

# TGI...IT'S THE END TERM

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## THE FIRST HALF TERM

It has been a great half term. I can't believe that we have been back for 8 weeks!!!

I have to start by saying how fantastic the children have been since coming back. Behaviour has been fantastic, children have been wearing uniform and everyone has been working really hard to make progress.

Everyone has settled in quickly and started in the correct fashion.

We have held lots of different events and the children have been on a loads of trips and activities. We have climbed to the top of mountains, held picnics, been on a residential and we have yet more plans for next half term.

We have had a number of visitors in to school this half term and all have commented on how wonderful our school is and how well mannered and behaved our children are.

We have had wonderful SATs results with record scores in KS1 which is fantastic.

It just leaves me to say a big thankyou to everyone concerned with the school, to children, parents, governors and all the staff for making Grangetown Primary such a fantastic place.

Mr J Murgatroyd

### Breakfast Club

Our fantastic breakfast club is open every morning from 7:45am.

Children are served with toast, bagels and cereal of their choice.

We also have Mr Bowman and Miss McCarthy running sports clubs for when they have finished.

It is a fantastic start to the day for everyone and we have kept the price at 70p per day which is fantastic value for money.

All you need to do is turn up and enjoy!

## Attendance

It is essential that your child attends school everyday in order to make progress and get the most out of school.

We are working very hard to improve attendance at school and we are currently just above **95%** which is the National Expectation.

We want more and we need your help. #

We have introduced half termly and termly prizes for the best attended class and we will again be rewarding all of those children who have 100% attendance.

We run **presents for presence** which allows children to save up for a mystery prize at the end of

each half term.

Please help us get a higher and higher attendance by making sure that your child attends every day.

If your child does need to be off then please make sure that you inform Miss McQuade in the office.



# For Parents

## PARENTS PASSPORT

You will have received a letter outlining what the new Parents Passport is and what its about.

This is something that we have thought long and hard about over the past few weeks.

Basically want to further increase our parental engagement and get you all more involved in school for both yourselves and for your children.



As stated in the letter you can earn credits by joining in and attending specific events within school. We will shortly be running adult only classes, parent and child activities and other events that you can join in with and earn credits.

Credits can be spent in school on uniforms, trips, activities and breakfast club etc.

Please make sure that you look out up and coming events and get yourself involved.

*"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young."*

## 10 THINGS TO DO BEFORE....

We want to inspire your children and give them as many experiences as we can before they leave.

Each year group has come up with 10 activities that they will complete before they leave that year group.

Activities include, picnics, climbing mountains, flying kites, visits to castles, playing conkers, playing in the snow (if we get any)!! And many, many more.

Please keep an eye out for them in the coming terms.

## PARENT CLASSES

After half term we will be launching our very own Grangetown Primary School Parent Classes.

These classes will be aimed at parents and will focus initially on skills that we teach the children.

We want to show you what we are teaching your children and the methods that we use so that you can help them with homework and areas that they might be struggling with.

We will be starting with ICT and looking at E safety, Coding and using Mobile Technology. We will then

move on to Math's, Writing and Reading. These sessions will be very informal and led by our teachers in an adult friendly environment. They will take place during the school day so you don't have to worry about your children in school.

We will also be looking at working with Family Learning and the National Careers Service in the future so please keep a look out for letters coming home.

### Website

We have been updating our website recently so please get on line and have a look

[www.grangetownprimary.eschools.co.uk](http://www.grangetownprimary.eschools.co.uk)

### Twitter

We also have our own twitter feed and you can join us on

[@gtownprimary](https://twitter.com/gtownprimary)

### On another note -

#### Playgrounds

Both myself and the staff have on the very rare occasion witnessed some inappropriate language being used by adults in the playground near the children. Can I please ask you not to do this in front of any of the children as they do copy and they do bring it in to school.

Thank you.

### Social Media

Can I please remind you all to use social media with great care. It is a tool for information and also to keep up to date with friends and family.

Please refrain from mentioning school on any form of social media because people can take it the wrong way and become misinformed and it can be incredibly damaging to our school.

Thank you

## WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO.

### CLIMBING A MOUNTAIN

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October Year 6 completed a sponsored walk up Roseberry Topping. The money raised will go towards their end of year trip to a big city! They also managed to complete 2 of their 10 things to do, making their very own picnic to take on the trip and the walk itself. The weather was a bit miserable but we were all in good spirits as we set off on our mini adventure. All making it to the top was a real achievement,

even though it was very windy we managed to hold on and take in the views. A great time had by all!



*Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand .*

### Woodland Walks

Year 1 and 2 went to Guisborough Woods in September as part of our Enchanted Woodland and Scented Garden topic. We explored the woods, talked about the plants and animals that live there and made a party for the fairies who live there.



### Fire Brigade Visit



Nursery and Reception had a visit from Grangetown Fire Brigade on Monday 21st September linked to the theme 'people who help us' as part of our "Why do you love me so much?" cornerstones topic.

The children met 4 fire fighters, 3 men and 1 woman, and talked about fire safety. The children also got to squirt the hose and sit in the fire engine.

### DEEP BLUE SEA

The children in Year 4 went to the Sea life centre in Scarborough to explore life under the sea. They got up close and personal with penguins and even got to touch a starfish! They saw many creatures including sharks

and an enormous turtle! The children learnt lots of interesting facts such as 'Penguins have no knees!'





# AFTER THE BELL HAS GONE

## Tag Rugby

In P.E this half term children in Year 5 and 6 have been learning how to play Tag-Rugby to fit in with the start of the Rugby World Cup.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October a team of year 5 and 6 boys and girls took part in a Tag- Rugby tournament at Hillsvie School.

The tournament was a huge success with the children playing some great rugby and scoring lots of excellent tries and Grangetown eventually finished 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## Sports Festival

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, children a group of children took part in sports festival at Billingham looking at alternative and disabled sports.

Children got the chance to try new sports such as wheelchair basketball and curling, lots of fun was had by everyone who attended and the children even made new friends.

## The scouts come to visit.

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October the Scouts paid a visit to the school, children in years 4, 5 and 6 played some fun games and got the chance to build a catapult and see if they could beat the teacher's team.

