



SATS week

Like many headteachers, I was disappointed with the government's decision to hold the statutory tests, including SATS tests (Standard Attainment Tests), this year. This year is the first full school year our Year 6 pupils have had since they were in Year 3 (2018-2019) and Covid still meant many absences for so many of them at the start of the year. Our Year 6 pupils have been working very hard in preparation for their SATS and Mrs Kidd and Mrs Maude have also worked extremely hard to support them as much as possible throughout the year and have also held booster club sessions every Wednesday; the children have really benefitted from attending this club. I know that our Year 6s will try their very best as they have done all year and our school staff are incredibly proud of them all but I have also spoken to them about SATS not defining who they are. SATS, do not show their artistic, sporting and musical skills, they do not show their leadership skills, how creative they are or how they work collaboratively with others amongst many other things. We celebrate and promote their uniqueness at Gainford school and not just marks on a paper. We wish them all well for next week.

Car Boot Sale Fundraising Event

FoGS are holding a Car Boot Sale on Saturday May 7th 10am-12am. Entry is free or you can donate on the day, cars are charged at £5.00 and need to arrive by 9.30am

There will be coffee, tea and juice on sale. We will also be holding a cake stall and book stall too. It will be great to see you there!

Gainford Village Art exhibition -this weekend

The children have completed work for the village art exhibition, held in the village hall. This is taking place on Friday evening from 7pm and on Saturday and Sunday 10am-4pm. Class Swale have entered their wonderful tulip and daffodil pictures. Class Wear have some marvellous Viking pictures (you may recognise some of them!) and art work based on the traditional story they saw at the theatre. Class Tees worked collaboratively on their Easter pictures. Hopefully you will be able to call in over the weekend and see their art work.

School Photos

The school photographer will be coming on Tuesday 16th May. If you do have younger children not yet attending our school and you would like them to have their photograph taken with their brothers or sisters we can accommodate this from 8.30am. More information will be issued next week.

I hope you have a lovely weekend!

C Riley

Reminders

We are a Nut- Free school

Please ensure packed lunches are nut free and please do not send your child to school with nuts for a snack.

Covid Information

- Adults with symptoms of a respiratory infection and who have a high temperature or feel unwell should try to stay at home and avoid contact with others until they can resume normal activities and no longer have a temperature



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- Children and young people who are unwell and/or have a high temperature should follow the same advice.
- Adults with a positive Covid test result should try to stay home and avoid others for 5 days
- Children with a positive Covid test are advised to stay home for 3 days

Attendance w/e 06.05.2022

Our Minimum Target is 96%

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

A special well done to Class SWALE for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

Class	Attendance %
Swale	99.31
Wear	84.68
Tees	91.35

Gold Headteacher Awards

Awards made by class teachers for weekending 08.05.2022 were for PE

Class Swale	Arthur (football)
Class Wear	Anthony (cricket) Erin (gymnastics)
Class Tees	Aiden(tennis)

The Year 6 children have all worked very hard this week in preparation for their SATS next week
Excellent effort by all!

Diary Dates

Car Boot Sale – Saturday 7th May 10 am -12noon held at school

School Photo Day – Tuesday May 17th

Half Term Break – Last day of school Thursday 26th May

Teacher Training Day - Friday 27th May – school closed to pupils

Return to school - Monday 6TH June

Teacher Training Day School closed to pupils - Monday 20th June

Last Day of Term - Thursday 21st July

Return to School – Tuesday 6th September

Clubs for the Summer Term

Clubs are £4.50 for the hour session or £6.25 for 1 hour and 30 minute sessions

Football Club Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm with Kyle Open to Year 1 pupils from Class Swale and Class Wear pupils. 3rd,10th,17th 24th May

Gardening Club **Thursdays** 3.30-4.30pm with Miss Farley Open to Class Swale, Wear and Tees pupils 5th,12th,19th,26th May **FULL**

Computing Club 3.30-4.30pm Mr Martin Open to Tees and Wear pupils 6th, 13th (not 20th) 27th June, 4th 11th July

Forest School Club Wednesday 18th May Mrs Muir 3.30-5.00pm Open to Tees and Wear

Athletics Club with Kyle Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Open to Class Wear and Tees 6th,14th,21st,28th June 12th July



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Friends of Gainford School (FoGS)

The next FoGS meeting is on. Tuesday 10th May at 7pm This will be via teams. If you would like to come along or even just find out how you could help with up-and-coming fundraising events then please contact Gainfordfogs@gmail.com.

We are a Rights Respecting School

Rights Respecting – Class Tees children have been illustrating the Articles of the Convention to help other children in school understand their meaning. We will soon have a display in school for all to share.



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HOUSEPOINTS/DOJO points

Well done for all the hard work and effort in school this week! The Dojo points have been added up and those Dizzy Dogs have come out on top! Cool Cats are in the lead with 7 wins this year with the other three teams all on 6 wins. It is certainly a close run battle for the Housepoint trophy this year.!

DIZZY DOGS **188**

FANTASTIC FOXES **183**

LEAPING LIONS **181**

COOL CATS **166**