



Friends of Gainford School -Big Summer Raffle

FoGSs had a tremendous turnout for the Car Boot Sale which raised over £500 all of which will be spent on our pupils in school. We certainly had a sunny day for it and the cake stall was a tremendous success! Many thanks to the FoGS team for their continued support for our school and for everyone who came along to our pop-up café!

Our Big Summer Raffle has also been organised by FoGS. There are lots of fabulous prizes included a night at Headlam Hall, a Nintendo Switch, meals for two and so much more! Please can you return any sold ticket stubs and money to the school office. If you need more please contact the office or if you can't sell the tickets please return them to school. Your superior support with this fundraising activity will be very much appreciated,

Games Night

We are planning to hold a Games Night Fayre on Thursday 27 June starting at 3.30pm - 5.00pm This is always really popular with the likes of Coconut Shy, Hook -a- Duck, Tombola, Chuck a Chicken, Nerf gun challenge and so much more. Our pupils love the jam jar tombola and bottle tombola too. School Council have been deciding on some alternative games such as throwing sponges at the teachers.....we will see about that one ...although I think it might raise quite a bit of money !

If you can fill a jar with fun items such as toys, marbles, hair bobbles, crayons , rubbers, pencils , toy soldiers, marbles etc and send them this would be appreciated . Last year we had jars with socks, gloves even hot chocolate mix with marshmallows! Please save glass jars big or small as we will also be filling them in school-they don't have to have a lid

If you would like to donate a bottle for the Bottle Tombola, or send in a prize for the tombola stall that would be fabulous. All donations will be very much appreciated

School Photos- Say Cheese!

Tempest will be coming into school on **Tuesday 11th June** to take all children's photographs, sibling group photos ,class photos and Year 6 Leavers photos . If you would like any photos of your pre-school children with their siblings please arrive at the school at 8.45am and if you could let the school office know by Monday.

Year 6 Leavers Service Durham Cathedral

Next week our Year 6 Leavers will attend a service at Durham Cathedral dedicated to all of those children in Church schools who move onto secondary school in September .There are so many children that this is held over two days and because of the numbers this service is only for Year 6 pupils and accompanying staff .Our Year 6 pupils will attend on Wednesday morning .The service is usually very interactive and is a great way for Year 6 children from across Durham and Northumberland church schools to all come together.

Our own **Leavers Service in St Mary's Church is on Monday 22nd July at 9.10am** .Reverend Eileen Harrop is also leading a Service on **Monday July 1st at St Mary's Church** as a thanksgiving service for Mrs Kidd and I for our contribution to the school and to celebrate our school partnership over the years .Although neither of us like to be at the centre of attention it is a very kind gesture .



GainFest June 22nd 1.30pm

A small committee of local residents give up their time every year to organise a fabulous annual village celebration. This year the theme for Gainfest is 'HEROES' and there will be a child and adult fancy-dress competition - remember not all heroes wear capes! There will also be circus skills, running races and so much more! The fun starts at 1.30pm on the village green. The pupils in school were excited to be asked to help design this year's Gainfest programme and on Wednesday Paul Place and Steph (from the Gainfest committee) and Steph's tiny baby Teddy came into school to thank the children for their designs and also to present prizes to the three children whose designs will appear on the programme. Well done to Lucy, Thea and Bonnie for their wonderful art work. They were all presented with chocolates-obviously a box of 'Heroes'! Teddy was given a Gold Headteacher sticker and he most certainly is the youngest recipient of this award ever!

Sports' Day

Hopefully the sun will shine this year for our Sports' Day which will be held on **Thursday 18th July at 1.30pm**. Do come along and support our children as they compete in lots of races and please keep those fingers crossed for a sunny afternoon!

Class Swale

Children in Class Swale have had a fabulous week learning about Seas and Oceans. I have seen lots of preschool and reception children dressed as pirates and singing sea-shanty songs as well as stealing treasure from each other! I have also seen some super writing as the children retold the story of the Light House Keeper's Lunch.

Our Year 2 children are also being kept very busy with some maths Quizzes; we don't like to call them assessment tests! They have been working really hard on their maths and will also have some reading quizzes too, they have shown lots of effort and concentration and they will support Miss Farley's teacher assessment. Well done Year 2!

Class Wear

In topic time the children have been learning about the Vikings and Viking place names. Miss Watson has been very musical with Class Wear as they have been learning how to play glockenspiels and this has fitted in very well with their Science topic of sound. Lots of fun science going on! They have also started to learn the songs for the end of year production

Class Tees

Miss Turnbull, the PE teacher from Staindrop Academy has started to teach Class Tees PE and this term the focus is on athletics. They have been writing some fabulous reports and have been working on fractions in maths. Rehearsals have started for the end of year production 'The Rocky Monster Show' and the Year 6 pupils feel extra special now that they are all wearing their Leavers' Hoodies. I don't think they will take them off even if the temperatures do start to feel more like summer!

Board games



Do you have any board games that your family no longer play with? We use board games at Breakfast Club and After School Club and also for wet playtimes when the children are stuck inside. If you do have any games that are no longer played with please can you donate them to school.

