



Gainsborough Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

31st January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

You will remember from previous newsletters that Gainsborough and Cledford Primary School, who have worked together successfully in a federation for over 6 years, have been working towards joining The Alexandra Multi Academy Trust. The Trust consisted of two schools, Monks Coppenhall Academy and Haslington Academy.

We are pleased to inform you that as of 1st February 2025, our federation and the trust will merge.

We anticipate that you and your child/ren will notice very little difference in your day to day interactions with our school but we are confident that the partnership will be positive and will bring many advantages, such as greater access to resources, staff recruitment and training and curriculum development opportunities.

You may be aware that over the last year or so, we have already been working in partnership with the schools in the trust through projects such as 'Games for All', 'Aim High', last year's Y6 'Balloon Project', and the 'Alexandra Trust Games'. Staff across the schools have also been working together to develop provision and the sharing of good practice in subjects across the curriculum.

We are looking forward to strengthening the collaboration that already exists between the four schools as we work together to further improve outcomes for all of our children across the multi academy trust.

If you have any questions about the trust, please pop in and see us.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Nurse



Mrs Nurse's Special Award

- ★ Victoria (c14), Amelia (c14) and Jake (c13) for a brilliant non-chronological report.
- ★ Reggie (c6) for all round effort.



Dates for your Diary

3 rd -7 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
3 rd February	EYFS Fire Station visit
4 th February	Y5 Safety Central visit
4 th February 12.50pm	Y3 Family Lunch
5 th February 8.50am	Y6 SATs Breakfast Parent Workshop
5 th February	Wear a scarf for Mental Health Week
7 th February	C7 swimming lessons
7 th February	Wear red for sepsis for £1
12 th February	Y6 Weaver Hall visit
13 th February 2.15pm	Y4 Parent Assembly
17 th -21 st February	Half Term Holiday
11 th March	N & R Queen's Park visit

The children in Nursery have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year.



In Reception this week we have been learning about how the Chinese New Year is celebrated. We have been making Chinese lanterns, had a go at writing Chinese symbols, watched dragon dances and learnt a song.



Home learning:
Share the song we have been learning.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpuyngauz8>



Year 1

Year 1 had lots of fun on Wednesday when our parents came to read with us. We enjoyed reading our green story words and tricky red words and then showing off our storytelling skills to our grown ups!



Children's Mental Health Week 2025

This year's theme is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'.

It is about understanding what makes us unique and what our hopes, fears and dreams are. Also we get to know and understand what we are good at, what we find difficult, our likes and dislikes, what makes us feel joy and what may cause us sadness. This helps us form strong and healthy relationships and equips us to cope with any challenges that life brings our way.

On **Wednesday 5th February** we are asking the children to wear a **scarf** as a symbol of support and to raise awareness for children's wellbeing.





Cup Winners



- Class 1: Hurley for being helpful and for having a go.
- Class 2: Alex for developing his independence.
- Class 3: Zayn for excellent counting backwards from 10.
- Class 4: Mia for trying hard to use her big voice when talking.
- Class 5: Luxshith for showcasing his drumming skills in his weekly lessons with Rock Steady!
- Class 6: Jackson for his improved handwriting.
- Class 7: Casper for always being ready to learn and having an excellent attitude towards learning.
- Class 8: Lincoln for excellent behaviour on our visit to the church!
- Class 9: Julia for always being ready to learn.
- Class 10: Hunter for being a brilliant friend and always helping his peers when they need it.
- Class 11: Louie for a huge effort to improve his handwriting on National Handwriting Day.
- Class 12: Mason for resilience and progress in maths.
- Class 13: Livia for doing well in her recent maths assessments.
- Class 14: Rebeca for super effort with algebra this week.



Lunchtime Menu - week 1 - w/c 3rd February 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Quorn Bolognese Jacket Potato	Chicken Tikka Vegetarian Sausage Roll	Sausage & Mash Vegetarian Sausage & Mash	Sweet and Sour Pork Melted Cheese Sub	Fish Fingers Vegetarian Nuggets
Ham / Turkey / Cheese / Tuna available every day				

Attendance

National average Primary School attendance		96%	
Overall school attendance to date		94.55%	
Overall school attendance last week		94.80%	
Nursery Mrs Taylor		95.9%	
Class 1 Mrs Kettle & Miss Eccleston	94.9%	Class 2 Mrs Grocott	93.5%
Class 3 Miss Booth & Mrs Clewes	84.3%	Class 4 Mrs Hampshire	97.1%
Class 5 Miss Gee	97.5%	Class 6 Mrs Poulson-Green	97.8%
Class 7 Miss Hitchen & Miss Aitchison	97.6%	Class 8 Miss Lee	94.8%
Class 9 Miss Gough	94%	Class 10 Miss Iddenden	100%
Class 11 Mrs Dewey	93%	Class 12 Miss Marshall	97.5%
Class 13 Mrs Kelly	92.5%	Class 14 Mrs Taylor	92.3%

Clothing Donation

Thank you to everyone who donated pre-loved clothes this week for the charity Leukaemia & Myeloma Research UK. An amazing 191kg was collected by the charity which raised approximately £100 for the school PTA.



ASDA

Thank you for nominating the school in ASDA's cashpot for schools when using their rewards app. It has raised an amazing £277.70 for the school PTA.

Wear Red for Sepsis

On Friday 7th February the children are invited to wear something red in return for a donation of £1.

We are raising money for The UK Sepsis Trust. Please see letter attached.

