



Visit to Staindrop Academy

This week our Year 5 pupils had a wonderful visit to Staindrop Academy where they had a taste of what a school day is like for secondary pupils. They had lots of lessons including English, Computing, Art, Science and PE.

This is what some of our Year 5 children thought about the visit: -

'I really enjoyed the Science as we used Bunsen burners and we don't have them at our school. It helps to visit the school as you are less worried about moving to a big secondary school. 'Lydia

'In ICT we worked with Microbits and we learnt about coding. Science was good fun in the science lab and we had to wear lab coats and protective goggles – we were just like real scientists! It makes me think that I don't need to worry about moving onto a new school.' **Amelia**

'I loved it -it was so much fun doing the activities as they were so different. The school was massive! I really enjoyed writing parts of a story on paper chains in English then we liked them together.' **Ava**

'The teacher praised us for doing so well with tricky Science work – he said we were the best school he'd had!' **Emelia**

'It felt like a maze when you walked round it. I feel better about going to secondary as its not so scary now and the teachers help you like they do at Gainford.' **Archie**

Planning visits such as these in Year 5 really help our pupils to feel more familiar with a secondary setting and help to make the move from primary to secondary a less daunting experience. Their behaviour was exemplary and once again they were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Well done Year 5! We thanked Staindrop Academy for their kind invitation and look forward to attending other events in the next academic year.

Transition Days

Good luck to all of our Year 6 pupils who will be trying out their new secondary schools over the next couple of weeks. I am sure that next week we will have a much quieter school when most of our Year 6 pupils venture off to visit their new schools!

Temporary Caretaker Post

Due to our caretaker being absent from school we are seeking to appoint a temporary caretaker to cover her post. This post will initially be from September 1st to December 31st further details and an application form are available by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Caretaker/228921>

Sports' Day

This year we will be holding our Sports' Day on Wednesday 13th July at the community field. This is the first time we have been able to hold this since the start of the pandemic. We will be starting at 1.20pm and all are welcome. Please come along if you can and keep those fingers crossed for a dry and sunny day! Well it doesn't have to be sunny - we will just be happy with dry!



School Meals

Our school meal provider is changing to Chartwells from September and the high standard of meals offered to our pupils will continue. Will you please ensure that you respond to the Operoo form asking about preferences for lunches in September as this will help Chartwells and the kitchen staff get off to a smooth start in the new term. Your support with this will be very much appreciated.

Raffle Tickets

Thank you so much for efforts with selling our raffle tickets this term, we are aiming to raise £2000 which will directly benefit every child in the school, as the money is used to financially support trips and visits, events, equipment and resources. The last day to return raffle tickets to school is Friday 8th July. If you have sold your raffle tickets please return the money and stubs to school along with any spare tickets you may have.

Gainford Fun Day

Our Teddy Tombola raised £59.50 and FoGS also managed to sell more of our raffle tickets too. Many thanks to FOGS volunteers for supporting our school at the Fun Day. I loved seeing the photos of the fancy dress costumes worn by the children - some very imaginative and colourful costumes; I'm sure I spotted a crown, a knight, and even a stamp amongst many other marvellous costumes!

Summer Games Night/Fayre

On Thursday 14th July 3.30-6pm we will be holding a Games Night & Fayre for all of our school families. You are more than welcome to come along with other family members too, again this an opportunity to raise funds for FOGS, our Parent Action Group. We will be finalising our plans on Monday 4th July, in the meantime, we are still looking for donations of the following: -

- Bottle gift bags
- Bottles of alcohol for the tombola stall
- Filled glass jars (filled with rubbers, bobbles, sweets, marbles, crayons etc)
- Empty jars with or without lids (so we can fill these at school)
- Pringle tubes (or similar)

Thank you for donations so far.

Hope everyone has a good weekend

C Riley

Reminders/Appeals

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
- 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 01.07.2022

Our Minimum Target is 96%

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

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

Class	Attendance %
Swale	95.32
Wear	72.41
Tees	83.18

Gold Headteacher Awards

Awards made by class teachers this week were for Maths

Class Swale	Jacob Arthur
Class Wear	Elizabeth Anthony
Class Tees	Sophie Zach

Next week the award will be for Topic work

Diary Dates

Year 6 Secondary visit dates

- Teesdale Academy 7th and 8th July
- Staindrop Academy 6th and 7th July
- St Francis Xavier, Richmond 11th July (full day tbc) and 7th July (am only)

Sports Day Wednesday 13th July 1.20pm

Family Games Night/Fayre Thurs 14th July 3.30-6pm

Class Tees Production - Pirates of The Curry Bean
Tuesday 19th July 2pm & 6pm

Year 6 Leavers' Service St Mary's Church, Gainford
Wednesday 20th July 9.10am

Last Day of Term - Thursday 21st July

Messy Church- St Mary's Church Sunday 24th July
3.30-5.30pm

Return to School – Tuesday 6th September

Clubs for the Summer Term

**Clubs are £4.50 for the hour session
or £6.75 for 1 hour and 30 minute sessions**

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

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

Forest School Club with Mrs Muir. 3.30-500pm
06.07.2022 Open to Class Wear and Class Tees
pupils – **places still available**

Friends of Gainford School (FoGS)

The next FoGS meeting is on Monday 4th July at 7pm. This will be via Teams. If you would like to join in even just to find out how you could help with up-and-coming fundraising events then please contact Gainfordfogs@gmail.com.

We really do need lots of help with the Summer Fayre on the 14th July so please come along to the meeting if you think that you can help in any way and that they have the right to



We are a Rights Respecting School

Article 30

Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, regardless of whether these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.

Our children have developed a good understanding of what it means to be inclusive. They have learnt about diversity and celebrating differences as well as similarities.

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 Cool Cats have come out on top!

<u>DIZZY DOGS</u>	193	<u>FANTASTIC FOXES</u>	200
<u>LEAPING LIONS</u>	183	<u>COOL CATS</u>	203