



### **Sporting Achievements**

Well for once we had a lovely day for Sports Day. The children all competed very well and so did the parents who entered the parents race too! Children were happy in the shade of the trees and I do hope that our spectators had sun cream on as they certainly had the sunny seats! Leaping Lions came out on top and proved themselves to be worthy winners of the Sport's Day Trophy

### **Outstanding Sporting Success**

Each year two other trophies are presented to pupils who have shown excellence in sport across the year. Joe Kelsey was awarded the best Sportsmanship Shield; this was very well deserved as Joe always leads by example and is a fabulous role model for others to follow showing wonderful leadership skills. Laurence Copeland and Zach Coupland shared the Outstanding Athlete trophy for their performance across the year. Well done!

Football Teams success

### **Football Success**

Gainford football players had exciting matches against Ingleton Primary pupils on Thursday afternoon. Our two teams, Team Gain and Team Ford, won their matches against Ingleton with Team Gain winning 2-nil and Team Ford winning 1-nil. It was wonderful to invite another school to play at our home ground and I am sure we will continue with this next year too.

### **Summer Games Night/Fayre**

Many thanks to the FoGS team and for school staff for all of their help with the Summer Games Night. They worked behind the scenes planning and preparing for the activities and the children in school have said how much they thoroughly enjoyed it; a huge thumbs up! We certainly had the weather for it too. Children enjoyed many activities such as Nerf Gun Challenge, Hook A Duck and Beat the Goalie; thank you to Mr Litherland who went in goal -they certainly didn't make it easy for you! When the name for the Teddy Bear was drawn it turned out to be Boris which couldn't have been more topical! The games night raised over £400 so was a very successful fundraiser for school. The Summer Raffle also proved to be very popular this year. A huge thank you must be offered to all of the local businesses who offered such fabulous prizes and for all of our parents and carers for selling so many tickets. FoGS have done a marvellous job this year and have set the bar high for future raffles! The raffle raised an incredible £1540! All of the money raised will be spent on our pupils over the next academic year. Well Done Everyone!

### **It's getting hot!**

The forecast for next week particularly Monday and Tuesday is about 30 degrees C. Please send your child to school with their water bottle, suncream on our in their bag and also a hat/cap. Class Tees do have their end of year production on Tuesday which is forecast to be the hottest day of the year. If you are coming to see their production please dress accordingly as our hall being predominantly glass does get rather hot!

### **Facelift for the school.**

The local authority is going to be replacing all of the old brown cladding on our building and also all of the old timbered framed windows and I know this will make a huge difference to our school both in terms of its energy efficiency and also how it looks too; it hasn't been touched for about half a century so I think we are about due a makeover!

Today was the last Friday that the Year 6 pupils will have in our school as we break up on Thursday next week. It has suddenly dawned on them that many of the things they are doing in our school



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are for the very last time! We will certainly make the most of our time with them before we celebrate at their **Leavers' Service next Wednesday** and bid farewell to them on Thursday.

And after Gainford.....

Today we had two former pupils return to school to talk to Class Wear about what career paths they had taken since leaving our school. It was wonderful to see Harry and Grace Taylor Shaw who were reminiscing about when they took part in their end of year productions. After studying at university Grace now works with costumes in film and television. The children were excited to hear that she worked with actors such as George Clooney and Samuel L Jackson and how she had even worked on costumes for stormtroopers for Star Wars movies. Harry has just finished his university course on Rocket Science and it was a difficult as it sounds! Harry is hoping to find employment within the Formula 1 industry. Class Wear asked lots of fabulous questions and even learnt how stormtroopers actually managed to pop to the toilet whilst in costume! We wish them well for the future.

### **Bollywood Brass Band**

All of the children had a fabulous morning when Bollywood Brass Band visited our school. We had lots of people and dogs walking down the lane who stopped to listen too. The children learnt so much about the instruments they were playing, listened to some fabulous music and joined in with Bollywood moves too. If you are in Durham this weekend I am sure that you will catch many of the bands throughout the city as they are part of Durham Brass Festival.

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 15.07.2022**

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	97.74
Wear	93.75
Tees	96.61

**Gold Headteacher Awards**

Awards made by class teachers this week were for Sport/PE

<b>Class Swale</b>	Angus Maddie
<b>Class Wear</b>	Ada Joe
<b>Class Tees</b>	Ava Evan

**Diary Dates**

**Class Tees Production** - Pirates of The Curry Bean  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2pm & 6pm

**Year 6 Leavers' Service** St Mary's Church, Gainford  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 9.10am

**Last Day of Term** - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**Messy Church**- St Mary's Church Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July  
3.30-5.30pm

**Return to School** – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

**Clubs for the Summer Term**

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

Clubs for the autumn term  
This list will be added to

Tuesdays Kyle – Multiskills

Friday Football

**Friends of Gainford School (FoGS)**

**A HIGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FOGS TEAM FOR HELPING TO MAKE OUR SCHOOL YEAR SO MEMORABLE!**

**We are a Rights Respecting School**

**This week we have recapped many of the articles covered this term. Our pupils certainly have a very good understanding of their rights and how they can help to promote these within school, within our community and within the wider world**

**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 and Leaping Lions have come out on top! It's a close-run race to see who lifts the House point trophy this year!



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<b><u>DIZZY DOG</u></b>	171 points	wins so far	10	<b><u>FANTASTIC FOXES</u></b>	170points	wins so far	9
<b><u>LEAPING LIONS</u></b>	175 points	wins so far	10	<b><u>COOL CATS</u></b>	175 points	wins so far	10