

### Achievement Assembly

Our achievement assembly this week celebrated children who have shown "concentration" this week. Well done to the following children:

**Reception:** Cassien **Year 1:** Aizah **Year 2:** Kieran

**Year 3:** Harry D **Year 4:** James **Year 5:** Freddie **Year 6:** Harry D

### Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 95%

Well done to Year 3 for best attendance this week at 100%

Our raffle has restarted. Our next draw will take place the Friday before May half.

### Dates for Diary

- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Mar - Y3 at the Glasshouse for the Spring Sing
- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Mar - Breakfast Club special easter breakfast: Pain au chocolat
- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Mar - Easter Draw - raffle tickets available @ 50p each until Tuesday AM
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March - Lunch menu change see below: no other option available
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March - last day of term Tuck Shop
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March - Break up for Easter return Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April & Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Matilda Performances (more info to follow)
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April - Breakfast Club special breakfast: Waffles with fruit toppings
- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May - Year 1 trip to Gibside
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Breakfast Club special breakfast: Toasted muffins or pancakes
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Health and Sports Week - Keep fit Breakfast!
- Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> June: Lunch menu change: National Picnic Day
- Wed 26<sup>th</sup> June: Y3 trip Adventure Sunderland
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July - PM school summer fayre
- Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> July: Lunch menu change: End of year celebration

### Reader of the Week Award

Celebrating our school's passion for reading! A huge congratulations to this week's school reading award winners. We are delighted to introduce this week's star readers who will receive a certificate:

#### **Reception**

Ellis and Isobella

#### **Year 3**

Luke and Izabelle

#### **Year 1**

Ethan and James

#### **Year 4**

Emily and Ella

#### **Year 2**

Ellyse and Georgie

#### **Year 5**

Alisa and Emily

#### **Year 6**

Lily and Sam



### Tiny Forest planting day

This week we saw the final stage of our Tiny Forest creation with planting taking place on Tuesday. All classes had the opportunity to visit the planting site with some children planting some of the saplings. This project has evolved from discussions with Eve McShannon (Woodland Creation Officer at Climate Change, Compliance, Planning, and Transport, Gateshead) around how to prepare our site for climate change; most particularly in providing a shaded area for our Reception and Key Stage 1 children. From there we teamed up with Earth Watch who completed the surveying, soil preparation, design, and creation of our Tiny Forest. Within a year we should be able to see the real beginnings of a learning and exploring area that is shaded and cooler for our children.

Thank you to all those involved in both the preparatory work and the planting itself.

### **Breakfast Club**

Themed breakfasts up until the summer term, if you would like to make a booking, please do so online via Schoolcomms. (Usual breakfast club items will be served too!) Please ensure you book the specific date too!

- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Breakfast - Pain au chocolat. Booking to be made latest Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March - booking report will be ran off to confirm numbers at 9am on Monday!

### **Last day of term: Tuck Shop**

Next Thursday our School Council are running a last day of term tuck shop for pupils, this will be held in the afternoon and any items bought will come home at the end of the day. Items available will be on sale from 30p. Money can be sent in next week in a named envelope for Reception, Year 1 and 2, as staff will be on hand to help.

Year 3 to Year 6 can bring money in on the day should they wish to purchase anything.

Items on sale will be crisps, Mega laces, Milky ways, Refresher bars, packets of Squashems, Haribo and other jelly sweets, as well as crisps including quavers and space raiders plus cream eggs.



### **Right of the week - Article 24**

Children have the right to the best health care possible, clean water to drink, healthy food and a clean and safe environment to live in. All adults and children should have information about how to stay safe and healthy.



**Get quick and reliable NHS advice about your children's health?** Healthier Together is a locally developed NHS resource, providing clear and reliable healthcare advice for parents and carers all in one place on a regional website and app. Healthier Together uses a simple 'traffic light' system based on the symptoms of common childhood illnesses and other conditions, and advises where and how to seek help if required. **Download the Healthier Together app from your app store now!** Designed to reduce anxiety and worry for parents and carers and help you access the right NHS services: <https://www.nenc-healthiertogether.nhs.uk/resources/download-healthier-together-mobile-application>

### **eSchools APP**

Please ensure you download the free App to stay in touch with what's going on in school. No back up texts will be sent out as of Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Please stay in the loop!

<https://academy.eschools.co.uk/parents-app/>

### **SPORTS NEWS**

We had an amazing afternoon at the Gateshead School Sports Partnership INSPIRE Dance Festival with our amazing dance group this week! They did so well to perform in front of so many people at the Glasshouse. Absolutely brilliant, well done everyone #TeamPortobello

Year 4 took part in sports hall athletics at Lord Lawson this week and demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship, coming first in the event too. Well done everyone, excellent teamwork! #TeamPortobello

### **Support your local football team!**

Birtley Town are playing Whitley Bay this weekend see website for further information:

<https://birtleytownfc.co.uk/>

TICKETS 50P EACH

# EASTER EGG DRAW

**DRAW DATE TUES  
26TH MARCH**

**SCHOOL COUNCIL SELLING  
TICKETS FROM 18TH  
MARCH**

**Win your height in Easter Eggs  
Four Easter Eggs bundles up  
for grabs!**







**EASTER**

**JUMBO FISH FINGER IN A SOFT FINGER ROLL**

**OR**

**VEGGIE FINGERS IN A SOFT FINGER ROLL**

**SERVED WITH**

**CHIPS**  
**PEAS OR SALAD**

**CHOCOLATE CORNFLAKE CRISPY NEST**  
**HOMEMADE EASTER BISCUITS**

**THURSDAY 28TH MARCH**

**GATESHEAD SCHOOL CATERING**

The poster features a large yellow Easter egg in the center, surrounded by white daisies and a white rabbit on the left. The text is in a playful, bold font. A small logo for Gateshead School Catering is in the bottom right corner of the egg.

This will replace the chicken wrap option on the usual menu, no other food options will be available.