

A dream is a wish your heart makes!



Over the last 5 or 6 weeks, Year 6 worked tirelessly to make sure their production of Cinderella went ahead without a hitch, and it certainly paid off! The children worked with Mrs Davies, our drama teacher, to learn lines, perform songs, and showcase their acting talent. The children were even involved in making some of the props and staging. The show was absolutely fantastic and the children performed it beautifully. We had lots of laughs from our evil ugly step sisters and step mother – who definitely enjoyed taking on such villains! All of the performers did a fantastic job and it was wonderful to see them grow in confidence throughout each of the rehearsals right up until the final show. It was also wonderful to be able to perform it in front of a live audience, so thank you to all of the family members who came to support the children. We have some very talented children in Year 6 and I hope they continue to perform when they go to secondary school. Miss Hunter.

Look at what we offer at GPS:

<p>BREAKFAST CLUB. Every day – 7.45-8.50. Fantastic value at just £1.20 per day. Book places via the Office (0191 814 9820, or pop in).</p>	
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Health Week – so many activities!



For our annual Health Week, we had lots of fun, engaging activities, and thankfully the sun shone! We started with a healthy eating workshop from Change4Life along with our own Y3/4 Euro football tournament. Later in the week, Y5/6 enjoyed the same tournament and there were some impressive goals! Some of the other activities throughout the week included a Zumba dance session and a Judo session from Sunderland Shu Toku Kai Judo Club. We had sessions on well-being with Sharon from Impact, plus a coach from Keep Active who provided the children with a fun-filled bootcamp assault course and archery. We also had a lot of classes out on visits - athletics at Silksworth Running Track, hockey and football at the Raich Carter Centre and swimming at Farringdon Community Academy. Wow! Thankyou to everyone who helped throughout this amazing week! Mrs. Bracknall.

Year 1's Special ‘Forest School Day’!



Y1 had a brilliant day taking part in Forest School activities! First, we explored the forest area at the back of our school to see what wildlife live there. Then, we used flowers, grass and twigs to make fairy doors along with a path and play equipment for the fairies. The designs were beautiful and I am sure the fairies will love them! We then had a go on the new and improved trim trail which we thoroughly enjoyed. On the afternoon, using natural resources, we made the initials in our names. What a fantastic day we had and brilliant weather! Miss Tose.

Y3 on Tour – Beacon of Light!



Year 3 had a fantastic time at the Beacon of Light. First we learned all about the benefits of water. We found out lots of interesting information and completed a booklet full of questions and facts. Did you know that our bodies are made up of 60% water? We need to stay hydrated! Next we played dodge ball in a huge sports hall. This was super tiring because the penalties for being caught with the ball were five star jumps and a lap around the court but we still tried extremely hard. To finish off this great afternoon, we went to the very top floor of the Beacon of Light to the 4G Football Barn where we played Soccercise. We completed a carousel of activities for 60 seconds each such as toe taps with a football, squats, sit ups and lunges. We had so much fun! Miss Charlton and Miss Cassidy.

Y1's Amazing Lighthouse Tour!



Year 1 had the brilliant opportunity of going on a tour of the Lighthouses near to where we live. We decided to visit Souter Lighthouse first which is a very tall red and white lighthouse. We explored the lighthouse and even saw the fog horn! The lighthouse had a perfect view being perched high up on the cliffs and we enjoyed looking out to sea.

Next, we ventured back to Roker and walked along the long pier until we got to Roker Lighthouse. We were fascinated to learn that underneath the pier there is a secret tunnel for a lighthouse keeper to use in bad weather! We had a picnic lunch on the beach and spent the afternoon digging sandcastles, splashing in the sea and eating yummy scrummy ice cream. The weather was fantastic and the children behaved so well. Well done Year 1! Miss Tose & Miss Stell.

Nursery hit the Beach!



Nursery had a fantastic trip to the beach recently. We went to Roker beach on the morning, then Seaham in the afternoon. We took buckets and spades to make sandcastles and dipped our toes in the sea! We loved getting the bus and spending time with our friends- despite the weather we had so much fun! Well done for your fab behaviour. Miss Holyoak and Mrs Hanlon.

Reception's Amazing Day at the Beach!



