



# RGS Junior School Bulletin

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## Welcome Week

For the first three days of this week, Junior School has enjoyed its second annual **Welcome Week**. Each class opens its door even wider than normal to invite teachers and governors in to be part of lessons and see how other classes learn. On entering a class, the guest is treated to a special welcome, which, this year, included singing, dancing, sitting on desks and even being presented with a banana to snack on! It is a wonderful way to celebrate the quality of learning, the variety of teaching styles and eagerness and politeness of your children. What a wonderful place to work!



## Gratitude

In assembly this week, Y3 and 4 discussed a story about a family living in an already crowded house that invited a chicken, a goat and a cow to live with them! The moral of the story was about **learning to desire what you already have**, rather than what you don't. In the end the family had to evict the animals and once they did so, they realised they had plenty of space for themselves after all!

Mr Miller

## LATE ROOM

Dear Parents,

We thoroughly enjoy providing care and supervision for students after school and we know that it's an important service to many families. The two 'late rooms' are busy places, and whilst we welcome that, please can I remind you of the following:

- if you are in a position to collect your child, please do so
- if your child is due to be collected by someone different to the normal arrangement, please inform school (preferably Mrs Sisterson or Mrs Shaw)
- whilst we do offer supervision until 6pm, please endeavour to collect by 5.45pm, wherever possible
- homework can only be carried out in Late Room, following a written request from parents (best put in the planner)

Mr Miller



## MANY HAPPY RETURNS....

....to Seth Robinson, Liam Browne, Maggie Copland, Mengze He, William Bates, Lily Tuckerman, Joe Neil, Craig Liang, Izzy Yates, Seyona Kale and Charlie Wilson who all celebrated their birthdays this week.

Miss Noble, Mrs Evans  
& Miss Gravely

## Tremendous Tour Guides!



A **BIG** thank you to Anish Gellia, Nisna Malviya, Hannah Zheng, Dominic Colbeck, Gareth Bell and Tanvi Gopal who all acted as excellent tour guides recently. Mr Miller



## APOLOGIES

Apologies for the delay in sending home swimming certificates and badges. There has been a bit of a 'hitch' at this end but we'll get them distributed as soon as we can. **Thank you for your patience.**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(sports fixture timings as per letters)

Mon 1st Oct  
Tues 2nd Oct  
Wed 3rd Oct

Rugby: Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 teams v QEGS (A)  
Art Day for Y3 and Y4 children (all day)  
Hockey: Y6 IAPS qualifier, Fettes College  
Hockey: Y6 tournament at Mowden Hall (A)  
Rugby: Y4 tournament at Mowden Hall (A)  
Y6 visit to Ingram Valley - leave 8.45am, return 3.30pm  
Hockey: Y4 girls v Yarm (A)  
New parents' social evening - start 6.00pm for 6.30pm  
Harvest Festival Assembly - please see article on p.2 of *Bulletin*  
Rugby & Hockey: Y5 & Y6 v Barnard Castle & Red House (A)  
Cross Country: Y3 at Mowden Hall  
Cross Country: U9 & U11 teams, Mowden Hall (A)

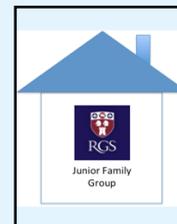


Thurs 4th Oct

Fri 5th Oct

Sat 6th Oct

## RGS Junior Family Group JFG Forthcoming Events



### Year 3 & 4 Halloween Disco – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Spooky disco with the awesome DJ Miller.  
£3 per child, including a goody bag and unlimited cookies.  
Letters will be sent nearer the time.

### Family Quiz – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Bring a picnic and join in the popular Junior School Family Quiz.  
This event will be free to attend although donations will be requested on the evening.

### Christmas Family Theatre – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

The Northumberland Theatre Company will perform their fantastic Christmas show in the Fenwick Hall for all RGS Junior Families.  
We aim to run this event either for free or with a small charge.  
Letters will be sent nearer the time.

### How do I find out more?

Website: [www.RGSJuniorFamilyGroup.com](http://www.RGSJuniorFamilyGroup.com)  
Email: [RGSJuniorFamilyGroup@gmail.com](mailto:RGSJuniorFamilyGroup@gmail.com)  
Twitter: @RGS\_JFG

**Kate Pullman (Year 5 parent)**



### House Music Competitions Thursday 25th October 2018



Following the numerous House Music auditions this week, excitement is starting to rise in the Junior School as we look forward to the two competitions on Thursday 25th October. Both of these events will take place in the Miller Theatre - the Y3/4 competition will run from 5.30pm until 6.30pm and the Y5/6 competition will run from 7.15pm until 8.15pm. All children will be expected to participate, wearing their school uniform. On Monday 24th September, tickets (which are free of charge) became available online from **Eventbrite**.

