



Message from the Headteacher

Nativity Performances-Class Swale's Got Talent!

Due to the pandemic it had been such a long time since we had invited parents in to see our Nativity performance. Although we managed to share a video of this last year, it really wasn't quite the same!

Class Swale were all stars of the show in their wonderful Nativity production 'Whoops a Daisy Angel'. The singing was wonderful, the costumes amazing and narrators told the story so well. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part. The whole school had a sneak preview at the dress rehearsal and the Teesdale Mercury came too, hopefully we will feature in the newspaper. Then we welcomed lots of mums, dads', grandparents', aunties and uncles on Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs Linsley, our Office Manager had heard the children practising over the last few weeks and finally got to see the Nativity and not just hear it! *"A very well-rehearsed performance. The children were outstanding in performance, narration and enthusiasm and did the school proud!"*

"I really enjoyed the play and the music. I thought the songs they sang were amazing!" **Becky**

"I personally liked the nativity because the singing was amazing and they all looked so nice with their lovely outfits. I give the Nativity a solid 10 out of 10!" **Lydia Year 6**

"I felt happy as it was my first time acting in front of an audience. I thought we were all amazing!" **Pippa**
(Whoops a Daisy Angel)

"I was a bit nervous at first but I really liked the singing and also doing the bows at the end!" **Lachlan**

Many thanks to all of the staff who helped with the production but a special 'HUGE' thank you to Miss Farley and Mrs Gallagher for the tremendous amount of work they have put in to make this Nativity extra special. The children have had a wonderful time learning songs, words, actions and dances.

'Smile' if you shop on Amazon!

Do you shop on Amazon? If so 'Friends of Gainford School' could receive a donation from Amazon every time you shop! Just use this link <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> and search for 'Friends of Gainford' when prompted to select your preferred charity. If you use the <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> address every time you shop FOGS will receive a donation from Amazon. Every little helps!

Speak Out Stay Safe

Children across the school have been taking part in the NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe programme. At an age appropriate level, they have learnt that all children have a right to be listened to and to be kept safe from harm and abuse. They have learnt about Childline and how this charitable organisation can support children in need. They spoke about trusted adults and about who they can turn to at home, at school at sports clubs or other family members.



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'Together we love, learn and flourish'

They also watched an online assembly all about staying safe featuring Ant and Dec and a huge green speech bubble called Buddy who encourages children to speak out about worries and concerns. Our Year 5/6 children will follow this up with a workshop delivered by the NSPCC next week.

Donations for the Well Food Bank

Thank you to those of you who donated for 'The Well' food bank. Our hamper of goodies was collected this week and I am sure will be appreciated by many families.

Senior Mental Health Lead

Mrs Kidd is currently undertaking training to become our school's Senior Mental Health Lead. Good mental health and wellbeing for all pupils and staff is promoted within school and we hope that by appointing a Mental Health Lead that this will help coordinate the support we offer our school community

Congratulations -5 stars!

Our school cook, Emma, was over the moon to retain our '5-star Food Hygiene Rating' for our kitchen when the inspector arrived on Monday. Well done to Emma and the kitchen staff!

Christmas Lunch

If children want to wear Christmas head bands, tinsel, hats or jumpers for Christmas Lunch on Tuesday they are welcome to do so but certainly do not have to. We have lots of halos, hats and tinsel in school that children can also wear to make our Christmas lunch extra festive so there is no need to buy anything for this.

Christmas Parties

Class Swale children will bring in their party clothes and get changed after lunch on Thursday and Class Tees and Wear pupils can come to school dressed ready in their party clothes on Friday.

Next week is going to be so very busy and our caretaker's least favourite thing will be in abundance.... glitter!

I do hope that you all have a lovely weekend

C Riley

Quick Reminder

Medicines

If your child needs medication in school, including inhalers please ensure that this handed over by an adult to an adult in school and that the appropriate form is filled in via Operoo. Medication of any kind should not be left in children's bag; this includes inhalers.

Lost Property

Please label your child's clothing including PE kit, hats, scarves etc as this will help us return any lost property to the correct pupil.



Attendance w/e 09.12.2022

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	97.50
Wear	91.30
Tees	92.50

Gold Headteacher Awards

Awards were for Handwriting

Well done for the fabulous work this week

Class Swale	Harvey Harrison
Class Wear	Anthony Ryan C
Class Tees	Emily Alfie

Dates

Christmas Lunch: Tuesday 13th December

Pantomime at Darlington Hippodrome (Whole School): Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Parties:

Class Swale – Thursday 15th December

Class Tees/Wear – Friday 16th December

St Mary's Carol Service Sunday 18th December 7pm

Christingle Service Monday 19th December 2.15pm

Break up for Christmas: Tuesday 20th December

Crib Service St Mary's Church, Gainford Christmas Eve 4pm

Return to School: Thursday 5th January

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Multi-Sports

With Kyle for Y2-Y6

Tuesdays 3:30pm – 4:30pm 6 sessions £27

Jan 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, Feb 7th, 14th

Please sign your child up if you want them to attend in January

Mini Disciples delivered by Claire Mead

Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm 5 sessions £10 (£2 per session)

Jan 11th, 18th, 25th, Feb 1st, 8th

Please sign your child up if you would like them to attend. This club is full of crafts, drama, Bible stories, games and so much more

Friends of Gainford School (FoGS)

Fogs will be organising a summer raffle to raise funds for new staging units. We are looking to build on the success of last year's summer raffle and try to secure lots of fabulous prizes! If you have a business and would like to donate a prize or voucher or know of someone who has a business who may be keen to donate please get in touch with FoGS.



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The money raised from the raffle tickets will benefit all pupils in school. The staging units will also be available for community use

We would love to see more volunteers supporting our school so if you are interested in volunteering or just finding out more, please contact gainfordfogs@gmail.com.

We are a Rights Respecting School

Rights Respecting Article

The right to be listened to and to be kept safe from harm covers several articles and this matched the Speak Out Stay Safe programme our children took part in this week

HOUSEPOINTS/DOJO points

Well done for all the hard work and effort in school this week! The Dojo points have been totalled up and those Leaping Lions have come out on top!

DIZZY DOGS 200

FANTASTIC FOXES 198

LEAPING LIONS 205

COOL CATS 196