



Leavers Service

On Wednesday morning our Year 6 pupils travelled to Durham Cathedral to join in with the Year 6 Leavers' Service at Durham Cathedral. They shared a coach with Ingleton Year pupils and they were all excited for the special event dedicated to them. This is a service for all Year 6 pupils who attend Church of England schools and it is organised by the Diocese. The cathedral was packed with hundreds of children. Two pupils proudly carried our school banner through the cathedral and the children were engaged in lots of activities. Have a look at our website to see some photos taken across the morning. Here are a few comments about the day

Ava "I liked the part where we got to the lego station and there were so many pieces of lego in a ball pit. We had to make something that represented us, all about ourselves. The singing was really good too, we were the only school who could do all of the actions for the Lighthouse song!

Alfie "I really enjoyed one activity the best. It was 'Guardians of Ancorra' and it was a mobile game on a tablet. It linked with the Bible but it felt odd to play a video game in the Cathedral! We also made a stick man out of pipe cleaners and we can give this to people we are thankful for. It was really interactive and not just us sitting in a service and not being part of it. "

We will have our own Leavers' Service for our Year 6 pupils on Thursday 20th July at 9.15am in St Marys Church, Gainford and parents, carers and extended family members will be more than welcome to attend.

Music!!! Music Music

We are certainly having a very musical start to this half term

Musical Playgrounds

Class Tees pupils have started working with Jo James from Durham Music Service. They are involved in an exciting project called Musical Playgrounds where they will learn songs, games and activities that can be used at playtimes; this will run weekly for the rest of this term. Class Swale children will then join them for the last 2 sessions when Class Tees pupils will teach the younger children the songs, games and activities they have learned.

I've already spotted some of our older pupils trying this out with Class Swale children; it's been refreshing to see both new games introduced and traditional playground games being brought back to life.

African Drumming

Our children were expecting drumming sessions this term and we thought they were going to be disappointed due to the absence of the music teacher from Durham Music Service. However, the very talented and musical Mrs McLachlan stepped in and has been teaching Class Wear how to play traditional African drums.... and remarkably the noise coming out of the hall and out of the classroom sounds amazing already! Mrs Linsley and I were very pleasantly surprised-no sound cancelling headphones required at all! The children are thoroughly enjoying the sessions and are learning lots of new skills in the process and it really does sound very good! Although having my office full of 21 huge drums is not ideal!



Brass Band

We love to support Durham Brass Band festival and bands come along to Durham from all parts of the world. We are hoping that we are successful in our bid to have a band come to school. These bands are not your usual brass bands and we have seen previous bands hanging from the monkey bars and still playing their instruments as well as getting everyone up dancing! Fingers crossed we hear about this very soon!

Craft Clubs

Miss Mckewan has joined us on her teaching placement from university and has been thoroughly enjoying her time teaching in Class Wear. Mr Martin has acted as her mentor and the children have certainly benefitted from having two teachers to work with across the week. Many thanks to Miss Mckewan for planning and delivering the Craft Club for Tees and Wear pupils this week. Mrs Gallagher has kindly offered to deliver a Craft Club for Class Swale for later in the term too. -more information when a date has been set

School Council

As ever school council have been very vocal in sharing and discussing their ideas for activities and for school improvement. They have been sharing ideas for this term and the coming term

Selling ice creams to raise funds for school resources

Wheellie Wednesdays (fun with scooters, bikes, bike displays and bike maintenance)

Water session (water pistols, water balloons and lots of learning activities around water)

There are lots of other ideas too and I am sure we will manage to fit some of them in before the end of term.

Raffle Tickets

Thank you to everyone who is helping us to sell raffle tickets. Every ticket counts! There are some fabulous prizes including a family ticket for Beamish, a family ticket for Bowed Museum, a Nintendo Switch and a night at Headlam Hall amongst many others. Tickets are available from the school office and also available at The Cross Keys pub and at the hairdressing salon, Angel Hair. All proceeds towards new staging units for community use.

Summer Games Night

Following on from last year's successful Summer Games Night we will be holding this again on Thursday June 29th.

We will be talking to our pupils about what games and stalls they would like to have and we know that FoGS are keen to support us with this too

Volunteering in school

We are always on the look out for volunteers to help out in school. We currently have two volunteers who love their time volunteering in school. They support in Class Swale and help with art activities and reading amongst many other things. If you or someone you know has time on their hands please contact school. Any volunteers are subject to the usual safeguarding checks but once these are confirmed volunteers are good to go!



