



Junior School Bulletin



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CALMNESS

The calm start to our assemblies is designed to give all involved the chance to collect their thoughts, be mindful if they wish or to drift into a daydream. This poem sums it up rather nicely:

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide beneath the grass.
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

William Henry Davies



CONGRATULATIONS....

... to Yogam V (4LW) who recently helped to pack 130 food parcels for homeless people in the *People's Kitchen* with his big brother, Aaryan (Y8), who helped in the kitchen. They both really enjoyed assisting in this way and asked if they could go along to help more often. It was a wonderful experience for them both. As Mr Miller always says, "Be kind to everyone". The boys performed this act of kindness and it brought them both so much happiness.



Well done, boys - what a wonderful thing to have done!



CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN Sunday 26th September

Just a reminder that the Children's Cancer Run is back on Sunday 26th September at Gosforth Park, Newcastle. As you are already aware, we are unable to run together as a school team this time but it will still be a great event and I'll be running, along with one or two other members of RGS staff.

If you registered to take part in the run that was due to take place in May 2020 (which was cancelled due to Covid-19), you should have received an email from the Cancer Run organisers informing you that your place has automatically been carried forward to the run this month.

If not, fear not as you can still sign up anytime until midnight on 22nd September through the Children's Cancer North website to run as a family group, raising funds and awareness to help children with cancer in our region:

<https://register.enthus.com/ps/event/ChildrensCancerRunNewcastle>.

We hope that you can join this very special event as a family and have a fun day out for a great cause!

Miss Gravely

CONGRATULATIONS....



... to Anaya G (3D) who took her Grade One Piano and Violin exams in July and was awarded a *Distinction* in both.

Well done, Anaya!

TOKENS

CLASS TOKENS COMPETITION

TOKENS

We have a fresh start on our token collections to start the new school year!

To earn tokens, classes will need to move around school and line up quietly and sensibly, as well as keep their classrooms tidy. Team work makes the dream (of class breakfasts and cinema trips!) work!

Mrs Cree

CONGRATULATIONS.....

..... to Hélène C (6W) who won two first prizes at Wolsingham Show in September in the drawing class and the 'hanging rainforest creature' class with a crochet sloth made over Summer. Her picture was an assignment during art lessons with Mrs Cree and Miss Noble in Year 5.



Well done, Hélène - what an achievement!



MATHS PUZZLE OF THE WEEK



Last week's Puzzle & Solution:

MAKE SIX

Insert mathematical symbols (no digits) to make each equation equal six.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2 & 2 & 2 = 6 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 = 6 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 = 6 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 = 6 \\ 6 & 6 & 6 = 6 \\ 7 & 7 & 7 = 6 \\ 8 & 8 & 8 = 6 \\ 9 & 9 & 9 = 6 \end{array}$$

MAKE SIX

Insert mathematical symbols (no digits) to make each equation equal six.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2 & + & 2 + 2 = 6 \\ 3 & \times & 3 - 3 = 6 \\ 4 & + & 4 - \sqrt{4} = 6 \\ 5 & \div & 5 + 5 = 6 \\ 6 & - & 6 + 6 = 6 \\ 7 & - & 7 \div 7 = 6 \\ 8 & - & (8 + 8) = 6 \\ 9 & - & 9 \div 9 = 6 \end{array}$$

This week's Puzzle:

First, I'd like you to find a path through this grid, moving to adjacent horizontal or vertical squares, spelling out all the integers from 1 to 9.

N	O	R	R	H	T
E	N	U	E	E	S
N	I	O	F	X	I
E	I	G	I	V	E
T	E	H	F	N	E
W	O	T	S	E	V

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

CONGRATULATIONS.....

..... to Adam H (5B) who came 3rd in Ango-Welsh Championships in Llandudno 11th September 2021 which secured him overall rank of 2nd in this season GB ski racing series.



Adam trains with Ravens Tigers Racing in Sunderland and Team Evolution Alpine Racing.

Congratulations, Adam!



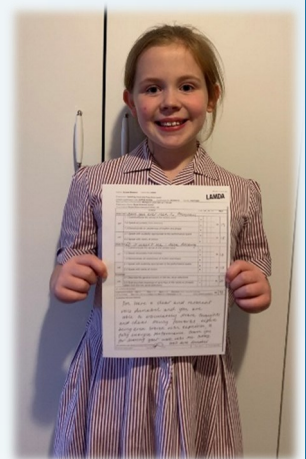
... to Sam G (5B) who achieved his orange belt in karate last weekend.

Well done, Sam.



CONGRATULATIONS.....

..... to Annabel M (5B) who was recently awarded a *Distinction* in her LAMDA *Speaking Verse & Prose Entry Level* exam.



Well done, Annabel!

..... to Bernard S (5C) who had a very busy summer - full of football, cricket, walking, cycling, wild swimming, kayaking, arts & crafts, LEGO and movie-making.

At the beginning of the summer break, he passed his Grade 3 Drums exam - 10 months from the start of his drums lessons - very impressive!

During his trip to Scotland, he enjoyed wild swimming in River Nevis (practising his legs as Mr Mackay suggested!), tried to jump into *Hogwarts Express* in Glenfinnan (but he realised it was the beginning of the summer so the train was on the way to London, not Hogwarts...) and climbed Ben Nevis (1345m - the highest mountain in UK) in great time just 6h of walk (9h full trip including two long picnics - parents were slowing that down significantly...) opening his *Three Peaks Challenge* which he hopes to complete next year.



Well done, Bernard - you have been busy!



ASSEMBLY

What a weekend of sport we have had! I had my eye on 3 particular events: The Great North Run, The US Open and South North CC's final game. We linked the emotions of competitive sport to the lives of children at school and discussed the similarities in advice you might give to Emma Raducanu and that given to a Year 3 child about to play the violin on stage. Calmness was considered important, alongside a focus on the process of the skill being executed rather than the outcome of it.

Limited edition RGS Superpower stickers were given to Mrs Clappison (*Strong*) for doing the GNR at 1 day's notice, Emma B (Y6) was awarded *Able* along with Miss Raducanu and Mr Cragg for captaining South North's league title victory.



Mr Miller

CAREFUL PARKING

Managing the traffic and parking around RGS is far from easy and I know it can be a very stressful business. We enjoy good relationships with our neighbours and to help maintain that, I ask if you could try your best to adhere to local parking restrictions.

Many thanks,

Mr Miller



CONGRATULATIONS.....



..... to Krish B (3S) and Jaya B (5M) who both completed the Mini and Great North Run last Saturday.

They enjoyed the run and hope to compete again next year!

Well done, both of you!

DOODLELEARNING WEBINARS

DoodleLearning are hosting free 20 minute parent webinars to help you make the most out of your child's *Doodle* subscription! These are being run at 8pm on 21st and 28th September. In the webinar, 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 monitor and motivate their child
- How to get help with anything *Doodle* related

To join the webinar, please [visit this page](#) 5 minutes before the webinar start time and click on the link to join.

Mr Lloyd



CHESS CLUBS

Hopefully things will be back to normal this year with tournaments resuming. In order to get into a school team, children need to do well in the individual tournaments held on Saturdays. The first one, we hope, will be at NPS in October. I will give details of dates when I have them.

There is normally a chess club handbook with dates for the year, but I am still waiting for confirmation about some of the events.

There were approximately 20 students in Year 3 Chess Club, so everyone will be able to attend on Mondays and Fridays. If numbers significantly increase I will have to look at asking the students to choose between a Monday or a Friday.

Year 5 and 6 children can also now attend Chess Club on both days, Wednesdays and Thursdays.



Mr Eggleston