

Our Year 3 Egyptians!



Y3 enjoyed an Egyptian themed day linked to their recent History and English units. Y3 was transformed into ancient Egypt, and the classroom was filled with ancient Egyptian Kings and Queens. To start the day, they painted their very own Egyptian collars that they wore proudly. They learned about the gruesome act of mummification and even enjoyed pretending to mummify one of their classmates! To become real ancient Egyptians, they learned how to read and write in hieroglyphics. They enjoyed tasting Egyptian bread and learning about Howard Carter, who discovered the tomb of Tutankhamen. Miss Beetham and Mrs Dobson

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 year 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 or with Charlotte in Little Butterflies. Please pop in and enquire at our Office, or ring us on 0191 814 9820.</p>	
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Places available for September 2022!

- We are still taking applications for Reception, for Sep 2022.
- We also have places in Nursery (both the 2 and 3 year olds)
- Please contact school for more details, and a tour of our Early Years if you wish. We look forward to meeting you.
- Also, you can apply here: <https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/schools-admissions-infant-junior-primary>

Down at the bottom of the garden!



This half-term the Little Butterflies have enjoyed spending time in the garden, looking for mini-beasts and planting flowers. We were inspired by our core story 'Sam plants a Sunflower' to plant our very own sunflowers. We filled our plant pots with compost and popped in a sunflower seed. Then, we added a little more compost and gave it some water before finding a nice sunny spot in our garden to help our seeds grow. After a couple of weeks of caring for our sunflowers they started to sprout, just like in the story! At the moment they have small green leaves. We can't wait to continue to care for our sunflowers and see what other changes they will go through before flowering. I wonder whose sunflower will grow the tallest?! LB Team.

Year 2 Geographers

Year 2 loved their Summer Term Geography unit where we learned all about different physical features. We then located some physical features in the UK on a map, before using our computing skills to direct the beebots to them too. We then took on the role of a geographer and created a map of Sunderland, complete with local physical and human features. Mrs Mitchell & Mrs Roberts.

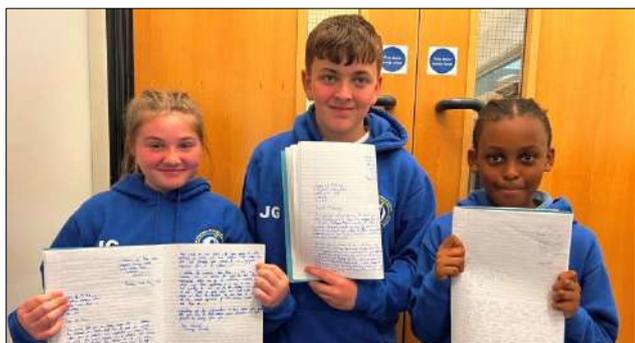


Sunderland Schools' Swimming Gala



We took four teams of children made up of boys and girls from Year 5 and Year 6, four boys or four girls in each team, to the Sunderland Swimming Gala held at the Aquatic Centre. Children from eighteen schools came to take part in the competition. All of our teams swam very well, and one of our girls teams qualified from their heat into the final of the medley relay. The final was very close with only centimetres separating the first and last teams, and we finished seventh. Well done to all of our swimmers, and special congratulations to Molly, Anna, Emily and Tilly for reaching the final. Mr B Newby

A whole new world!



In English lessons, Y6 have been writing persuasive letters in order to persuade Mr McAnaney to allow them to do a leavers show. After getting Mr McAnaney on board, they wrote to Mrs Davies to ask for her help in their quest to perform the best show in GPS history! They were thrilled to get her on board and were over the moon to hear that they will be performing Aladdin. This will be a fantastic way for the children to end their GPS journey. Miss Stell and Miss Hunter.

Well done Year 6!



Year 6 worked extremely hard in the run up to their KS2 SATs. They worked their socks off both in school hours and in revision club and were absolute superstars on the week itself. They had positive attitudes throughout and never stopped smiling. As a well done, the children enjoyed a Macdonalds after school which they ate in the sunshine with their friends. Well done Year 6 – we are very proud of you all! Miss Stell and Miss Hunter.

GPS girls reach the football finals!



Our fantastic girls football team have reached the final stage of the Jill Scott Cup. They did this by beating Hill View 3 - 2 our goals being scored by Maisie x2 and Molly then drawing 1 - 1 with Barnes our goal coming from Molly. These results were enough for us to win our group and progress to the finals. The finals will be played at the Beacon of Light, the date has yet to be confirmed. The girls were fantastic ambassadors for our school and can be very proud of themselves. The boys team rounded off their season with defeats to St Leonards and St Pauls. Both of these games were very close and we were very unlucky not to take points from them. The boys have also been good ambassadors for our school and can be very proud of themselves. Mr B Newby

Year 3 Seascapes Project



Year 3 had a fantastic series of visits as part of the 'Seascapes: Sea to Shore' project throughout three consecutive weeks in May. They started the project completing various workshops at Holy Trinity Church before heading over to Roker Marina and the beach where the children used their senses to explore the local environment and create sand sculptures. The following two sessions were based onsite at Holy Trinity Church and the Donnison School. Some of the activities the children completed included creating collages of Sunderland's coast in the past, creating seaside pictures using clay and interviewing their volunteers about visits to the beach in the past. We are so proud of how hard the children worked throughout the project; they were a credit to our school. Mrs Bracknall.

What's cooking, Year 5?!