Reception had so much fun on our beach adventure! We went to Roker & we were splashing and paddling in the sea by 10am. It was so much fun chasing the waves and having races along the sand. We dug, built and drew in the sand and really enjoyed exploring the beach. The bus rides were also fun and we loved sitting upstairs and playing I-spy out of the windows. The weather wasn't very warm so after getting soggy and chilly from the rain we decided to head back to school for some hot chocolate to warm up! We had such an amazing day making memories. Miss Barnett.

Miam miam, c'est délicieux!



Y2 have been enjoying the lovely weather we have been having and that led us to learn about ice creams in French. We have learned the names of some of our favourite flavours. We discovered how to ask for more than one scoop if we were very hungry. We remembered that we would pay with Euros if we were buying an ice cream in France. We have had fun doing role-plays asking each other for an ice cream and paying with Euros. We also remembered our manners - it's important to say please and thank you. Bravo year 2! Madame Blackett.

Year 6 Memories!



We asked our Year 6 children for a memory from their time at Grangetown!

Libby – My favourite memory was getting to see the teachers in pyjamas at Kingsway.

Leila – My favourite memory was during Cinderella, in the bows when I nearly fell off the stage. I laughed a lot.

Nicholas – My favourite memory was taking part in Cinderella because it was fun and I got to be a mouse.

Layla – I liked taking part in the Cinderella play because I got to perform with my friends.

Ava – My favourite memory was at Kingsway when we were canoeing because we left Arianne in the middle of the river and paddled away and when we went to Hit the Surf in Year 4.

Arianne – I can't remember what year I was in, but I was in Mrs Crooks's group at Beamish and she bought her whole group sweets from the old sweet shop and also when we went to Hit the Surf.

Evie – My favourite memory was at Kingsway because I jumped off a huge waterfall. I also really liked when we went to Hit the Surf.

Isabella – My favourite memory was seeing Mrs Millican's face when I was guessing how old she was and also laughing at all of the girls screaming at Kingsway when they saw spiders. I also really liked Hit the Surf in Year 4 when we were paddle boarding and I fell off.

Alicia – My favourite memory was at Kingsway when I got stuck in the bathroom. Miss Hunter came and realised that I hadn't unlocked the door!

Rose – My favourite memory was how often me and Emma fell over during the gorge walk. Also - listening to Lacie sleep talk at Kingsway.

Roxanne – My favourite memory was when we were moving things from our classroom and giving them to Mrs Millican. She got very grumpy. I also loved going to Kingsway and seeing Ellie's face when she saw a spider.

Sophie – Roasting marshmallows around the fire with the rest of the class at Kingsway was my favourite memory.

Ellie – Listening to Arianne sleep talking about poodles when we were at Kingsway was my favourite.

Ian – My favourite memory was when we did gorge walking at Kingsway.

Ebony – My favourite memory was when we went gorge walking and I jumped in the river.

Emma – I liked it when Miss Hunter and Nicholas fell off the canoe in the river.

Laurny – My favourite memory was when I played in the football tournament, even though my team didn't win.

Niah – I liked going to the swimming gala and Ms Crooks loved the smell of Isabella's washing powder.

Kamran – My favourite memory was when I saved the day at Kingsway by getting rid of three spiders that were making the girls cry at Kingsway.

Junior – My favourite memory was when I accidentally set off the confetti canon after Cinderella and scared all of the teachers and when we sang a special leaver's song for Ms Crooks just before she left.

Lacie – I loved when I asked Mrs Millican if she was alive during the Victorian times, and my other favourite memory is when we went to Kingsway and Ava put her foot on my chair but I didn't see it and then I sat on it.

Sam – My favourite memory is when I met Chris Connaughton and got a signed book, or when I thought Mrs Millican was 1000 years old and that she typed with stones.

Connar – My favourite was when we went to the Winter Gardens in Year 5, when we met Chris Connaughton and my final favourite memory is when we went to Kingsway and I jumped off a waterfall.

Kyiden – I liked it at Kingsway when Ryan went so far down the river on the boat and the man had to jump in the boat with Ryan. My other favourite memory is when I climbed the really tall tree, all the way to the top.

Ryan – My favourite memory is being in charge of salad bar because I've been doing it for 2 years, and also when I went to Kingsway and climbed up a tree.

