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Junior School Bulletin









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DOODLELEARNING WEBINARS

DoodleLearning are hosting free 20-minute parent webinars to help you get the most out of your child's Doodle subscription!

These are being run on Tuesdays at 8pm on the 9th, 16th and 30th November, and 10am on the 23rd November.

In the webinars, you will learn:

- How Doodle works;
- What the programmes look like from a child's perspective;
- How to use the Parent Dashboard and Parent Connect app to motivate your child;
- How to get help with anything Doodle related.

Please visit <u>doodlelearning.com/parent-webinars</u> to find out more about the topics of upcoming sessions and to join the webinars.

New to Doodle? Please visit <u>this page</u> or our <u>Help Centre</u> to discover how *Doodle* works and read our top tips on how to get started.

Mr Lloyd





HALLOWE'EN CELEBRATIONS



On Tuesday 10th October, we all enjoyed dressing up in spooky Hallowe'en costumes.

Here are the children in Class 4MH in their **SPOOKTACULAR** outfits:



doodlemaths

CONGRATULATIONS....



.... to Hélène C (6W) who, over the summer, completed the *Doodle Maths Summer Challenge* - but her certificate and badge were lost in the post! Just before half term, however, replacements were finally received. Hélène also recently gained her *365 Day Streak* badge and got awarded a special certificate for *Outstanding Doodling* by Mrs Baker.



Well done, Hélène - keep on Doodling!

.... to Ben G (4MH) who recently achieved his camp blanket and 'cooking outside' badge from Cubs. He also received a medal from *Wideopen Soccer Skills* during half term.





Well done, Ben!



CLASS TOKENS COMPETITION



A **BIG** well done to 3D who won the *Class Tokens*

Competition the week before we broke up for half term.

Here's a photo of the children enjoying their well-deserved breakfast:



Mrs Cree



MY UNUSUAL TRIP TO SCHOOL



This morning was supposed to be like every other day, or so I thought...

I got up early in the morning (6:30 to be precise) and opened my curtains. What a sight I saw! Out of my window, the colours had got loose and were spreading chaos around the city!

By the city centre, Red and Green were fighting about what was better, Anger or Calm.

On the Tyne Bridge, Amber and Blue were complaining about Love and Hate.

But most surprising of all was that Purple and Pink were presenting these scenarios on the TV!

At 7: 00, I started getting ready and was ready by 7:30. It was time to go to school then, but when we opened the door a sight that you only read about in books greeted us!

Prissy, Pink princesses were getting married to Princes in Royal Blue coats!

Mummy just walked straight to the car, pulled me in, and we zoomed off to school.



Kímaya R (6L)



MATHS PUZZLE OF THE WEEK



Last week's puzzle and solution:

Crates of Fruit Puzzle

The Puzzle:



You work at a fruit factory.

There are 3 crates in front of you. One crate contains only apples. One crate contains only oranges. The other crate contains both apples

and oranges

And each crate is labeled. One reads "apples", one reads "oranges", and one reads "apples and oranges".

But the labeling machine has gone crazy and is now labeling all boxes incorrectly.

If you can only take out and look at just one of the pieces of fruit from just one of the crates, how can you label ALL of the crates correctly?

Our Solution:

Take a piece of fruit from the "apples and oranges" crate. If it's an apple then you know that is the "apples" crate since ALL THE CRATES ARE LABELED INCORRECTLY. This means the crate marked "apples" must be "oranges" and the crate marked "oranges" must be "apples and oranges".

This week's puzzle:

The Puzzle:



Use the numerals 1, 9, 9 and 6 exactly in that order to make the following numbers: 28, 32, 35, 38, 72, 73, 76, 77, 100 and 1000

You can use the mathematical symbols +, -, \times , /, \checkmark , ^ (exponent symbol) and brackets.

Example: $1\times9+9\times6=63$

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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

MANY HAPPY RETURNS....

.... to Sienna W, Kailin L, Sebastian S, Louis G, Scarlett M, Olivia A-J, Allan Z, Tristan E-S,

James P, William P, Ethan J, Bruce L, Emily S, Oliver S, Evangeline B, Henry S, William A, Casper W-S, Aoife M, Kimaya R & Ellie M who all celebrate birthday this month.

ENJOY YOUR SPECIAL DAY!



CHRISTMAS CARD ART PROJECT

This weekend, all pupils will be bringing home their Christmas card designs which they have been working on in Art lessons. Pupils will also bring home a leaflet explaining how you can order packs of Christmas cards with your child's design on the front. All money raised will go towards the school's bursary fund.

Please note that all orders for Christmas cards must be made by the 14th November and all artwork returned by the 15th November.



We are incredibly proud of the pupils art work and hope that our parents love it too!

