

Music making across the school!



The children have all been working hard in music and creating some fabulous sounds. Y1 have been exploring music and animals, using instruments to replicate the sounds and movement of different animals. Y2 are creating short stories and have been using the glockenspiels to tell the different parts of their stories. Very magical indeed! Year 3 and 4 have been exploring music and the weather. They have looked at composers such as Vivaldi and Beethoven learning how music can represent the different seasons. Y5 are busy composing dragon themes using the keyboards. They have thought about which sounds could represent a dragon and are working towards performing their dragon themes to the class. Finally, y6 are on a journey to Indonesia and have been exploring Gamelan music. They have played a piece of Indonesian gamelan music in 5 parts and are about to create their own piece using keyboards, glockenspiels, metal percussion and drums. We are certainly busy and getting very creative in music! Mrs Bryant-King.

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.</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 PLACES FOR 2 YR OLDS! We have free places for 2 year olds, in our fabulous Little Butterflies Nursery. 15 hours a week – check eligibility with our school Office staff. Please pop in and enquire at our Office, or ring us on 0191 814 9820.</p>	

Lest We Forget



This year every class made a Poppy using a variety of materials, in order to remember those lost in conflict. Each class took part in a lesson to learn about Remembrance Day and every child made a unique Poppy. The Poppies were on either on display on the KS1 yard and some are displayed in classroom windows. I think you will agree they were a beautiful tribute. Mrs Dolan.

Going for Gold!



What a fantastic week we had in school for Anti-Bullying week! The children and staff had a range of activities planned that really engaged the children in talking about friendship and getting along. We took part in the annual Odd Socks Day and each class got very creative with their odd sock photos! Libby from Impact Northeast delivered workshops to classes where the children looked at different scenarios and had discussions around being friendly and unfriendly. Mrs Dolan.

Year 1 Visit Elba Park!

We were very lucky to be invited to Elba Park to take part in an Autumnal walk where we looked at seasonal changes in the environment. We travelled on a large bus and when we arrived, Rebekah from Groundworks was waiting for us! We walked all around the park, spotting signs of Autumn including leaves falling from the trees and changing of leaf colours. We picked Autumn leaves and brought some of them back to school! We had such an enjoyable morning and hopefully will return soon to spot some more seasonal changes! We would also like to add that our children behaved exceptionally well during our visit and we are very proud of them! Miss Tose & Miss Stell.



We're Going on a Bear Hunt...

...in Little Butterflies Nursery!

Over the past few weeks the children have shown a real interest in our core story 'We're going on a bear hunt!' We have done lots of lovely activities linking to the story such as painting our own bears, making delicious bear toast, creating forests in the play dough and going on our very own bear hunt in the garden. The children were fantastic at retelling the story as we marched through the swishy, swashy grass, got stuck in the thick, oozy mud and ran away from THE BEAR! Little Butterflies Team.



Nursery Halloween themed days



We had a terror-ific day in Early Years for our Halloween day, which was to start our celebrations topic. We had a variety of different spooky characters that everybody was dressed as. We took part in lots of exciting activities and games, including pumpkin toss, potion making, spooky hide and seek, pass the Halloween bag, scary dancing and pin the bow tie on the skeleton. Our favourite part by far was tasting our spider cakes and biscuits! EYFS Team.

Year 1 Spooktacular!



Y1 had a fantastic Halloween themed day. They came to school in their costumes and enjoyed telling each other all about what they had dressed up as. They decorated biscuits, played in the lemon water, created pictures in the messy area and even carved some pumpkins. We had lots of fun dancing and playing musical statues. We read 'Room on the Broom' and listened to all of the spooky side effects from the book. A fantastic day was had by all! Miss Stell & Miss Tose.

Year 1 meet The Jolly Postman



We class enjoyed looking at the story of 'The Jolly Postman'. One of our favourite moments was when the Jolly Postman delivered a letter to the Wicked Witch. We decided to become witches that week and make our own potions and spells! Our potion made a fizzing noise and bubbled over the cauldron! It was so much fun! We learnt how to write postcards and letters - we even sent a letter home to ourselves! Miss Tose.

Dates for your Diary



Wed 16th Dec: Christmas Parties Y5&6 (pm), Y3&4 (pm)

Thurs 17th Dec: Little Butterflies, Nursery, Reception (am) & KS1 (pm) Christmas Parties.

Fri 18th Dec: **School closes at 1.00pm** for Christmas & New Year – please collect your child from their classroom door. Happy Christmas to all GPS families!

Mon 4th Jan 2021: School reopens for start of Spring Term. Happy New Year to all GPS families!