

# George Washington Primary School

## Friday Newsletter

28<sup>th</sup> March 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

**Attendance** Well done to Miss Gillan's and Miss Allen's classes for their attendance this week. Our overall attendance for the week was 93.5% which means the year-to-date attendance figure is 94.4%.

### EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1NM	1MS	2AK	2BG
86.7%	92.9%	92.1%	94.1%	95.6%	96.7%

### KS2

3CL	3AW	4AL	4KH	5JP	5RA	6EA	6GW
92.6%	97.3%	87.2%	93.8%	93.9%	90.4%	97.9%	96.2%

**School yards and gates** A polite reminder to all adults who drop children off at school that there should be no smoking or vaping at or near the school gates or yards, including the queues at the gates before they open on a morning. In addition to this, please can we remind everyone that bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the school yard – we had an incident this week where a child was knocked over by an adult riding a scooter on the yard and the child sustained injuries to their head. Finally, we kindly ask that no dogs are allowed to walk on the yard.

**Asda Cashpot** A massive thanks once again to all those who signed up to the Asda Cashpot initiative. A total of £1,001.15 was raised and paid to school this week. We will use this money to buy more books for our class libraries. After Easter, a group of children will visit Waterstones and help choose the books for their year groups. More on this to follow.

**Friendship Cafe** Next week we will be holding our 'Friendship Cafe' for the community and residents of Donwell Care home. We would love to see you, and your elderly family members and friends, in the school hall on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2pm.

**Girls' Football** The girls have had a busy a busy week of football this week, playing two league fixtures and a trophy semi-final fixture. They had a tough start to the week playing against Holley Park on Tuesday night. During the first half, the game could have gone either way but ended 0-0. Unfortunately, in the second half Holley Park managed to score two goals and took the win. On Thursday night the girls really came into their element. They played Lambton twice, one league fixture and one trophy fixture. Despite only having six players and playing two games one after the other, the girls had an outstanding night of football winning both their games. They have qualified for the final of the Girls' Trophy. Well done, girls!



**Nissan Visit** Yesterday, our 31 of our Y6 STEM leaders helped to make up a group of 200 school children from across our region who were invited to take part in a celebratory event to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nissan Skills Foundation. Children got to spend time on to the plant's factory floor and worked in teams to build hundreds of Nissan Qashqai models from Lego. The carmaker plans to double the number of children that attend courses throughout the year to 16, 000, and they hope that it will inspire more children to think of working in the tech sector. Everyone had a brilliant time and even made an appearance on last night's ITV news.

**Easter Egg Raffle** To celebrate the end of the term, we will be holding an Easter egg raffle for each year group on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April. Raffle tickets are 20p each or 6 for £1 and can be purchased in the classrooms (KS1) or at break time (KS2) starting this coming Monday. Tickets will be kept in school. We will also be running an "Estimate the Eggs" competition, where children can guess how many Easter eggs they think are in a jar. 50p per guess – winner will take home the chocolate jar. Look out on our Facebook page for photos of all the prizes.

**Easter HAF** The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme is now **open for booking during the Easter holidays** and is available to those children/young people who are in receipt of **means tested free school meals** and to those who have a **special educational need or disability**. As a city, Sunderland is keen to promote the importance of healthy lifestyles and wellbeing, with the hope of reducing the increasing obesity rate in Sunderland. More information, including the timetables and how to book can be found using the link below.

<https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/washington-timetable>

**Gymnastics Superstar** We are very proud of Quinn from Y2 who recently competed at the National Schools Competition 2025 where she represented George Washington in trampolining, coming a brilliant third place. This is a fantastic achievement, Quinn – congratulations!



Have a brilliant weekend everyone.

*R. Knight*

Mr R. Knight  
Head of School



## Forest School Dates

Date	Class
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	5JP
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	3CL
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	4KH
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	2AK RLM
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	1MS 6GW

Date	Class
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	5RA
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	3AW
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	4AL
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	2BG RSS
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	1NM 6EA

**PE and Swimming** - A timetable for PE and swimming is listed below. On their PE days, children should come into school in PE kit for the full day. School PE kit is a white T-shirt with dark coloured shorts or trousers. Football kits or similar clothing should not be worn.

Year Group	PE Day	Swimming Day
<b>Reception</b>	Wednesday	
<b>Year 1</b>	Monday	
<b>Year 2</b>	Friday	
<b>Year 3</b>	Friday	
<b>Year 4</b>	Thursday	Tuesday - 4AL Friday - 4KH
<b>Year 5</b>	Tuesday	Wednesday – 5JP Thursday – 5RA
<b>Year 6</b>	Monday	



# Achievers of the Week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RLM	Tommy-Paul Finn
	RSS	Clara Tempest
Year 1	1MS	Roman McQue
	1NM	Cleo Bonallie
Year 2	2AK	Jay Oliver
	2BG	Noah Bartley
Year 3	3AW	Elliot Headspith
	3CL	Ellora Yelnoorkar
Year 4	4AL	Leila Quinn
	4KH	Isaac Hull
Year 5	5RA	Jacob Sheard
	5JP	Lawson Hodgson
Year 6	6EA	Sophie Twine
	6GW	Jacob Kerrison