Lexi – My favourite memory is going to Kingsway when me, Ava and Arianne fell out of the canoe and when we left Arianne in the middle of the river because she left her oar behind.

Leighton – My favourite memory is football club in years 5 & 6, because I got to play football with my friends!

Little Butterflies July Newsletter



The children have had lots of fun in Little Butterflies nursery, we have been practising our counting skills by counting shells in our maths area and continuing with our sandy toes topic. The children have been enjoying our new outdoor stage area, we have had lots of singing and dancing from our children. They do put on a good show! We have been super busy in our new role play shop area, which is a delicious ice cream shop. The role play area has promoted lots of opportunities for communication and language from the children. And finally the children baked some yummy biscuits with red and white icing to celebrate the England football team getting into the 2020 Euro final. We have had the pleasure of watching our beautiful Little Butterflies flourish and grow into confident, independent children and we are so proud of what they have achieved with us. We want to wish our Little Butterflies that are moving onto a new adventure lots of luck! And we will see many of our Little Butterflies returning back with us in September – we can't wait! Meanwhile, enjoy your summer holidays! Little Butterflies Team.

Sports Day Success!



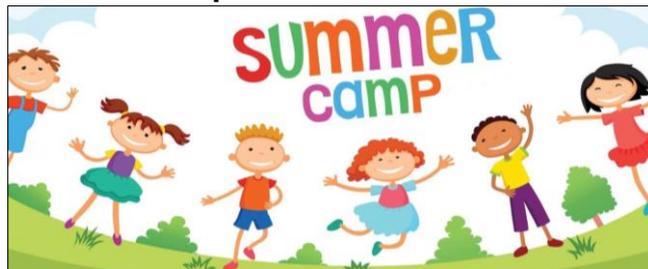
As ever, our annual Sports Day was a huge success. The children worked brilliantly in their teams and this year it was Cuthbert who won the prestigious trophy. It was great to see so many parents and carers coming to support their children. Mrs Bracknall.

Places for September 2021



We are still taking applications for our 2 year old Nursery, our 3 year old Nursery, and for Reception, for September 2021. During the holiday, please contact us via Facebook or email (see our website); before or after the holiday, it's 0191 814 9820.

Summer Camp at GPS!



As you know, Groundwork will be running a 4 week Holiday Scheme at GPS, starting on Mon 2nd Aug. Places have already been allocated, but a 'waiting list' will be in operation, incase any families drop out. Details are on our website – see the letters page here: <https://bit.ly/3z0ZNIg> For more information please contact school on 0191 8149820 by 4pm on Fri 16th July, or email school at any time, or contact Andrea Baxter at Groundwork (contact details on web link above), or drop us a message anytime on Facebook.

GPS on Social Media



School Facebook: *GrangetownPrimary*
Little Butterflies Facebook: *LittleButterfliesGPS*
Messy Play Facebook: *MessyPlayGrangetown*

Dates for your Diary



Fri 16th July: school closes at 1.00pm for Summer hol. Home from Home is on 1.00-3.00pm, but must be booked in advance (by 10.00am Friday at the latest).

Mon 6th Sep: Staff Training Day. School closed to pupils.

Tues 7th Sept: School re-opens for the Autumn Term & the new school year. Welcome Back!

A big thankyou from Mr McAnaney!

*"I know you will join me in thanking our staff for their hard work and commitment this year. We're fortunate at GPS to have such talented, hard-working and caring staff. We would like to thank each and every child for their hard work, effort and achievement and for their excellent behaviour – they're all STARS! What with the covid situation, 2020-21 has certainly brought its challenges, and we would like to thank all parents and carers for your strength and resilience during this time, and for the support you have given your child with school (& with online learning) - you have all done a fantastic job! Despite the challenges of 2020-21, this has been a successful year for our school community - we have all achieved so much - our staff have provided the children with a range of fabulous learning activities, with ongoing care and support and with high-quality day to day teaching and learning. The children have thrived, they've made great progress, and they are ready for the next step on their journey through primary school (and onwards into secondary school for our year 6 children!). From all at GPS, have a fantastic Summer, and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 7th September, for what I promise will be another amazing year at GPS, full of hope & optimism, full of smiles, and packed with exciting and engaging learning for the children. **Onwards and upwards with Team GPS, as ever!"***