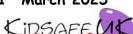


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Our achievement assembly celebrated children who have shown "curiosity" this week. Well done to the following children:

Reception: Leighton Year 1: Tommy Year 2: Aizah

Year 3: Georgie Year 4: Sofia Year 5: Emily Year 6: Lily

Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 95.6%

Well done to Year 6 for best attendance this week at 98%!

Date for Diary

- Mon 24th March Y5 Easter celebration workshop @ Birtley Methodist Church
- Thur 27th March Whole School Easter Disco (Booking closes at 6pm)
- Mon 31st March Reception class trip to Hall Hill Farm
- Tues 1st April Y4 walk around Birtley
- Thur 10th April Easter Celebration special lunch (menu on website calendar)
- Friday 11th April Break up for Easter Returning Mon 28th April
- Thur 8th May Reception class trip to Safetyworks
- Mon 2nd June Inset day school closed to pupils
- Fri 4th July Summer School Fayre 2pm
- Monday 7th July Occasional Day school closed to pupils and staff
- Mon 1st Sept Inset day school closed to pupils

<u>Rights Respecting</u> Article 15: I have the right to meet with friends and join

groups.

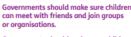












Governments should make sure children can safely meet other people in public spaces to protest peacefully when they want to change things.

Free School Meal eligibility is changing

The government are making changes to FSM eligibility as of April, if you qualify by 31st March 2025, your child will retain free school meals for their current phase of education, up to end of Year 6 in primary and if you have any children in secondary up until the end of the secondary school phase too.

The government has extended free school meal eligibility to include some families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF) who receive support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999. Please see the section headed 'Families with no recourse to public funds' below for information or contact the team direct on 0191 433 3729 or at benefitsfsm@gateshead.gov.uk

Click on the link below or contact Mrs Lister for a paper copy of the form, once you have completed the form, Mrs Lister can then scan direct to the FSM team too. https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/7433/Free-school-meals

Comic Relief Red Nose Day 40th Anniversary

Thank you for your donations for Comic Relief Red Nose, children have enjoyed their non-uniform day, and the pupil karaoke went down a storm with amazing performances from all taking part. Well done to our school council and Miss Wyatt for planning the event. Once all donations are in, we will update you. You can also pay any donations online through schoolgateway too, we have a dedicated Red Nose option available.



















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Easter Disco/Party

Please complete the google form if your child will be attending: https://forms.gle/fV6BiTFqSmJ5Eoko9

Get ready for Rocksteady Music

Rock and pop band lessons with Rocksteady

Did you know, we partner with Rocksteady Music School to deliver fun and inclusive rock and pop band lessons, right here at {SCHOOL NAME}! These weekly music lessons take place in school and are led by professional musicians who make learning music fun.

It's the perfect way for children to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time – all at school! Rocksteady lessons are also shown to amplify confidence, wellbeing and social skills.

Here's what else you need to know:

- There's no experience necessary and all instruments for lessons are provided.
- Watch as your child performs in their end of term concerts, showing just how far they have come.
- Children learn up to 300 instrument, band, and performance skills, whilst playing songs they love.
- Children can achieve an Ofqual-regulated Music qualification, accredited by Trinity College London, without having to take a single exam.
- · You'll receive regular progress updates, including photos and videos.

There's a money-back guarantee for the first month and you can cancel at any time. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Sign your child up for band lessons online at rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents

If you have any questions about Rocksteady, call **0330 113 0330** (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate) or email **info@rocksteadymusicschool.com**.

September Back to school uniform orders

School Uniform cut-off date for back to school is midnight 20th July 2025 (For Home Delivery) and Midnight 15th June (FREE to School Delivery), Emblematic will do their upmost to get your order delivered before the start of term, subject to supplier stock availability. Orders after this date are not guaranteed and can take over 28 Days due to supply and demand over the summertime. https://www.portobelloprimaryschool.co.uk/how_to_order_school_uniform



















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