



Fail it, Nail it

As I hope you know by now, we are very keen on all our young learners experiencing a healthy mix of **failure and success**. It's hard to calculate where the balance is, but like most things in school, we aren't seeking perfection – only our very best effort. I would love to have your help...at home...if you spot something that your child gets wrong, please validate the feeling of disappointment, ask them to work through the feeling with their STRONG and CALM superpowers and find a way to have another, improved go at it. We are adopting the phrase, **FAIL IT, NAIL IT** and celebrating the joy of eventually succeeding at something you have worked at.

Mr Miller
Guest Superpower for
November...Inclusivity



Fancy the flute?



In January, a couple of rare spaces will become available for flute lessons with our fabulous Visiting Music Teacher, Miss Sarah Davie. She is also able to offer a one-off trial lesson before Christmas, so that you can try the instrument before signing up for lessons.

If you are interested, please contact me
on k.clappison@rgs.newcastle.sch.uk

I anticipate these slots being filled very quickly so please let me know you are interested sooner rather than later, to avoid disappointment! - **Mrs Clappison**



Children in Need

Last Friday, the children took part in Children in Need and enjoyed wearing their own clothes to school for the day! We talked in assembly about the work that Children in Need do and how the money raised will help those less fortunate than ourselves. We managed to raise an impressive £2714 – a fantastic total that everyone should be very proud of!

We also decided to support St Vincent's by collecting advent calendars and were delighted that we had almost 300 calendars to take down to the food bank this week. They will be sent out over the next week or so, and we know it is a small thing that makes such a difference to children in the local area, many of which have never had an advent calendar before.



A huge thank you for your generosity!

Mrs Baker



£2,714

Wellbeing Weekend



"I have ventured out to Druridge Bay with my parents. We had a lovely picnic at the park and had a 4.5 miles long walk. It was so calm and nice walking through the woods and on the beach. Sea was so calming. I really enjoyed the day and coming back saw a lovely sunset." - **Krishiv S (3T)**



Chess Victory

The HMC Chess Championships took place at QEGS Wakefield on Tuesday 15th November. It was an early start, with the bus setting off from school at 7:15am. We had 36 players, with 5 teams of 4 in the U11 section, and 4 teams of 4 in the U9 competition.

I am delighted to say that we did really well. We managed to win both trophies! In the U11 section, RGS A scored 20.5/24 for outright first. They won all 6 matches. 2 of them by a 4-0 score. Bruce L and Ethan R both received a certificate for finishing with a perfect 6/6. Yannick H scored 5/6.

The B team finished in outright second position with 16.5/24. This was a great achievement, especially as there were 19 teams in the competition. Well done to Yogam V for scoring 5/6. Krish A scored 4.5 points and George M finished on 4. Hebo W scored 5 points for the C team; Aodham D 4 for the D team; and Aayur P 4 for the E team.

The U9 A team finished outright first on 19/24. There were 11 teams in their section. Congratulations to Terrence S and Om P for winning all 6 of their games. Kush P scored 5/6.

The B team scored 15 points. Hugh P, Avi C and Ishaan P all finished on 4/6. Zinedine E scored 4 points for the C team and Liby T scored 4.5 points for the D team.

Everyone enjoyed the day, and were grateful for their sausage, chips and beans before the bus home.

Mr Eggleston

Under 11 Team



Om P (4MH) won all 7 of his matches achieving a well deserved award for his 100% record during the HMC Chess Tournament.



"Cleo (4AW) was part of the winning RGS chess team at Queen Elizabeth Grammar school in Wakefield. It was an early start and a long day but the team did so well and brought home the silver! Well done everyone." - **Cleo's Mum**



Lost Property

Please can we keep an eye out for the following lost items and return to the named children if found:

Ani K (5M) - a pair of size 7 black Clarks shoes and a size 32 blazer

James T (5B) - a pair of black shoes with velcro straps.

Arianna C (3T) - a black mid-layer

Vivienne P (6N) - a blue coat

Jayden S (3T) - a pair of black Adidas trainers with white stripes

Mina A (3D) - long back Nike puffer coat (named) and RGS midlayer (named)

Yechu C (3T) - blazer (named) and RGS Collingwood tie

Albie D (4LW) - black coat with torch



Newcastle Women's Football Tickets!

Newcastle United Women's Football Team are playing at St. James' Park on Sunday 27th November in an FA Cup fixture against Barnsley. To mark this occasion, the club are offering children's tickets for £1 and adults for £3. This a great opportunity for all our students to be inspired by some quality football in an amazing venue. If you would like to take advantage of the offer, please follow the link below to purchase tickets. <https://book.nufc.co.uk/en-GB/categories/NUW%20Team> - Mr McBride

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO....

WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED

YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

Tom M (3S), Olivia A (4LW), Bruce L (5B), Emily S (5M),
Oliver S (5B)



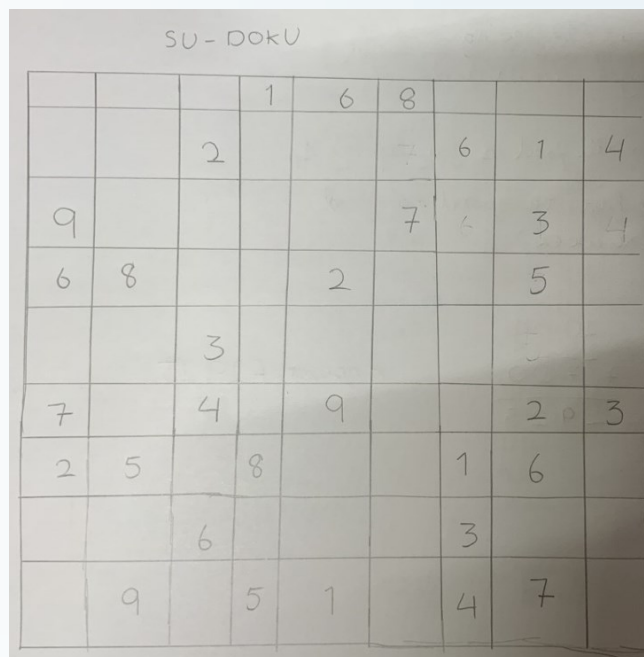
MATHS PUZZLE OF THE WEEK



The answer for last week's puzzle was ...
£2.00

Well done to all those who attempted the puzzle.

