

# Junior School Bulletin

"Strong, Able, Calm, Kind."



# FINAL BULLETIN OF THIS YEAR!

Dear All,

I hope you have enjoyed reading the Bulletin this year – I certainly have. It has been so wonderful to see what you all get up to in and out of school so keep those articles and photos coming in next year. I'm always blown away by how many of you spend time doing things for other people – it makes my heart soar. Miss Gravely deserves my huge thanks for creating, editing and checking each edition, adding her comments with such thought and care.

This is the final edition of the academic year so please can I take this opportunity to thanks every member of the RGS community for all they have done to help us to stick together and thrive. Have a wonderful summer one and all.

Mr Miller



# RECYCLE-A-READ

As part of our Partnership work, the RGS works with a number of schools in the wider Newcastle area and has been making reading links with other primary and secondary schools. As part of this, we would love for each of our Junior School children to choose a book from home that they have enjoyed and are willing to pass on, bring it into school, and then write a brief 'post-it review' to stick inside the front cover to encourage a new reader to give it a try!

Collection boxes will be located in Lambton foyer and Brandling top corridor. Please could each child choose just one book to donate on this

occasion. Donations will be open from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June and will close on the last day of term, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Thank you in advance for your recycle-a-read donations!

Miss Close





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# POPPY'S PROGRESS

The British Horse Society encourages its members to take a series of tests which enables them to learn progressively about horse care and riding. Poppy M (4M) successfully completed her Pony Club "E-Test" last month which involved her performing core riding skills in front of an examiner and answering questions on horse anatomy and riding equipment. We gather that she now can't wait to start jumping!



Well done, Poppy - enjoy the jumping!



# JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS MANY HAPPY RETURNS....

.... to Ben G, Ishaan D, Keren A, Tiree R, Oorja C, James B, Millie M, Jessica N, Amrit J, Arun J, Darcey N, Shloka S, Radha S, Florence B, Jaya B, Adam H, Luca B, Jack W, Sophie T, Oliver D-R, Khaleel I, Amelia G, Sisi Z, Naomi R, Hélène L C, Shuquan G, Aston K, Isabelle B, Aaryan K, Zuri P, Kathy P, Sama M, Anya J, Ruiqi G, Zac B, Abhi K, Catherine H, Jack A, Jasmine K and Kevin K V who all celebrate their birthday either this month or next.

# ENJOY YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

### **RAFFY'S ON TARGET**

Raffy B (6L) was keen to share this photo of his Dad and him at a tank party. They are in a tank that was actually used during World War II and has since been refurbished. They used the tank to shoot paintballs at targets (which were broken down campervans with a bullseye painted on). Raffy was the only person to hit a bullseye (he was competing against 8 teenagers).



Well done, Raffy - what a great aim!

### RACE AND EQUALITY SURVEY

All the children in Years 5 and 6 have completed a race and equality survey this week, thinking about their own experiences and understanding of the issues around race. This is part of a whole school initiative, and we look forward to seeing how the results can help prompt further discussions in the classroom .

Thank you, Years 5 and 6.



Mrs Baker

### NEWSPAPERS STILL NEEDED, PLEASE!

**Dear Parents** 

We are in low supply of newspapers in the art room. We preferably need broadsheet newspapers as these are more suited to current art projects. Please drop off any newspapers to the School Office.

Many thanks.



Mrs McCulloch





.... to Adam H (4LW) who recently came 3rd in the *Club National U10/12 Skiing Slalom* competition. His time was 18:13.

Adam is a skier at RTR (Ravens Tigers Racing) Ski Club in Silksworth, Sunderland.

Well done, Adam - what a great achievement!



.... and to Taylor M (6N) who ran a PB of 2:32 in the 800m at the Grand Prix at Monkton Stadium on Wednesday. A beautiful summer night for smashing time!



Well done, Taylor - what a great PB!

### A MESSAGE FOR ALL Y5 PUPILS

Please can all pupils currently in Y5 bring in a cereal box for their Induction Day art lesson next Tuesday. We are going to make some paper sculptures and they will need a sturdy cardboard base for their piece.

It would also be good if they came equipped with their own glue stick, scissors and felt tip pens. Thank you.



#### Miss M Noble



# HÉLÈNE GETS MUSICAL

Next week Hélène L C (5S) will take her ABRSM Grade 4 Violin exam and, after the summer break, she will join the *Step Up Sinfonia Orchestra* at The Sage, Gateshead. *Step Up Sinfonia* is an opportunity to experience classical orchestral playing as part of an ensemble - they meet weekly and work towards regular performances at the Sage.

#### How exciting, L Hélène - enjoy all your musical endeavours!

#### CONGRATULATIONS.....

.... to Shuquan G (5S) who took her Grade 3 Cello exam on 21st June was awarded a Distinction.



Well done, Shuquan - it doesn't get better than that!

