



## **SIAMS Inspection Report**

We now have the final report through following our SIAMS inspection. We are all so proud of the wonderful things it says about our school and our partnership with our friends at church and in the wider community. Please take the time to read through it. It's certainly something to celebrate! I cannot thank our whole school community enough for all that they do to enrich the lives of our pupils. I am immensely proud of all that our pupils do not only within school but within our community and for local, regional, national and international charitable organisations. What an amazing bunch!

## **Big Spring Clean**

Our pupils are always wanting to support their local community and jumped at the chance to take part in the annual Big Spring Clean promoted through Durham's Civic Pride Team. This year each class focused on different areas of the village and after a safety talk they set to work with their litter pickers at the ready. Class Tees collected litter by the river, Class Wear collected litter on the school and the community field and Class Swale collected near the church and around the green. It was good to hear that there was limited litter on the green but by the time all classes had taken part they had still collected eight bags of rubbish! Well done to all the pupils for taking part and for making a difference to our local environment.

## **Growing Faith Partnership Award Celebration Event**

For those who weren't able to attend our celebration event I do hope that you managed to see the coverage in the Teesdale Mercury (we managed a full page!) and also in the Parish News (we covered five pages of school activities in the latest edition!). This is wonderful publicity for our school and helps to showcase some of the exciting events our pupils are involved in.

## **Any One for Cricket?**

Raby Castle Cricket Club are looking for children aged 5-9 years old (Reception, YR 1, YR 2, YR3 and YR4) who are interested in playing Cricket for the club this season for our U9s team. They run weekly Junior training sessions throughout the year on a Tuesday Evening.

Please contact Junior Coordinator Scott Hedley on 07590537953 or by email [smh281994@outlook.com](mailto:smh281994@outlook.com) for more information or if you are interested in joining the club.

Another exciting opportunity for cricket is the ECB national cricket programs running from May,

There are 2 programs –

All Stars - roughly for 5-8yr olds (4yr olds can sign up)

Dynamos - is for 8-11yr olds



Both programs are for 8 weeks costing £40, sessions can be found using the post code finder on the website below. There are lots of local sessions available with sessions running from May to July Children receive their own kit, and every All Star receives a free membership for Durham Cricket matches.

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

If your child is interested in cricket or you would like to find out more please click on the link.

## World Book Day

It was a wonderful day in school on Thursday with children and staff across the school arriving dressed as characters from their favourite stories. During the morning session the children worked in their house teams with the older children working alongside the younger children. It was fabulous to see how nurturing they were.

Class Swale focused on The Hungry Caterpillar and the staff looked amazing in their caterpillar, butterfly and cocoon outfits. The children had a Hungry Caterpillar picnic with lots of baking going on as well as storytelling. Class Wear looked at the characters from Winnie the Pooh and also took part in the BBC on line World Book day lesson learning about different genre and settings.

All of the children had time to read and share books with each other creating real excitement and enthusiasm for reading. Some of the children shared books by new authors and there were lots of traditional stories and established authors.

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Class Tees pupils took part in a 'story hat' activity. The older children worked with the younger children to write stories based on the items they had chosen with some fabulous results.

*"I enjoyed making my own story. We had to choose a character, a prop and a setting from the story hats then we used these to help with ideas for a story. I worked with Maddie and it was good fun to write a story with her and work with younger children too," Sophie*

*"I enjoyed dressing up, listening to the Rainbow Fish story and working with Kai to paint my fish. I liked sharing books too." Marley*

The Teesdale Mercury came along to report on the event so hopefully we will see our school featured in their next edition.



We will upload some photos of the day to our website next week

## Youth Saints and Messy Church

The next Youth Saints session is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Please see the attached flyer for more details. Messy Church for families will be on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March at St Mary's Church Gainford 3.30-5.30pm with a focus on preparing for Mothers' Day and will feature creative crafts, worship songs, stories and food. Claire Mead leads on this and lots of our children have worked with her in school. All are welcome.

## Volunteers -Gainford Needs You!

If you would like to volunteer in school or know of someone who would like to do so please get in touch with us. We can carry out the required DBS check for you. Our volunteers help in lots of different ways and enjoy working alongside the children in our school.

I do hope that you all have a lovely weekend

*C Riley*

## Reminders

We are a **NUT free** school. Please do not send your child to school with nut products.

## Summer Fayre Fundraiser

If you can help by contributing of any of the items below this will be very much appreciated.

