and explaining her thoughts in a lot of detail.
- Class 11: Lena for challenging herself and working hard with her independent writing.
- Class 12: Livia for always being polite and trying her best.
- Class 13: Nathaniel for his hard work in maths and after school maths club.
- Class 14: Avah for excellent effort with maths both at school and at home.

Mrs Nurse's Special Award



- ★ Frzio (c9) for his amazing reading.
- ★ Jayden (c14) for his brilliant maths.
- ★ Maya (c2) for effort and enthusiasm in the Nativity.

Attendance

National average Primary School attendance		96%	
Overall school attendance to date		95.20%	
Overall school attendance last week		94.04%	
Nursery Miss Farnworth		94.6%	
Class 1 Mrs Kettle & Mrs Taylor	98.6%	Class 2 Mrs Grocott	99.1%
Class 3 Miss Booth & Mrs Clewes	91.4%	Class 4 Mrs Hampshire	98.3%
Class 5 Miss Croucher	94.3%	Class 6 Mrs Poulson-Green	89%
Class 7 Miss Oliver	97.3%	Class 8 Miss Lee	96%
Class 9 Miss Gough	95%	Class 10 Miss Iddenden	88.6%
Class 11 Mrs Dewey	92.4%	Class 12 Miss Marshall	94.3%
Class 13 Mrs Kelly	87%	Class 14 Mrs Taylor	97.1%

Dates for your Diary

18 th December	Y1&2 Christmas Parties
18 th December	Y3&4 Christmas Parties
19 th December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
19 th December 8.15am	Year 2 Breakfast and Books
19 th December 4.30pm	Pre-recorded Nursery Nativity
20 th December 8.15am	Year 6 Breakfast and Books
20 th December	N&R Christmas Parties
20 th December	Y5&6 Christmas Parties
21 st December	Last day of term
8 th January 2024	Children return to school
12 th January	Class 7 swimming lesson
17 th January 8.45am	Year 6 SATs Workshop