#### Y3/4 link:

<https://year3andyear4housemusic.eventbrite.co.uk>

#### Y5/6 link:

<https://year5andyear6housemusic.eventbrite.co.uk>

In the first instance, tickets will be restricted to two per family (please only book seats for audience members, **not** for children participating). We will increase this number nearer the time, should there still be seats available. In order to ensure that there is room for the parents of the children participating, please only book tickets for the show in which your child is performing.

**Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!**

**Mrs Clappison**



### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Friday 5th October 2018

This year we are going to celebrate the autumn harvest with an assembly on Friday 5th October.

A representative from the Salvation Army is due to come to talk to the children about the work the Army does in Newcastle and beyond.

We play our part in support by bringing in foodstuffs that are then used to help the homeless and those struggling with addiction. So, in the week beginning Monday 1st October, please send in your contributions of tinned, dried or preserved foodstuffs.

Fresh vegetables should be brought in on the actual Friday of the assembly. Can we donate more than ever before? I hope so.

**Mr Miller**

### LOST PROPERTY

We have a number of un-named items of lost property in both Lambton House and Brandling House including: a selection of water bottles & plastic containers; a blue *smiggle* watch; an orange mouthguard; a set of keys; a pair of glasses; a pair of black & pink gloves, a black & gold fountain pen and various items of school uniform. If your child has lost any un-named uniform or equipment, please remind them to have a look in the lost property tubs...and please feel free to come and have a rummage yourself!

Please ensure that all items of uniform and equipment are named as this helps us to return any lost items to their rightful owners. **Thank you**



## Y6 HOCKEY V CUNDALL MANOR

### Match Reports



#### 'A' Team

It was an early start for the Year 6 'A' and 'B' hockey teams last weekend. We arrived at Cundall Manor in North Yorkshire for a 9.30am start.

The 'A' team played brilliantly with Tabitha and Hannah in defence, Tanvi, Beth and myself in mid-field, Felicity up front and Ayesha in goal.

We won after a very tough, close game, with RGS scoring just before the final whistle! The final score was 4-3 to RGS.

While the 'A' team was working hard, the 'B' team was doing the same. Special mention must go to Ayesha who made some very impressive saves in goal for the 'A' team and was awarded 'player of the match'.

**Elena Baggett (6M)**

#### 'B' Team

The 'B' team won with an excellent score of 3-2. With help from the whole team, Megha managed to shoot thrice with clean shots. There was some good defending and there were also some great tackles and passes.

All in all, it was a successful day, with Hannah Zheng as 'player of the match' and Megha as the coach's most valuable player.

**Shree Raj (6L) and Hannah Zheng (6M)**



### ASSEMBLY NEWS

No sooner had he started his Assembly with Year 3 and 4 when Shirley arrived and asked, 'Mr Craig...are you busy?'

Before you could say 'horse chestnut', Shirley had spotted his hoard of goodies and the challenge of a conker battle royal was issued...she threw down a glove (marigold!) and Mr Craig, ever the hero, (*guess who wrote this? Ed.*) picked it up and demanded a conker battle.

So..for an HMM . . .what is the best recipe for hardening a conker and why is throwing down a glove in front of someone a sign that one person is demanding a duel?

PS.. 'Are you busy, Mr Craig' is a new catch phrase I'm going to use in assembly this year...more will be revealed. . .



### CHESS - CHANGE OF DATE

Unfortunately NPS have changed the date of their individual chess tournament. It is now on Saturday 20th October, instead of Saturday 13th October.

I have been told that they have just decided that they will need 13th October for their Open Morning.

This means that for team selections for the HMC Chess Championships at QEGS, Wakefield on Tuesday 13th November, I will have to rely on my observations of Chess Club to decide if any Year 3 pupils will be in the teams. I realise that this isn't perfect, but there is nothing else to be done.

Please remember that teams change throughout the year.

**Mr Eggleston**



### Y3 & Y4 ART DAY

Tuesday 2nd October is Art Day! This year, the children will be completing art activities based around the theme of nature. Year 3 - you have a trip to the Laing Art Gallery to look forward to. In addition to this, back at school, you will be exploring the work of Wassily Kandinsky, creating your very own flower frames and developing your own nature themed floor murals.

Meanwhile, Year 4 - you will be taking part in a nature themed workshop delivered by an artist from The BALTIC art gallery. Pupils will also be involved in a UK sculpture competition (keep bringing in lots of plastic, Year 4) as well as working on a nature themed ceramic project and completing their own nature observations.

**Mrs McCulloch**

### Y5 & Y6 ART DAY



Please can Year 6 start collecting plastic bottles, bottle tops, plastic bags, plastic straws and bring them into school in preparation for an exciting competition during Art Day on Tuesday 9th October. Thank you.

**Mrs McCulloch**