



Junior School Bulletin



Friday 16th September 2022
Autumn Term
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Assembly – The Magic Book

In our first full assembly of the year I took great delight in welcoming everyone back to school...the shiny shoes, the smart hair, the pristine blazers all on show at 9.15am. I'll leave you to judge if that is how the kids looked by 3.30pm!

The focus of the assembly was **responsibility**. We agreed that it is the staff who are responsible for most things, not least creating exciting learning opportunities and for keeping the children safe and happy. However, my 4 volunteers all had an important job. When presented with the Magic Book and asked, "who is responsible for your attitude in lessons?" Joshua opened the first page to see a picture of himself starring back – wow! The book was handed over to Tom who was asked, "who is responsible for your effort in sports?"...and he saw a picture of himself smiling back – wow! And so it continued for Etti and Emily who both, amazingly, saw a picture of themselves starring back when asked who was responsible for how kind they are and how well they listen!

These volunteers were selected at random so how could I have possibly known which 'picture' to put in the book? Why don't you ask your child(ren) to enlighten you...?!

On a serious note, we, the staff, are here to ensure the children have the most excellent experience and I am keen for them to understand they have a large role to play in making the most of being at RGS. We love the children dearly and want them to amplify their skills, knowledge and attributes by understanding our (high) expectations of them.

James Miller, Head of Junior School
**Guest Superpower for September/
October...yet to be announced 😊.**



MEDICAL INFORMATION

I am in the process of updating the Junior School medical records for students with ongoing medical issues e.g. allergies, asthma. Please email me as soon as possible (a.noble@rgs.newcastle.sch.uk) if your child:

- has a medical condition that we don't know about and/or requires medication whilst at school (please give details of the condition and details of any required medication and the care plan);
- has a medical condition that has not changed - simply tell us, 'no change';
- has a medical condition that has changed e.g. they no longer require medication/treatment or their medication/dosage has changed etc.

For children who require medication, please bring it into school as soon as possible and hand it to a member of office staff. Please ensure that all medication is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

Many thanks
Miss A Noble (Lambton House School Office)



Great North Run



Mrs Clappison and I would like to say a HUGE

THANK YOU

to everyone who supported us in our quest to complete the GNR. After the difficult circumstances surrounding the event, it was a privilege to be part of an event that marked the passing of Her Majesty so respectfully whilst remaining a vibrant and exciting day. We have been overwhelmed by the donations and the pledges of support, the morale boosts on the day itself and the screams of support from the side lines.

At the time of writing we have raised £2000 for the Bursary Campaign 😊. Big respect to all who ran including (but not limited to) Mr Stanford, Mrs Smalley, Mrs Black, Mr McMinn and Chair of Governors Mr Fletcher.

Mr M and Mrs C



National Counties Chess Championship

The Final of the National Counties Chess Championship took place in Darlington on Saturday 2nd July, between Northumberland and Yorkshire. Players had 2 hours and 15 minutes each for the game, plus 15 seconds extra per move. So some games lasted 5 hours, a lot longer than when RGS junior school pupils play!

I am delighted to say that Northumberland won the match and the trophy. This is the first time we have won the competition in its 100 year history. The score line was actually a very tight 8-8 over 16 boards, but we won since the tiebreak was winning more games on higher boards. I managed to beat a fellow International Master on board 2. There was a large RGS contingent in the team. In the photo from left to right, you can see: Ravi Wariyar, Paul Dargan, Mr Eggleston, Zheming Zhang, Will Robinson and Ed Dodds. Paul, Zheming and Ed also managed to win their games.

Ravi, Zheming and Paul are former RGS pupils. Paul was a part of the Senior School team that won the National Schools U19 Championship way back in 1984 and his sister Anne taught in the Junior School for many years. Will is currently in year 12 and Ed is the father of Jake and Ellie, who are currently in year 4. Former pupil James Moreby played in previous rounds, but was unable to make the final.

Mr Eggleston



Spooky Friday Cafe!

Calling all monstrous musicians to perform at our next Friday Cafe, on Thursday 13th October (I know...it's a Thursday, not a Friday!)

As we will be approaching Halloween, the café will have a spooky theme (but you do not have to perform a spooky piece).

So - this is your moment - all you violin-playing Vampires, piano-playing pumpkins, guitar-playing ghosts (and all other spooky musical alliterations that you can think of!)

All ages and abilities are warmly encouraged to perform at this very relaxed and friendly café. It is a perfect opportunity for a first performance or a slightly hesitant performer, as well as those more accomplished, seasoned performers amongst us.

I will need to limit the performers to around 24 ghouls and goblins so please let me know as soon as possible if you are keen to perform.

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Katherine Clappison, Assistant Head (Academic) Junior School Head of Junior Music



PIANO LESSONS

We have a couple of **rare** spaces for piano lessons still available.

If interested, please contact Jill Graham (j.graham@rgs.newcastle.sch.uk) for more information.



BIRTHDAYS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

MANY HAPPY RETURNS....

Lucy Mc (Y3), Rena V (Y3), Praneel T (Y3), Matilda A (Y3), Maya D (Y3) Rheeya C (Y3), Charlie J (Y3), Sulaiman S (Y3), George L-H (Y3), Yechu C (Y3), Cormac K (Y3), Alexander L (Y3), Adi G (Y3), Eva O (Y3), Grace L (Y3), Noah J (Y3), Ishaal S (Y3), Jai A (Y4), Deepa S (Y4), Bhavya B (Y4), Rae O-S (Y4), Madhavi V (Y4), Albert G-G (Y4), Sophier L (Y4), Elena Z (Y4), Alessandro B (Y4), Sebastian F (Y4), Ben G (Y5), Ishaan D (Y5), Keren A (Y5), Tiree R (Y5), Oorja C (Y5), James B (Y5), Ethan R (Y5), Millie M (Y5), Jessica N (Y5), Aryan N (Y5), Amrit J (Y6), Arun J (Y6), Evie F (Y6), Darcey N (Y6), Vivienne P (Y6), Shloka S (Y6), Radha S (Y6), Florence B (Y6), Jaya B (Y6), Adam H (Y6) who all celebrated birthdays during the holidays.

AND BIRTHDAY WISHES TO THOSE CELEBRATING THIS WEEK ...

Insayah J (Y4), Yannick H (Y5), Lyla S (Y5),
Harry G (Y6), Jinan C (Y6)



WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR SPECIAL DAY!



A few weeks ago, Vivienne attained the Silver Brownie Award for her brownie badge achievements. She is now only just "20 mins of pack activity" away from achieving the final Golden Brownie Award- the highest award that can be attained!



CONGRATULATIONS VIVIENNE!



MATHS PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

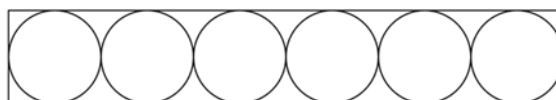


This week's Puzzle:

Daily Maths Puzzle

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The radius of each of these circles is 6cm. What is the area of the rectangle?



Please submit your answer, along with any of your own, real-life puzzles (and answers!), to me:

t.lloyd@rgs.newcastle.sch.uk

Thank you.

Mr Lloyd



HOLIDAY FUN

Yogam had a busy summer from helping in The People's Kitchen to enjoying activities at The Chill Factor ...



THE QUEEN

Here we have some Y6 artwork produced this week to honour the Queen.

Mrs McCulloch

