

Musical Maestros win very special Award!



Some of our strings players have been attending the Southmoor Orchestra on a Friday after school. They have been going for a while now and have made excellent progress playing together with the musicians from years 7-11 and with some professional instrumentalists. This is a brilliant opportunity and we are very proud to have such enthusiasm from our violinists and cellists. From this, we are extremely pleased to announce that 5 of our musicians have been selected to receive a year's free tuition on their instrument. This is part of the Tom Cowie Musician's Award and the scholarship is given to students who show the most commitment to practicing and independent improvement on their instrument. There are only 10 places for children in Sunderland and 5 of those places have been awarded to musicians from our school. Well done to Lexi-Grace, Erin, Isabella, Evie and Poppy. We are so proud of your achievement. Mrs Bryant-King.

Look at what we offer at GPS:

<p>Free Nursery Places for 2 yr olds 15 hours a week – check eligibility with our school office staff.</p>	
<p>Breakfast Club Every day – 7.45-8.50. Fantastic value at just £1.20 per session.</p>	
<p>Home from Home After school care – Mon to Fri 3.15 until 5.00pm. Amazing value at just £2.50 per session! Book places via the Office.</p>	
<p>Free Messy Play sessions! Tuesdays 1.30pm - 2.30pm, with Vicky. Great fun – & free of charge! Babies to 4 yr olds welcome.</p>	

And...please remember:

School Attendance Matters!

Being in school is vital - good attendance gives your child's learning a big boost. We award prizes for good attendance, including SAM the dog, certificates, our weekly 'Treasure Chest' prizes, and tickets for SAFC matches!

The 'Remarkable Robots' from Year 3/4!



Our year 3/4 children have recently read the book 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes, as a stimulus for their learning. They have written diary entries in character, plus formal letters to the Mayor as if they were farmers from the story. In Design Technology, the children have designed and made their own robot, and they wrote an explanation of how it works. In Science, we looked at conductors and insulators and then made our own circuits using switches and bulbs. In ICT we created our own animations using Zu3D to show the Iron Man falling down the cliff and into the sea. All great fun, and we learned so much! Mrs Millican.

It's super busy in Flying Start Nursery!



We have been super busy in Flying Start, our very special nursery for 2 year olds! We have had some new friends join us and everyone has been so welcoming. Our new children are settling in really well. They are getting to know all of their new friends and exploring all of our exciting areas. The children have been excellent role models for our new children and we are very proud of them all. So far we have enjoyed getting very messy with the paint and exploring it in different ways. Also, with the weather improving, we've loved going outdoors to explore...and to make music too! Best wishes from the Flying Start Team – Rachael, Donna, Vicky, Lindsay and Brogan.

Preparing the pancake mixture in Year 1!



Our expert chefs in year 1 certainly know the secret to creating perfect pancakes! Jamie Oliver definitely has some tough competition!

Time to flip the pancakes in Year 1!



Year 1 had a fantastic pancake day. First we learnt about lent and that some Christians give up particular foods over the period between Pancake Day and Easter. We found out what ingredients make a pancake and we all had a go at measuring and mixing all the ingredients into a batter. One of our favourite bits was when we ate them with our favourite toppings on! We then had a pancake race, we had to flip the pancakes every few steps before making it to the end – we laughed a lot and had great fun trying to flip them. Miss Barnett.

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At last...time to eat the pancakes in Yr 1!



After all that energetic flipping, it's time to settle down and enjoy a delicious pancake...with the topping of your choice of course!

Pancake Tuesday in Early Years!



Early Years were very busy indeed for Pancake Day. Nursery read the book 'Pancake, Pancake' and Reception read the book 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes'. They learned about the different ingredients to make a pancake and where to get them from. They enjoyed picking their favourite toppings for their pancake. There was plenty of opportunity to write shopping lists and recall their favourite pancake topping. EYFS team.

Swimming Gala - Years 5 and 6



A selection of children from years 5 and 6 were chosen to take part in the Sunderland Schools Swimming Gala. The children had to swim a freestyle relay race of boy and girls, and a medley relay also. The children proved to be a great team by encouraging and supporting each other throughout the afternoon. The children had a very enjoyable afternoon and were a real credit to Grangetown Primary School. Ms Crooks.

Marvellous Maths!



Key Stage 1 were lucky enough to have a visit from Numberbods! Numberbods is a dance group from Sunderland University that run workshops in schools linked to aspects of the maths curriculum. This year we watched a fantastic dance performance that linked to addition, subtraction as well as odd and even numbers. Each class then had a workshop where we played games such as corners where the children had to recognise 3d shapes. We had so much fun and the children thought a dance maths lesson was the best lesson ever! Mrs Dolan.

Musical Magic across the school!



We have all been working very hard in Music learning lots of different skills and using a variety of instruments. Y1 have been using the percussion instruments and keyboards to tell a magical story. Our children in Y2 have been learning about music and sounds from the

Victorian era. They looked at street calls, and prepared a performance in the style of a Victorian music hall theatre. Y3 and Y4 have been concentrating on listening and describing machine music. They even learned a song by Madness! Y5 class have been looking at and composing themes to represent the Greek gods, creating music based on the characters of Perseus and Medusa. Our Y6 classes are on a journey through the decades! They are looking at the most famous artists from the 1930's to today. Y6 are thoroughly enjoying this and have learned lots about the development of music from artists such as Elvis, The Beatles, Queen, Oasis and many more. Excellent work from everyone in music, keep it up! Mrs Bryant-King.

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Year 4 Skipping Festival



During February, the Y4 children have continued their skipping training. We even had a visitor from the @skippingschool festival project. Children were allocated which skill they would be competing in individually so that they can practise their stamina and accuracy. The 30 Y4 children involved have also been practising their skipping dance where they are aiming to demonstrate different moves in order to gain as many points as possible. We're all looking forward to taking part in the festival on 26th March. Mrs Millican.

Let's connect!



Our Y5 children linking with other children across Europe. We are working with schools in France, Italy, Malta, Poland and Latvia on a project entitled 'Water, Water, Everywhere'. As part of our work, we have produced presentations about the water in our local area. We enjoyed learning about the river Wear and the North Sea and landmarks like the new Northern Spire bridge. We have produced some multiple choice questions for our friends in France to answer and we are looking forward to receiving their French presentations about water in their local area. Mrs Blackett.

Dates for your Diary



Tues 10 March: Y3/4 Parent Workshop
Wed 11 March: Y3VS Parent Workshop
Thurs 12 March: Y4KM Parent Workshop
Mon 16 March: Y2 Beamish
Wed 18 March: Nursery Parent Workshop
Thurs 19 March: Nursery Parent Workshop
Mon 23 March: Y3 & 3/4 to Broomhouse Farm
Tue 24 March: Nursery & Rec Hall Hill Farm
Thurs 26 Mar: Y4 Skipping Festival
Mon 6-Fri 17 April: Easter holiday.
Fri 8 May: Bank Holiday.
Mon 11 - Fri 15 May: Y6 SATs week.

For a full set of dates, please see our website.