#### **GEORGINA EXCELS**

Georgina D (3T ) had (in her words) 'the best day ever' last Saturday! She competed at the Laser Run national qualifiers on Saturday and Sunday (Yorkshire and Northern regions) - 2 golds (including the Northern where she was the only competitor of her age and everyone else was 12 years old). It was 10 shots on target and 2 x 200m runs and her time was 2 mins 11 seconds - which is apparently very impressive. On Saturday night she had a lot of fun with her team mates as they all stayed in a hotel together. It was an incredible experience for her - it looks as though nationals in September is up next for her!







Well done, Georgina - what a star!



#### CONGRATULATIONS....

... to Beatrice W (3D) who was recently invited to swim for the Newcastle Dolphins! She also recently received two awards for swimming progression from her Hexham swimming group!



#### Well done Beatrice - keep it up!

... and to Elizabeth O'G (3T) who recently passed her Grade 1 Violin exam.



Well done, Elizabeth!

#### AND CONGRATULATIONS....



... to Anna F (5B) who recently played for Northumberland County Under 11 girls' cricket team. The team played against Durham and Anna really enjoyed her first county cricket match.



Well done, Anna - we're so glad you enjoyed your day!



Well done boys - what an achievement!

... and to Elliott M (5B) and Toby J (5C) who have both been representing their county in Under 11 cricket over the last few weeks. They have bowled, batted and fielded superbly.

They played for Northumberland Under 11s last Wednesday against Cleveland in what proved to be an exciting 35 over match.

# YEAR 6 PUPILS FACE THE 'PRINGLE RINGLE' CHALLENGE

This week, Year 6 have been looking at hyperbolic paraboloids and we thought what better way to look at the properties of this unusual shape than to have a go at the *Pringle Ringle* challenge. As a warm up task, we created origami hyperbolic paraboloids and then we moved on to the Pringles. As you can see, we have been very successful! Although, the dismantling of our structures was arguably more enjoyable.... nom nom nom!

Top Work, Year 6.

Mr '(Parabo)Lloyd'!

























# MORE YEAR 6 'PRINGLE RINGLE' SUCCESS



























#### RISING TO THE 'PRINGLE RINGLE' CHALLENGE AT HOME



Elisa T (4M) completed the *Pringle Ringle Challenge* in just 15 mins... with a little bit of help from her Mum!



Zachary V B (3T) also completed the *Pringle Ringle Challenge*. Zachary said, "The hardest part was not eating the Pringles!"



Ellie A-J (5C) created a *Pringle Ringle* with her sister, Olivia. Ellie said, "It's barely standing but keeping a ring shape !"



Sadly, Miss Gravely's *Pringle Ringle* attempts were somewhat less successful - but she still enjoyed eating the Pringles!

# SUMMER SWIMMING GALAS

This week has seen every year group take part in a Summer Swimming Gala! It has been so lovely to finally host a gala again, after almost 16 months, whilst still managing to adhere to all the restrictions! Each gala had a Hawaiian beach theme, with races carrying giant ice creams, buckets and beach balls, amongst others things.

Each gala finished with the *Dress the Teacher* race, where all the items were brought through the pool – we ended up with some very soggy teachers!

We have all had a great time! What a fantastic way to end our year of swimming!

#### Mrs Baker





























#### TIREE'S TREMENDOUS TRIP

Tiree R (3T) visited Fountains Abbey last weekend. She was fascinated by its long history and the amazing relics and she also went riding on a beautiful pony called Poppy. It was a fantastic trip.



- it sounds like a great trip!

### CONGRATULATIONS....



.... to Anaya K (3S) who was recently chosen as *Gymnast of the Month* at Gymtopia Gymnastics.

Well done, Anaya - what a brilliant achievement!

### JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS DAYS

Another year passed, another different Sports Day format... but what days they were! The sun shone for every one and I don't think we met one student who wasn't exhausted by the end after leaving 'everything' on the track and field.

This year we wanted to ensure everyone took part in every single activity and so each year group split into groups to rotate round each event.

Track events: 60m/80m sprint, 200m sprint, middle distance run, hurdles, 4 x 50m relays.

Field events: Sack race, egg & spoon race, tennis ball throw, skipping, obstacle course, long jump and last but not least, the highly coveted TUG OF WAR!!

There was opportunity for everyone to excel and win points for their House and we couldn't be prouder of everyone's determination, energy and enthusiasm on the day! The smiles and laughter were infectious and the sportsmanship on display was extraordinary.

#### A HUGE congratulations to everyone!

Unfortunately, we cannot announce here in the Bulletin the overall winners, as that will have to wait until our final assembly next Wednesday, but we can give some special mentions for the highest individual points winners in each year group:

Year 3 - Keren A, Yogam V, George C & Harry W Year 4 - Emily P, Aodhan D, Olive M & Adi K Year 5 - Anna A, Thomas C, Amelia R & Hal K Year 6 - Fraser H, Coco H, Hemadri P & Jack A

Take a look at the 'Sports Day Galleries' on pages 8-10 of the Bulletin to see the children having fun in action!

Mrs Barlow & Mr Cragg







