Soft Toys

Have you got any soft toys in very good condition that you can donate to school? We will be holding a soft toy stall next half term. Please send any donations along to school.

My office is starting to fill up with teddies as well as drums!

End of Year Production

Well parts were given out for the end of year production 'Porridge' and Class Wear and Class Tees pupils are working very hard with singing, dancing and learning lines. They can often be found in little huddles, scripts in hands. I'm sure it will be alright on the night (and the afternoon!) and we still have 6 weeks before performance day on the 18th July. It is all getting very exciting.

Hula Hoop fun!

On Monday 12th June children can come to school in their PE kit with their school cardigan or sweatshirt. Hoopstarz are coming to school with lots of amazing skills we can do with hula hoops! Each class will experience a full session of games and activities then we will get together at the end of the day to share the skills learnt. This is paid for out of Sports Premium Funding and is introducing children to another way of staying physically active and keeping fit. Staff and pupils can't wait to give it a try!

Click on the link for more information

<https://www.hoopstarz.co.uk/>

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Riley

Reminders

Just a reminder that our school day starts **at 8.55am** and our school playground is supervised from 8.45am. Please ensure that your child does not arrive at school before 8.45am unless they are going to breakfast club as there is no adult supervision before 8.45am. If you do arrive late with your child after the pupil gates have closed please bring them to the main entrance and ensure you hand them over to a member of staff

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**



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- **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/e 09.06.2023

Our Minimum Target is 96%

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

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

Class	Attendance %
Swale	96.3
Wear	96.4
Tees	100.00

Gold Headteacher Awards

This week the award for each class was chosen by each class teacher

Class Swale Tidiness	Joey Angus
Class Wear Positive attitude	Ryan C
Class Tees Bravery!	Ava, Amelia T-L & Alfie for singing in front of everyone else! Wonderfully done too!

Friends of Gainford School (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. **The next meeting is via Teams on Wednesday 14TH June at 7pm. Please join us if you can.**

FoGS are busy organising our Big Summer Raffle with some super prizes. Tickets are now available. FoGS are hoping to raise enough money to allow the school to purchase some new staging units ready for the school production in July.

We are a Rights Respecting School

Article 10/22

The children have been learning about the upcoming Refugee Day on June 20th. They learnt about the role of the government in providing protection and assistance to help children enjoy all of their rights and about the need to reunite children with their parents.

As always, they reflected on the children from Ukraine who spent some of their time with us during the autumn term



After School Clubs

Mondays- Computing/Online Safety Club – Mr Martin 3.30-4.30pm Last session next week

Tuesdays – Multi Sports with Kyle 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesdays- Mini Disciples Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm

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 **COOL CATS** have come out on top!

<u>Dizzy Dogs</u>	182	<u>FANTASTIC FOXES</u>	182
<u>LEAPING LIONS</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>COOL CATS</u>	189

Diary Dates – Whole School

Weekly

Mondays	E Safety Club 3.30pm-4.30pm	Class Wear & Class Tees	Last Session 12/06/2023
Tuesdays	Multi Sports 3.30pm-4.30pm	Y1 -6	Last session 11/07/23
Tuesdays	(In school hours)		
Wednesdays	Mini Disciples 3.30pm-4.30pm	Class Wear & Class Tees	Last session 19/07.23

Events

20/06/2023	School Photos	Whole School	
21/06/2023	Durham Cathedral	Class Wear	(in school hours)
22/06/2023	South Shields	Class Swale	(in school hours)
27.06.2023	Sports Day	All welcome	1.20pm
28/06/2023 to 30/06/2023	Transition Day Hummersknott Academy	Year 6	(in school hours)
29/06/2023	Summer Fayre	All welcome	Time TBC(after school)
30/06/2023	Taster Day at Staindrop Academy	Year 5	(in school hours)
06/07/2023 & 07/07/2023	Outdoor Activities at the Hub	Year 5 & Year 6	(in school hours)



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13/07/2023 & 14/07/2023	Transition Days Teesdale Academy	Year 6	(in school hours)
12/07/2023 & 13/07/2023	Transition Day Staindrop Academy	Year 6	(in school hours)
18/07/2023	School Production	Class Tees	2pm & 6pm
20/07/2023	YR6 Leavers' Service at St Mary's Church	All welcome	9.15am

Term Dates

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