



News on the Ninth

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A busy month

In the middle of producing this News on the Ninth, Ofsted arrived on our doorstep. Business carried on as normal and they were able to see the range of social, moral, spiritual and cultural opportunities that the school has as well as the work the children are now producing. We can't tell you the results of the inspection until the report is ready to be released in two working weeks. This is therefore likely to be after the Easter holidays. This newsletter though comes to you now showing what your children experience and achieve. We hope you enjoy reading it and that you enjoy a happy Easter holiday.

Mr Tapscott

Y3&4 Jack & the Beanstalk



On Wednesday the 18th of March Jack and the Beanstalk appeared on the stage at 2:30 and returned to the stage for one final time on the 19th of March. Jack and the beanstalk is based on a real story where Jack climbs a beanstalk while the giant has his slumber. Jack is played by Cameron Spall and the giant is played by Daniel Leighton Scott, Ethan foreman and Oliver Warner Howel. This story is a mind blowing adventure and an hour of joyful fun. It is an amazing play because of the wonderful TAs and the fantastic teachers. Hold on to your socks because they might fall off!

By Katie Parish and Keeley Johnston.

I hope that you booked a ticket for Jack and the Beanstalk as it will blow your mind. This wonderful adventure made you not able to take your eyes of it. On Wednesday the 18th and Thursday the 19th you could see dances and lots of acting. It was a pound a ticket but it was worth it; it was an hour of fun. We have a proper pantomime cow. The songs are really catchy and you'll be singing all night. Altogether the play is a one of a kind. This play is awesome.

By Josef Hurd and Stanley Russell.

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Y3&4 Jack & the Beanstalk



Amazingly the Jack and the beanstalk production was put on by the Lower Juniors. The children put a lot of hard work into this incredible performance. It was put on Wednesday 18th March 2015 at 2:30 pm and Thursday 19th March 2015 at 6:30. Interestingly there were lots of different characters like a duck, giant, traders, Jack and a mother. The singers and dancers were incredible! The T.As made all the fabulous costumes. The play is about a boy who is small and strong. The giant says FEE Fi FO FUM I smell the blood of an English man.

By Freya Spaul and E Ila Karkoska



On Wednesday 18th of March at 2:30pm and on Thursday 19th of March 6:30 pm, the children of year 3 & 4 have done a magical performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. Musically, songs filled the room, as the children sang to the audience. Fabulous acting by the year 4 with wonderful percussion, dancing and singing by the year 3. Amazing lights by Liz and Jeremy, the lighting crew, and high quality costumes made by TAs brought the show alive. Excellent face paint by teachers and some TAs and they also encouraged the children to perform in front of many adults. Altogether it was a delightful and enjoyable play.

By Callum Robinson and Imogen Robinson



This is about our Gusford Primary School play Jack and the Beanstalk. These are the character's: Daisy the cow is Libby Nevens and Isabelle Yellop; Jack is Cameron Spall; Mother is Amy Mathews; the Giant is Ethan Foreman, Daniel Leighton-Scott and Oliver Warner-Howe. Animals and Traders will be performing. This will be on Wednesday 18th March at 2.30pm and also on Thursday 19th of March at 6.30pm. Year 3 will also be taking part in the Jack and the Beanstalk play. They have dancers that will be also performing a dance their song is called 'Hit the road Jack'. One of the year classes will be using some instruments. Another class will be singing 'Going, Going, Going'.

Libby Nevens and Caitlin Alderton-Green



Book Mastermind

On the 6th March 2015, three pupils from Gusford went to Suffolk New Academy, with two supporters each, to compete in the competition.

Competitors	Supporters
Charlotte Edwards	Imogen Hare, Aaliyah Adams
Abbie Griggs	Kaylia Burgess Jayla Moss
Maddison Peck	Olivia Hart Ellie Sheldrake.

In this competition students that passed the primary heats went to compete in the finals. This meant reading a book of your choice and answering 15 questions in 2 minutes. The people who answered the most in the quickest time, won first, second and third prizes.

Four other schools competed (Oaks, Ranelagh, Halifax and Sprites). The competitors were.....

- Oaks- Lucy Armitage and Tia Bagley Parson.
- Ranelagh- Amber Cooke and Daniel Prime.
- Halifax- Jake Curran and Drew Moyes.
- Sprites- Anais Perriera and Charlotte Tucker.
- Gusford - Charlotte Edwards, Abbie Griggs, Maddison Peck

Eventually the results were revealed. Making Gusford very proud two pupils came.... 1ST & 3RD!
ABBIE = 1ST
DREW (HALIFAX) =2ND
CHARLOTTE =3RD

A big thank you to Mrs Johnson (question master), Mrs Dye(time keeper), Mr d’Cunha (prize presenter/head teacher) and any other teachers /assistants/parents that helped achieve the overall result. Overall it was a brilliant day, ending with biscuits and squash.

By Charlotte Edwards and Abbie Griggs

Y1 Outdoor planters



The year 1 staff and children would like to say a big thank you to Ms Holmes, Mrs Gosling and Riley Gosling for giving their time to make our outdoor area look so bright and colourful with flowers ready for the summer. Thank you.

KS1 Clever Word Challenge

KS1's Clever Word Challenge had had a terrific response from years 1 and 2. Children are invited to fit five interesting words into one properly constructed and punctuated sentence. The best, as chosen by Mr Davies, (possibly with some help to ensure impartiality) wins a prize.

