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Important Dates

- Monday 8th October – Space Week.
- Wednesday 10th October – World Mental Health Day (non-uniform fundraising day (£1 if possible). Please wear something yellow if possible to show support for the charity.)
- Friday 12th October – Y5 Family Assembly (9am)
- Friday 12th October – Planetarium visit to school (Y3-Y6)

Musical Success!



Lucy Upton (Year 10), has been competing in two major talent competitions during the last week. She performed at the auditions of *Open Mic UK* and has made it through to the regional final which takes place

at The Tyne Theatre and Opera House on 21st October. Her feedback from the audition was: *“Lucy, you have an amazing tone, with star quality potential and a great image. Work on your projection, gaining more experience will help develop this. Ensure you do vocal exercises regularly to improve the power and dynamics of your performance.”*

The second competition is called Unstoppable UK, she played in the final last Sunday at Jarrow Civic Hall in front of a packed room and performed 3 songs, Simon Duke (Music Journalist from the Newcastle Chronicle) said *“Lucy clearly knows who she is as an artist and has great energy and style.”* The awards ceremony is at The Lancastrian Suite on Sunday 14th October and if she comes in the top 3 out of 16 contestants she will get a slot at The Metro Arena at a 10,000 capacity show in December! Outstanding work, Lucy! Everyone at GHCS wishes you the best of luck!

Attendance

You will receive regular emails regarding your child’s current attendance statistics. Please remember that the minimum expectation is 96%.

All medical appointments must be made outside of school hours. If an emergency appointment is required, please ensure your child is present for registration so they receive their mark. An appointment card must be given to the school office for all appointments during school time; failure to do so will result in the absence being marked as unauthorised.

Harvest

On Monday 8th October, Primary pupils are going to have an assembly with Julie Judson from the Salvation Army in Sunderland. As part of our Harvest theme, she is going to tell the pupils about the work that the Salvation Army do in running food banks to support people in the city of Sunderland. As a school we would like to support the work that they do by donating our Harvest items to them. Over the next week, we will be collecting tinned produce of food to go on our Harvest table then Julie will collect the food items on Fri 19th October from school to take to the Salvation Army for distribution. **We would welcome donations, from all pupils of tinned items that you would like to donate.** Thank you for your support.

Miss Whan

World Mental Health Day/Wear yellow Day

We always try to encourage our students to be proactive and show leadership skills. Earlier this week one of our year 11 students wrote to Mrs Maw, asking if the school would be able to support the #HelloYellow charity. The letter stated:

‘#HelloYellow aims to show young people they’re not alone with whatever they are going through and I believe this message deserves to be spread.’

Following this, all year 11 students signed a letter offering their support and a small group of

students have agreed to lead our secondary assembly on Wednesday.

As a result, we have agreed to allow students to host a fund raising non-uniform day, (if possible students should wear yellow to show their support).

All funds raised will be donated to the Young Minds charity.

Primary World Space Week

Next week is World Space Week, where the children in Primary will be taking part in space related activities. We will be holding a rocket launching competition, where the children will be designing, making and launching small rockets. For this we need clean, empty 2 litre fizzy drink bottles, so please have a look this weekend and send them into school with your child.

At the end of next week we are lucky enough to have a planetarium visiting school. This will be inflated in the school hall and classes will be able to see a close up view of the stars and planets.

Mrs Kendrick

Thursday 11th October – Primary Fun Run (4pm).



Further to the success of last year's event, the PTPA are holding the fun run to raise health awareness and school funds. An entrance and sponsorship form will be given out to primary children

on Friday 28th September.

Y5/6 Football

The 9 a side team kicked off their season at a windswept Valley Road on Tuesday. Despite the defeat, the team, especially the debutants, kept their focus and heads held high for the duration. Compliments from opposing teachers are always welcome and the opposing manager was sincere in his praise for the boys' determination. Well done to Jayden Nixon for being our man of the match.

Water Safety

This week, the RNLI delivered their annual workshop to the primary school on water safety. The children learnt about what to do if caught in a riptide, reading flag signals and the dangers of cliff jumping amongst many other things. The risks and dangers of being in or near water can never be over exaggerated. Please remind your children about this and share with them what they have learnt.



National Poetry Day

Thursday October the 4th was National Poetry Day. Mrs O'Brien's class took part in the live lesson and sent in questions that they wanted to ask. Lilly-Rose's was chosen to be shown on TV!



Our Key Stage 3 students have been exploring this year's theme of 'change' in their poetry and creative writing. We hope you enjoy these examples of their work!

Change

As the sun sets, and the dark moon rises.

As the lights dim and the towns die.

As the world spins slowly,

As you start to feel lonely,

As you wish you were in your bed all tight and cosy.

As you sit by the lake, watching the water ripple by.

Enjoy this quiet time as it will fly by.

By Louie Percival Year 7

Music is the foundation of joy and is the light in my eyes.

Uplifting the

Spirit in me, my heart beats in rhythm with the music around me.

It is the torch to my darkness; the music has

Changed me.

By Keiron Lithgow Year 9

Attitude

C-Change your attitude.

H-Have respect for your family and friends.

A-Always be friendly.

N-Never give up.

G-Go and help others,

E-Even if they don't ask.

By Jasmine Esposito Year 7

Summer – Autumn

Leaves start to change,
and gradually fall down,

as life starts to look like
a pretty shade of brown.

The sun fades away,

and clouds gather the sky,

as Autumn starts to feel like
a fresh baked pumpkin pie.

The weather becomes chilly,
the sky becomes dark,

but something that makes it seasonal,

are evening walks in the park.

Halloween's around the corner,

the pumpkins are out,

with the spooky, scary carvings
that make children shout.

Autumn is coming to an end,

as the colours fade away,

now it's time to wait for snow

and Santa on his sleigh.

By Leila Beckwith Year 7

Invaders

Not in the earth, not on the sands,

But in the magical woodlands.

Elves once dwelt or so they say,

But their kind could not stay.

The little light laughing lamps,

Shone on many elven camps.

Their pure faces, as white as marble,

The elves gathered there, at the high table.

The many magical musical minstrels,

Sang their happy songs.

The harpers harped and told tales,

For the happy throng.

An enemy came, destruction in their path,
The elves started to fight.

They shot their bows, but the enemy had a laugh,
The elves had no choice but flight.

The wind howls among the graves,

Of the fallen fair fighting elves.

The fairest land of its day,

Is now the most barren of the realms.

By Elliot Woods Year 7

Seasons Changing

Spring

Flowers grow, not just a few.

Animals are born, cute, fluffy and new,

Ready to flourish as the seasons pass.

The sun beams down on the fresh, green grass.

Days get warmer as time goes by;

White fluffy clouds fill the bright blue sky.

Summer

The sun is as warm as the sun can be,

A break from school makes all kids happy.

A time for holidays, barbecues and fun,

Long walks on beaches and bathing in the sun.

Ice creams and lollies make children excited,

A nice brown tan makes adults delighted.

Autumn

Leaves start to fall and plants begin to die;

The cold air almost as bitter as the dark, grey sky.

There are oranges, reds, yellows and browns,

Halloween comes with dark, spooky towns.

Parties, pumpkins, costumes and spooks,

Have you read the Goosebumps books?

Winter

In my opinion, the best time of all,

Watching time change as the snow begins to fall.

Preparation for Christmas, excitement and joy,

There's happiness in every girl and boy.

Snowmen, hats, scarves and gloves,

By Thomas Wynn Year 8

Have a wonderful weekend!