



# Gainsborough Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

This week Nursery & Reception children went on a walk in our local area as part of their learning in Geography and they even had a go at drawing maps when they returned! They also got involved in a litter pick, helping them to understand the importance of looking after our community.

Class 10 visited The Oaks today for a Design & Technology 'Wheels' day where they had the opportunity to design and create their own vehicle and had a fabulous time using The Oaks' specialist DT equipment.

Earlier in the week, Year 5 were exploring Robin Wood and all that it has to offer, ready for their residential visit at the start of Year 6.

Educational visits are an important part of the curriculum here at Gainsborough. We aim to take learning outside of the classroom as often as possible and all classes take part in at least one off site visit every half term. We try to keep the cost to parents to a minimum by having at least half of our visits in the local community and free of charge. Despite rising coach company costs (the average visit costing £600 for just the coach), we are careful to keep costs down for visits further afield.

Educational visits are important because they -

- Form an important part of our curriculum with cross curricular links to different subjects.
- Help to enrich the curriculum.
- Boost self-esteem and motivation.
- Develop and enhance social skills.
- Promote health, fitness, fun and enjoyment.
- Help to build stronger links between schools and communities.
- Broaden a child's horizons and their knowledge of the world around them.



Next week Year 5 are off to explore the world of Anglo Saxons at Tatton Park and we are looking forward to seeing what they get up to. Keep your eye on our Gainsborough Facebook page for photos!

Mrs Nurse

## Year 6

Year 6 are busy learning different styles of dance in PE this half term. Dance is one just area in PE that we cover as part of the National Curriculum. Over the last two weeks, we have been learning and practising the skills of 'Street Dance' and today we shared our performances with the rest of our class. We are looking forward to next week when we start ballet - a dance style that many professional football clubs teach as it helps develop both strength and flexibility.



## Dodgeball Competition

Well done to Hanna, Lanai, Brax, Lawson, Tolu, Diana and Ellis who represented Gainsborough at an inter school dodgeball competition on Thursday evening. The competition was held at Monks Coppenhall School and the children played games against Haslington Primary, Cledford Primary and Monks Coppenhall. They all showed a brilliant team spirit, determination and, of course, wonderful dodgeball skills and we were very proud of their performance!

Next week it will be the turn of year 5 and 6 pupils who will be playing in a tournament against other Crewe schools.

# This week in Nursery we had fun in the snow and posted a letter to Chester Zoo.



## Gold Stars February Half Term



Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Clay modelling  
Salt dough making



Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Rice Krispie cakes  
Lard bird feeders



Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Plant your own Sweet Peas  
Bingo

<b>BINGO</b>				
10	18	40	53	74
3	23	37	55	70
15	24	★	51	62
5	30	43	54	65
1	28	33	58	67

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Make your own Chinese lanterns.



Bird masks



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Closed.

## Gold Stars

If you would like your child to attend Gold Stars February half term holiday club then it is now available to book on Arbor.

## We enjoyed our local walk and litter pick this week in Reception.



Please take a look at the QR codes to have some fun looking at the sounds we have learnt this week.



<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/eNNTSwh2/ctdyH14>

Please remember to send in your child's book bag and reading diary every day.



<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/jwjcxqBF/4lZMqjDm>

Mrs Kettle's RWI group please read your ditty sheet daily.

## Mrs Nurse's Special Award

- ★ Hanna (c5) for a great attitude to reading and for practicing so much at home.
- ★ Taku (c4) for his brilliant model of Christ the Redeemer.





## Cup Winners



- Class 1: Keegan for trying hard to follow the Gainsborough rules.
- Class 2: Branko for super writing.
- Class 3: Aiden for trying really hard with his writing this week.
- Class 4: Tomas for making excellent progress in his phonics and trying really hard in all his lessons.
- Class 5: Ollie for improved handwriting and presentation.
- Class 6: Larissa for persevering with her assessments.
- Class 7: Wasif for brilliant work in maths.
- Class 8: Alba for trying really hard in her assessments this week.
- Class 9: Dominik for making some interesting contributions during our science lesson on sound.
- Class 10: Denisa for having a brilliant attitude to her learning working hard over the holidays to improve her writing stamina!
- Class 11: Victoria for working extremely hard, and doing very well, in her maths assessments this week.
- Class 12: Lilia for always putting in 100% and helping others.
- Class 13: Millie for a super effort in everything.
- Class 14: Oskar for his excellent effort in dance lessons.

### Lunchtime Menu - week 2 - w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese Toastie Five Bean Chilli	Cottage Pie Italian Pasta Bake	Roast Pork Roast Quorn Fillet	Chicken Tikka and Rice Jacket Potato	Fish and Chips Vegetable Frittata
Ham / Cheese / Tuna	Ham / Cheese / Tuna	Ham / Cheese / Tuna	Ham / Cheese / Tuna	Ham / Cheese / Tuna

<u>Attendance</u>			
National average Primary School attendance		<b>96%</b>	
Overall school attendance to date		<b>95.26%</b>	
Overall school attendance last week		<b>94.46%</b>	
Nursery Mrs Taylor		<b>92.9%</b>	
Class 1 Mrs Kettle & Miss Hooker	<b>88.2%</b>	Class 2 Mrs Grocott	<b>97.4%</b>
Class 3 Miss Booth & Mrs Clewes	<b>96.4%</b>	Class 4 Mrs Hampshire	<b>99.2%</b>
Class 5 Miss Croucher	<b>91.7%</b>	Class 6 Mrs Poulson-Green	<b>94.7%</b>
Class 7 Miss Oliver	<b>91.3%</b>	Class 8 Miss Lee	<b>97%</b>
Class 9 Miss Gough	<b>95.2%</b>	Class 10 Miss Iddenden	<b>98.2%</b>
Class 11 Mrs Dewey	<b>93.3%</b>	Class 12 Miss Marshall	<b>96.1%</b>
Class 13 Mrs Kelly	<b>92%</b>	Class 14 Mrs Taylor	<b>93.6%</b>

<u>Dates for your Diary</u>		
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	8.15-8.35am	Year 3 Breakfast and Books
23 <sup>rd</sup> January		Year 5 Tatton Park visit
24 <sup>th</sup> January	8.15-8.35am	Year 1 Breakfast and Books
25 <sup>th</sup> January	2.15pm	Year 3 Parent Assembly
26 <sup>th</sup> January		Class 7 swimming lesson
26 <sup>th</sup> January	2.45-3.15pm	Nursery Come and Read
26 <sup>th</sup> January	2.45-3.15pm	Reception Come and Read
30 <sup>th</sup> January	3.20pm	N, R, Y1 & Y2 Look at our Learning
31 <sup>st</sup> January	1.45-5.45pm	Year 6 Parents' Evening
31 <sup>st</sup> January	3.25pm	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 Look at our Learning
15 <sup>th</sup> February		Year 6 Tatton Hall visit
16 <sup>th</sup> February		Last day of half term
19 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> February		Gold Stars Holiday Club