In their Design and Technology lessons, the children in Year 5 have been cooking. The unit of lessons began with the children learning all about food hygiene and safety in the kitchen. They also learned about what seasonal food is and which food grows in the different seasons in the UK. The children then thought about the steps that are needed to prepare and cook a savoury meal, from choosing a recipe to actually making it. The children followed a recipe for making cheese scones and made a salad to accompany it using lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, cucumber and carrots. The children really enjoyed the session and used the skills of cutting, slicing, dicing and grating. The children also used some maths knowledge from using grams in the recipe, reading the weighing scale and halving and quartering the salad ingredients. The children all thought that their scones and salad were very tasty. Miss McLoughlin.

Y4 explore the Rainforest!



This term in Geography, Year 4 have been learning all about the layers of a rainforests and deforestation. The children were able to label the different layers of the rainforest and create a fabulous flip booklet. The booklet showed important information about each layer and the plants and animals that live within each layer. Did you know that some trees in the emergent layer can grow up to 50 meters tall? The children were able to research about deforestation and the impact it has on the environment including the animals that live there. They found out that there are many causes to deforestation including industrial agriculture, mining, climate change and trees being cut down for timber. The children found out about how to save the rainforests and created some very eye catching posters! Miss Cassidy.

St. Peter's Church and Museum Visit



This half term, the children in Year 5, have been learning about Benedict Biscop and St. Peter's Church in their lessons about local history. We visited St. Peter's to learn more about how it was built and what it was like in Benedict Biscop's time. The children were shown around the church by a guide, who explained to them what the church would have been like in 675, when it was a monastery. He showed them old stones that had been discovered that are centuries old. They saw stained glass windows and a copy of 'The Codex Amiatinus', which is an 8th century bible. After lunch, we walked into the city centre for a workshop at the museum. The workshop was called Bede's Bags and here the children explored objects and artefacts from around the time St. Peter's was built. The objects included coins, dyes, clothes and materials. The children then had time to explore the gallery, which had lots of interesting objects found in the local area. These included dagger heads, a log boat and bones. The children enjoyed their day and learned lots of new facts. Miss McLoughlin.

Y1 explore the seasons in Backhouse!



Last time Year 1 visited Backhouse Park, it was the beginning of Winter! Most of the trees had lost their leaves, there weren't any flowers growing, the birds had begun to migrate to warmer climates and squirrels were hunting for food to see them over Winter. In Science, we look at seasonal changes, so we decided to go back to Backhouse Park this Spring to see if we could see any changes and we definitely did! We found birds nesting in the trees, trees full of leaves of different colours, flowers growing and signs of animal life! We explored the various plants we could see growing and we were even able to identify evergreen and deciduous trees! Miss Tose.

Our Year 5 cricketers!



All of Year 5 recently took part in a kwik-cricket tournament against two local primary schools, Hudson Road and Valley Road. The children spent their PE lessons for a series of weeks practising the important skills to learn in the game including: throwing, catching and batting the ball; moving from the two wickets carefully while watching the opposing team; fielding against the opposing team and scoring their points. When we arrived, we were put into teams and gave ourselves a name of our choice. We then played multiple games, swapping to play against other teams every time. It was then announced that one of our school teams had made it into the semi final with a huge 32 points against another team! After a fantastic win in the semis, the victorious GPS team went on to win the final against Valley Road. Miss Muldowney.

Y4 Leaf Identification in Backhouse Park



In science this term, the Y4 children became detectives by classifying different leaves. So that we could find a range of different varieties, we visited Backhouse Park. When we were there, we looked at the different trees, and tried to identify which tree it was by looking at its leaves. We looked carefully at the colour, shape and any special features that they had. When we got back to class, we sorted our leaves using a classification key. Mrs Millican.

'Comic'-al skills in Year 2



Year 2 investigated common features of comic strips, before learning how to create our own digital comic. We used an online webpage to create and edit our comic over a series of weeks. We edited our backgrounds and inserted characters as well as adding speech or thought bubbles. Mrs Mitchell.

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Quelle heure est-il ?



Quelle heure est-il ? This may be a question many of you remember from your time learning French. Telling the time has been a focus for our children in years 5 and 6. Year 6 have been learning to describe what they do at the weekend. They can write and say sentences telling the time and giving their opinion as well. Year 5 can now say what the time is in the UK and compare this to the time in France. Year 4 have been enjoying playing a game called 'Trapdoor' which allows them to practise reading aloud and to use the vocabulary they have been learning about animals. Year 3 are learning all about the landmarks of the UK and describing them in French. Our year 2 children have been singing a familiar song in French: 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes', and they have played lots of fun games to reinforce the vocabulary for parts of the body. Mrs Blackett.

Jubilee and SAFC Day



We all enjoyed a special day recently, turning the school red, white and blue to celebrate both the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the success of SAFC in reaching the Championship! The children completed some Jubilee-inspired learning activities, and enjoyed Jubilee biscuits (made by the School Council) and special 'champagne'! The sun shone, and this was a perfect way to end a busy half-term at GPS!

Dates for your Diary



Mon 13th-Fri 17th June - Y4 Hidden stories project
Wed 15th June - Y2 Seascapes - Rockpools session
Wed 15th June: Dance Festival
Fri 17th June: Y1 Trampoline Festival at Farringdon School
Mon 20th June - Fri 1st July - Health Week (fortnight)
Thur 23rd June - Y2 Sunderland Museum trip
Wed 29th June - Y1 Souter Lighthouse/Roker beach trip
Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th June: Y6 - Southmoor transition days
Thur 30th June - Y4 Hidden Stories exhibition
Thur 30th June: Sports Day Years 1/2/3 1.15-3.15pm (Parents invited)
Fri 1st July - Y3 Broomhouse Farm visit
Fri 1st July: Sports Day Years 4/5/6 1.15-3.15pm (Parents invited to watch)
Mon 18th July : Year 6 show -Aladdin!
For a full set of dates see: <https://www.grangetown.sunderland.sch.uk/Calendar/>