Mrs McCulloch and the Art Team

DT DAY

On Monday 8th November, Technology Tom will be visiting Year 3 and 6 pupils. Year 3 can look forward to a morning of building bridges whilst Year 6 will spend the afternoon designing their own rockets.

We can't wait!



ART DAY

On Tuesday 9th November, all Year 3 pupils will be taking part in a sea themed Art Day. During the day, the children will be visiting the Laing Art Gallery as well as taking part in art activities back at school. Please can we ask all pupils bring a warm coat for the walk down to the gallery.

We are all looking forward to art day with great excitement!



Mrs McCulloch



HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION 2021/22



After a staggering 76 auditions, with auditions held over a two-week period to allow those who were isolating to audition on their return to school, it gives me great pleasure to announce the finalists for the House Music Competition 2021/22:

Year 3

Stowell	Kaili L	Piano
Horsley	Anaya G	Violin
Eldon	Miranda Z	Violin
Collingwood	Terrence S	Piano

Year 4

Stowell	Allan Z	Piano
Horsley	Sophia S	Piano
Eldon	Anoushka S	Voice
Collingwood	James B	Piano

Year 5

Stowell	Bernard S	Drums
Horsley	George M	Violin
Eldon	Elisa T	Piano
Collingwood	Vivienne P	Piano

Year 6

Stowell	Zuri P	Voice
Horsley	Harvey T	Clarinet
Eldon	Shuquan G	Cello
Collingwood	Florence W	Violin

All of the children who auditioned must be applauded for the dedication they show to their instruments, in the many hours of practice that they undertake. The wide range of musical skills and talent on display in the auditions was quite astounding - but what really took my breath away was the passion that the children were showing for their music and the sheer enjoyment that shone as they performed.

As soon as we have a new date set for the House Music Competition in the Spring Term, then I will let everyone know.



Mrs Clappison

VIVIENNE'S INKTOBER MASTERPIECES







What fabulous ink drawings, Vivienne - well done!









MORE INKTOBER MASTERPIECES

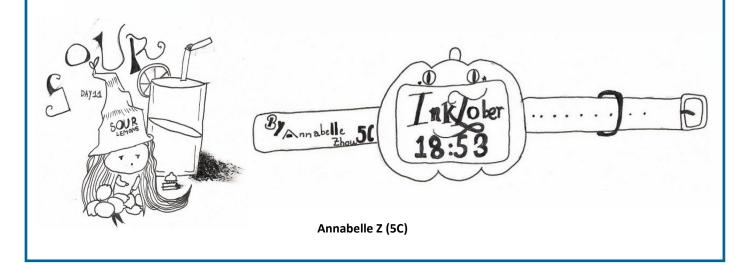








Leo C (5C)





WE NEED YOUR BIKES!



Project Pedals is a scheme with one simple goal: get bikes to disadvantaged children who would not normally have access.

This idea came from an increased awareness during the Covid lockdown about the power of the bike to give a sense of freedom to children, and how bikes can produce an incredible boost to children's physical and mental health.

You can make this change in someone's life by donating an old (working) bike to us, and we will provide a basic service to the bike, and distribute it to those who need this opportunity most.

For more details, please contact Joe Wright (Year 12) at:

WRIG0540@rgs.newcastle.sch.uk

Donate now to change a life!

The Project Pedals Team



CHESS TOURNAMENTS



The first individual chess tournament of the year will take place on Sunday 7th November in our Fenwick Hall.

The children should arrive, wearing non-uniform, between 9.20am and 9.45am to register and the first round will start at 10.00am. The event is due to finish at 4.00pm.

Please go to www.njca.co to register your child (U9 if your child is in Y3 or Y4, U11 for Y5 and Y6 children). If your child would like to be part of a school team, they need to go to this event and do well.

Parents will be required to stay to look after their child during the whole day (but can share this responsibility with another parent). The entry fee is roughly £10. Please bring all the food you need on the day. Trophies and medals will be given out.

The first school team tournament of the year, which parents don't need to attend, is a whole day event at QEGS, Wakefield, on Tuesday 16th November. Unfortunately, I can't confirm that all year groups will be able to attend until we find out whatever the Covid rules are nearer the time. I am available for individual chess lessons to improve your child's skills (30 mins or 1 hour sessions between 4.30pm and 6.00pm in school after Chess Clubs). I will look over your child's games if they write them down and will give them puzzle books with homework to improve their tactics and work on opening, middle game and end game strategies. I am an International Master, ranked 40th in England, and I won the British Rapidplay Championship (30 mins each per player) in 2019.

If interested, please email me at <u>dje567@hotmail.co.uk</u>, talk to me at the tournament on 7th November or catch me after one of the regular Chess Clubs in school.

Mr Eggleston



FABULOUS PHOTOGRAPHY

Naomi R (6L) took these beautiful photos when she was out walking in Scotland during half term:















What stunning photos, Naomi - thank you for sharing them with us!