Gainford Beavers

Many of our children ,past and present attend Scouts and Beavers at the Scout Hut adjacent to our school building and there are spaces available in Beavers .Our pupils who attend have a wonderful time-

Angus *'I like cooking things and also when we get badges for lots of different activities .It's good fun.'*

Harrison *' I like having fun there and doing activities. I like going outside to play games. You can also get Best Beaver for the weekend!'*

If your child is turning 6 soon and enjoy building dens, making friends, exploring nature, cooking on the fire , and trying new things then why not let them try Gainford Beavers .They meet on Thursday at 6.30pm in the Scout Hut .If you are interested please contact Fiona on 07739312113.

Have a lovely weekend

C Riley

Rights Respecting -the Rights of the Child

The children have been learning about D DAY

This week our pupils have learnt about the D- Day landings of 6th June 1944.They have had the opportunity to learn about the allied forces combined naval, land and air assault on occupied France. They considered their own rights with a focus on the right for a child to be protected from violence and from war (Article 38) and to have a safe home (Article 27)



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Attendance w/e 07.06.2024

Our Minimum Target is 96%

Well done to all classes who have achieved attendance above our minimum target.

A special well done to Wear attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

Class	Attendance %
Swale	93.75
Wear	96.42
Tees	89.38

Gold Headteacher Awards

Each week in our Celebration Worship assembly Gold Headteacher's awards are presented to some children who have excelled when working towards our theme of the week. The theme this week was for **fabulous effort**

Class Swale	Charlotte Esme M
Class Wear	Joey Phoebe
Class Tees	Emily Joe

Diary Dates

Please see our Diary dates for the remainder of the academic year at the end of this newsletter.

Extra-Curricular Clubs (3.30pm-4.30pm)

Multisport – Tuesdays 3.30pm -4.30pm
Mini Disciples – Wednesdays 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Friends of Gainford School (FoGS)-Our Parents Action Group

.We Need You!

Our next meeting is on 10th June 7.00pm on teams

Do you think you could spare some of your time to help with our fundraising activities? We are a small team of parents/carers who work together to raise funds for school that benefit all of the pupils from pre-school to Year 6.

We really need more volunteers who could offer some time to support events in school. We really appreciate any help that can be offered. Can you help out at an event?

If you are keen to support our school and learn more about FoGS please contact school or drop FoGS an email gainfordfogs@gmail.com

HOUSEPOINTS/DOJO points

Well done for all the hard work and effort in school this week! The Dojo points have been totalled up and this week Willow have come out on top. Well done! Who will win the house-point trophy at the end of the year? It's a close-run race at the moment!

OAK 342

WILLOW 411

SYCAMORE 384



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Diary Dates – Whole School

Weekly

Tuesdays	Multi Sports 3.30pm-4.30pm	Y1 - 6	7 Sessions – Summer Term 2
Wednesdays	Mini Disciples 3.30pm-4.30pm	Class Wear & Class Tees	7 Sessions – Summer Term 2

Events

10/06/2024	Phonics Screening Week	Y1	
11/06/2024	School Photographs	Whole School	
12/06/2024	Leavers Service	Durham Cathedral Staff & Y6 Only	During School Hours
14/06/2024 to 16/06/2024 incl	Mini Disciples Launchpad Weekend	Mini Disciples	
26/06/2024 to 28/06/2024 incl	Hummersknott Transition	Y6	
27/06/2024 to 28/06/2024 incl	Wyvern Academy Transition	Y6	
27/06/2024	Games Night & Raffle Draw		
28/06/2024	South Shields Trip	Class Swale & Wear	During School Hours
01/07/2024	Thanksgiving church service lead by Church for Mrs Kidd and Mrs Riley	All welcome	9.10am at St Mary's Church Gainford
10/07/2024 to 11/07/2024 incl	Staindrop Transition	Y6	
11/07/2024 to 12/07/2024 incl	Teesdale School Transition	Y6	
17/07/2024	Key Stage 2 Production	All welcome	1.30pm & 6.00pm
18/07/2024	Sports Day	All welcome	1.30pm at community field
19/07/2024	Colour Run	Whole School	AM TBC
22/07/2024	Year 6 Leavers Service	All welcome	9.10am St Mary's Church, Gainford
23/07/2024	Break up for Summer		



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School holidays for the 2023/24 academic year

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-opens
Summer 2024	Tuesday 23 July 2024	Thursday 5 September 2024

School holidays for the 2024/25 academic year

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-opens
Summer 2024	Tuesday 23 July 2024	Thursday 5 September 2024
Autumn half-term 2024	Friday 25 October 2024	Monday 4 November 2024
Christmas 2024	Friday 20 December 2024	Tuesday 7 January 2025
Spring half-term 2025	Friday 21 February 2025	Monday 3 March 2025
Easter 2025	Friday 11 April 2025	Monday 28 April 2025
May Day 2025	Friday 2 May 2025	Tuesday 6 May 2025
Summer half-term 2025	Friday 23 May 2025	Monday 2 June 2025
Summer 2025	Friday 18 July 2025	TBC

CPD Days (School Closed)

September 4th 2024

January 6th 2025