This week's Puzzle is:



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



Upcoming Chess Tournament

Unfortunately entries for the RGS Individual tournament on Saturday 26th November have now closed due to lack of space. Please be aware that if you just turn up on the day, you won't be able to enter. For future individual tournaments, please enter at www.njca.co as early as possible.

Mr Eggleston



Elite music making opportunity

Those that watched the funeral of Her Majesty the Queen will have heard beautiful music. This 500-year tradition of child singers achieving choral excellence makes UK Cathedrals the envy of the world. Here in Newcastle the tradition thrives, and RGS has a long association with the Cathedral. The Cathedral Chorister training includes regular ensemble work with the Cathedral's professional musicians, individual lessons with a Vocal Coach, and one-on-one lessons in musical theory. Singing as a Chorister presents a wealth of other opportunities such as national and international concert tours, BBC broadcasts, and professional CD recordings.

Being a Chorister is proven to help develop fast reading skills, problem solving and concentration. There are also physical benefits, as well as the joy that comes from working cooperatively as part of an exclusive team. Gaining professional musical skills from an early age is wonderful preparation for later life – for university and beyond.

Boys and girls (Years 3 to 9) attend rehearsals at the Cathedral on 2 nights a week after school. After some experience has been gained there is also a Sunday service. For more details about these exciting opportunities offered by school and cathedral please talk to Katherine Clappison (Head of Junior School Music) or to organise an audition please contact Ian Roberts (Cathedral Director of Music) ian.roberts@newcastlecathedral.org.uk

Mr Roberts



MUSIC LESSONS

If your son/daughter is going on a trip or fixture, please inform your child's VMT as soon as possible to re-arrange an individual music lesson, as you will be charged if your son/daughter misses a lesson due to a trip /fixture. —Thank you.



CLASS TOKENS COMPETITION

A **BIG** well done to 4LW who won the *Class Tokens Competition* last week and thoroughly enjoyed their well-deserved breakfast!



A festive disco poster for Y3 & Y4. The background is dark blue with colorful string lights and musical notes. A disco ball is at the top. The text reads: 'Junior School Parent Team Present: Y3 & Y4 FESTIVE DISCO Let's dance and celebrate'. The date is 'TUESDAY DECEMBER 13' and the time is '3.30 - 5.00PM'. The venue is 'RGS FENWICK HALL' and it mentions 'Festive Jumpers are encouraged!'. The entry fee is '£2 entry on door. Games, Disco & Treats!'. The proceeds go to the 'JSPT Charitable Campaign'.

QUIZ Night

RGS PARENTS CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT

19TH JAN 2023 7:00 PM

ARRIVE EARLY...QUIZ STARTS AT 7.45

BUY TICKETS WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/RGS-JSPT

Newcastle Cricket Club,
Osborne Avenue, NE2 1JS

Can you beat the reigning champions - the RGS Teachers? Gather up a team of friends (max 5) or be allocated to a team on the night and come out to compete. Quiz Master is Mr Miller. All proceeds raised for the JSPT Charity Campaign.
ENTRY £5 CURRY £8.50



SCAN QR CODE TO BUY TICKETS

Music News

I will be appearing, with my band, on the pitch at St James' Park Newcastle United this very weekend - Sunday 27th Nov - as Newcastle United's Women take on Barnsley WFC in the Vitality WFA Cup game. We'll be there to play our new song "Howay The Lasses" - a tribute to the NUFC Women's team and that very special day back on the 1st May this year when they played at St James' for the first time. I am so excited for everyone to hear the track and cheer on the Lady Mags as they once again take centre stage at this special ground. The track, "Howay The Lasses" can be heard at www.howaythelasses.com.

Kick off is at 2.00pm. Hope to see you there! - Mrs. Ball



Writing Star

Ishaal (3D) shared her fantastic news with us that she has co-authored a book alongside 8 other budding writers in her Zoom creative writing club. The book titled "Dunicorns" has been published and is now available to purchase. It is an exciting tale about two Dunicorns, Whisp and Yornflake who are determined to save their beautiful planet from an evil Cactus named Drysis.

Ishaal began writing when she was in reception along side her Mum. Her talent and skills proved she was able to join the 8-11 year old's writing group at the age of 6! The group is run by a best selling children's author who carefully edited the book, they decided Ishaal's poem was so well written that they published it word for word on page 55 of Dunicorns. Ishaal's writing can be found throughout the book but mainly in the final chapter including this fantastic line: 'You metallic knucklehead! I demand a discount!'. Ishaal's parents are incredibly proud of her success and as are we at the RGS Junior School.



Project Santa 2022

CHRISTMAS PRESENT APPEAL NOW OPEN

Our aim at Project Santa is to give the joy of presents and food to Children this Christmas. We are looking for donations or presents for children up to the age of 16.

YOUR PROJECT SANTA REPRESENTATIVE IS:

Age 7 collection

Seema

07788 593450

Age 8 collection

Kanchan

07966 174962

Age 9 collection

Kemmy

07976 639095

Alternatively Bank Transfer: Project Santa, SC: 55-81-19 AC: 90876849

For further information please email project.santa@njschools.org.uk
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