



Spring Term 2013

Gosforth Voices



A group of children from all the Gosforth First Schools have joined together to become 'Gosforth Voices'. With help from Georgina Biddle and other members of the Newcastle Music Service the children meet once a month at Grange First School to learn a range of songs. The first Grand Tour for Gosforth Voices will take place on 8th March. **New members are welcome at any time.**

Ofsted Interim Assessment

Ofsted wrote to us recently to say that as our standards are still at least good, our children are all making progress and our attendance is improving they are not planning to inspect the school before the summer term 2014. This assessment reflects the commitment of parents, children staff and governors to making Archibald a fun stimulating school and somewhere children want to be.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Parents Literacy Evening, March 6th 6pm to 7.30 pm

Staff from the creative arts team are putting on an evening of workshops designed to demonstrate the kind of literacy activities your children meet at school. Come along and get some ideas of the kinds of things you could do at home.

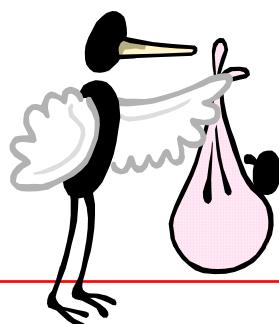
Welcome Back Mrs. Graham

We are all looking forward to welcoming Mrs. Graham back when her maternity leave ends at the end of the Easter holiday. When she returns Mrs. Graham will be working part time and covering Mrs. Brown's maternity leave.

Mrs. Brown's having a baby.

Mrs. Brown will be starting her maternity leave at the beginning of the Easter holiday. While she is away Mrs. Graham will teach class 5. Mrs. Leake will also teach the class on Thursday and Friday afternoon. I am sure you will all join

me in wishing Mrs. Brown all the very best.



Changing Lunches?

A plea from the office staff. If your child would like to change from hot dinners to packed lunch or vice versa can you please give two weeks notice in writing. This is required to allow the kitchen staff to plan changes in catering supplies.

Forthcoming events

6th March- Class 9 CLC

7th March - Class 10 CLC

11th March -Year 3 visit Sunderland Winter Gardens Monday

14th March -Year 3 will be visiting Sacred Heart Church to take part in music workshops

15th-19th March Gardening Week

19th March 'Get your grown-ups gardening

18th to 22nd March -Science and engineering week, lots of fun science activities happening at school

19th May -Greggs Cancer Run details to follow

Archibald First School website

If you want to keep up with what's happening, make sure you never miss another important letter or event sign up on the website and have it all delivered to your inbox.

www.archibaldfirstschool.org.uk

Family Learning

Diana has once again arranged a variety of family learning courses for adults, designed to help you **'Keep up with your children'** with a numeracy focus this term, and ICT to develop your own skills. **Family Spanish** is due to begin on **Tuesday 16th March 3.30-5.00 pm**, running for 5 weeks.

For you and your pre-school children we have **Toddlers Tea and Toast** every Friday and **Science, Stories and Songs** which begins on **Wednesday March 13rd** at 2pm for 3 weeks, in the Portacabin.

If you would like a good read with good company why not join Diana West at Gosforth Library the **2nd Thursday of every month at 6.30pm**. **Please contact Diana to reserve a place.**



Adults Book Club
Gosforth Library the
2nd Thursday every
month at 6.30pm.

Clubs

Cross country
Lively languages Year 1
and 2
Newspaper
Photography
Football
Arts and crafts
Monday- Y1/2 15.4.13
Thursday-Y3/4 18.4.13

End of Year 4 production

Clubs for drama and
dance will begin after the
Easter holidays. More
information to follow.

Our Vision
Archibald First School
Having fun,
Achieving
excellence

Early Years (Reception)

Will be having PE every Tuesday from now until the end of term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed it so far. Thank you for the many PE kits already in school. Can the few remaining please be in by next week. PE kit can be left in school and taken home every half-term.



26th-28th March Hawkhirst

The annual Hawkhirst residential visit is almost upon us the staff and children are eager to start their adventure. The rest of us are looking forward to seeing the photographs and hearing all about the fun they had.

Let's Get Cooking

This has been a great success this term, the children have learned new skills, recipes and had lots of fun.

Year 3 children keep your eyes peeled for the new sessions in the summer term.



The Let's Get Cooking team hosted our Bike it Big Breakfast.