- Bottles of Alcohol/Wine/Spirits – Bottle Tombola Stall
- A filled jar with or without a lid of items such as hair bobbles, toys, marbles, sweets, pencil, Crayons, rubbers etc – Jar Tombola Stall
- School Uniform in good condition – Preloved Stall
- Bottle Gift Bags
- Tombola Gifts for a Surprise tombola stall – e.g. toiletries/toiletry sets, toys/games, glove/hats, socks, etc

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far.



## Attendance w/e03.03.2023

Our Minimum Target is 96%

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

A special well done to Class Tees whose attendance was the best out of the entire school.

Class	Attendance %
Swale	93.9
Wear	94.7
Tees	96.7

## Gold Headteacher Awards

Awards were for **Reading**

Well done for the fabulous work this week

<b>Class Swale</b>	Lachlan Lewis & John
<b>Class Wear</b>	Bethany
<b>Class Tees</b>	Jay, Seb & Kai

**Lunch time awards for helpfulness**

Camilla

Angus

## Friends of Gainford School (FoGS)

Friends of Gainford School -Summer Raffle

We have already had raffle prizes donated from Headlam Hall and Raby Castle. Thanks to FoGS for organising this fundraiser. If you can donate a prize or know of a business who would be willing to donate a prize please get in touch with FoGS

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](mailto:gainfordfogs@gmail.com) . **The next meeting is via Teams on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Please join us if you can.**

## We are a Rights Respecting School

In connection with World Book Day the children have been learning about Article 31

**You have the right to play and relax by doing things like sports, music and drama.** We talked about reading for pleasure and reading lots of materials including on line materials, recipes, news articles, magazines etc

We also focused on Article 12 **You have the right to an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously.** We also talked about how on World Book Day some of us like to dress up but some of us don't and that it is ok to do what you feel comfortable with

## After School Clubs 3.30pm to 4.30pm

**Tuesdays – Multi Sports with Kyle**

**Wednesdays – Mini Disciples with Claire**

**Wednesdays – Year 6 SATS Booster Sessions**



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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 totalled up and those **Fantastic Foxes** have come out on top! Lots of dojo points were given out for fabulous reading this week including how well our older pupils have encouraged our younger pupils with their reading.

<b>Dizzy Dogs</b>	203	<b>FANTASTIC FOXES</b>	257
<b>LEAPING LIONS</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>COOL CATS</b>	<b>201</b>

## Diary Dates – Whole School

### Weekly

Mondays	Swimming (in school hours)	Class Wear	Last Session 27/03/2023
Tuesdays	Multi Sports 3.30pm-4.30pm		Last Session 28/03/2023
Tuesdays	Football Sessions (in school hours)	Class Swale	Last Session 28/03/2023
Wednesdays	Mini Disciples 3.30pm-4.30pm		Last Session 29/03/2023
Wednesdays	SATS Booster Sessions 3.30pm-4.30pm	Year 6	Last Session 03/05/2023

### Events

15/03/2023	SATS Parents Meeting	Year 6	4.30pm-5.00pm
22/03/2023	Football Festival	Class Swale	(in school hours)
22/03/2023	SATS Parents Meeting	Year 2	3.30pm-4.00pm
28/03/2023	Easter Service at St Mary's Church	All Welcome	2.15pm
24/04/2023	Parental Consultations	Class Swale & Tees	By Appointment
25/04/2023	Parental Consultations	Class Swale, Wear & Tees	By Appointment
Throughout May	SATS	Y2	(in school hours)
09/05/2023	SATS Week	Y6	(in school hours)
20/05/2023	Car Boot Sale /coffee and cake stall	All welcome	Morning time tbc
24/05/2023	Cricket Festival	Class Wear	(in school hours)
29/06/2023	Summer Fayre		Time TBC
18/07/2023	School Production	Class Tees	2pm & 6pm
20/07/2023	YR6 Leavers' Service at St Mary's Church	All welcome	9.15am



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### **Term Dates**

Easter Holidays	Closes 31/03/2023	Reopens 17/04/2023
Bank Holiday	School Closed 01/05/2023	
Additional Bank Holiday	School Closed 08/05/2023	
Whit Week	Closes 26/05/2023	Reopens 05/06/2023
Staff Training Day	School Closed 19/06/2023	
Summer Holidays	Closes 21/07/2023	Reopens 05/09/2023