The first winner was Chloe Bell from Hedgehogs. This week's winner was Darcy Westbrook from Otters, who managed to fit **ashamed, dangerous, gloomy, magician** and **ruin** into one super sentence.

Well done to everyone who entered. This week's entry forms are available from, KS1 class teachers.



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The Voice



On Friday 6th March, the entire 'Gusford Family' from Nursery through to Year 6, joined together for an afternoon of superb singing, magical music and fantastic fun!

It was our 1st ever, 'Gusford's Voice' singing competition and the school was 'buzzing!'

All classes held heats leading up to the event and winners from each class went through to a further year group heat. Winners from each year group were chosen as 'finalists'. Children were extremely excited about this event in the preceding weeks, practising in break times and humming down the corridor at lunchtime!



Eventually, the final was upon us and with the hall glittered up with gold sparkly curtains, multicoloured lights and a professional sound system, we were ready for action!

The event was hosted by the hilarious and very organised 'Super Mario' and 'DimWhit O'Leary' who welcomed each act to the stage with smooth precision and kept the attentive audience extremely entertained throughout!



8 finalists performed, not only in front of a packed audience, but a panel of 4 celebrity judges, namely, 'The Queen' 'Simon Cowell' and Posh and Becks. The judges were instructed to judge the voice quality, pitch and tone of each act, rather than the overall performance.



In between acts we were all 'spellbound' by instrumental performances on Violin, Guitar and Drums from some of our talented Upper Juniors; Grace Hammond 6T, Emilia Chilvers 6T, Daniel Sharland 6S and Emilie Kennell 5S .



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Before the KS1 and KS2 winners were announced, the audience listened to a version of 'O, Holy Night' sung by a 'Mystery Voice.' All children were invited to enter into a competition to 'Guess the Voice' and post their entries in the box situated in the school entrance. Winners of this competition will be announced in whole school assembly on Mon 23rd March.



After much technical discussion from the 4 judges, decisions were made and winners chosen. All finalists received a certificate. The winners received a medal and an engraved trophy. Finalists; Kenzie Turpin (Reception), Sophie Williams, Mya Gunn, Bryane Fiddaman-Lawrence, Sophia Gunn, Mae Brotherton, Kaila Alford, Anya Martinalli (Year 1) Maisey Raistrick (Year 2), Maddison Pirie (Year 3) Joseph Head and Katie Parish (Year 4), Kerys Macro (Year 5) Daisy Mann, Charley Davison, Ellie Smith, Faye Polley, Caitlyn Rudland (Year 6) Kiran Nolloth (Wild Card entry).

Winners;

KS1- Kenzie Turpin

KS2- Joseph Head and Katie Parish

Year 5 Diary writing

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed investigating life in Suffolk during WWII. The children imagined they were an evacuee and explained how they were feeling as they arrived at their new home. Here is an example of a fantastic diary by Caitlyn (5F). Super writing!

Dear diary,

Today I was evacuated. As I was woken up by the air raid siren, I immediately leapt out of bed and got to cover. Suddenly there was a knock on the door and my dad left wearing army clothes. I then got worried. Meanwhile my mum and the woman at the door had a long chat. Then the news was spilled - I was being EVACUATED! I packed my bags and off I went, the woman walked me down to the train station. I nervously stepped on and I was about to sob because I was missing my family dearly. I saw my best friends Olivia and Pharren I ran over and sat with them. We shared our sad emotions together. Luckily we were all evacuated together. We were evacuated by a lady called Miss Hass. She showed us to our new room. It was very bright and colourful. We had an enormous bed and lots of chests of draws, so I put my locket in one of them so I could remember this day. Then Mrs Hass called dinner time, we had been traveling for so long it was dinner time, so we all sat and had a roast and a welcoming cake. By that point I was exhausted, dived into my bed and snoozed off!

Caitlin 5F



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Y5 Writers

Y5 writers have been busy and here are two great stories from Year 5. Year 5 entered the BBC Radio 2 500 WORDS competition. Their stories are imaginative and very exciting to read. The children are anxiously waiting to hear if their story is a winning entry - fingers crossed!

The Moon - by Jack W

One morning, there was a boy called Arthur. Arthur had a secret lab in his basement he was working on a portal to the moon. Arthur was going to build his own lab in space and study Alien DNA. Arthur has a considerate Mum she always brought him hot milk so he could focus on his portal.

1 year later "Mum come here quickly!" bellowed Arthur.

"I'm coming," said Amanda.

Amanda was as jubilant as the queen she had long glittering blonde hair.

"Quickly!" shouted Arthur.

"Yes what is it," proclaimed Amanda.

"It's the portal its working mum," gasped Arthur.

Suddenly the suction became more powerful everything got sucked into the portal as fast as a cheetah. When his mum got the last glimpse of Arthur he got sucked into the portal.

"Mummm where are you?" shouted Arthur.

When Arthur opened his eyes he could see time going very fast when he reached the moon. When he turned around he could see all the planets Earth, Sun and all the others. So he set to the Lab. Knock Knock.

"Who goes there?" echoed the door man.

"My names Arthur I'm a scientist," explained Arthur.

"What have you built?" Said the door man.

"I have built a portal that's how I got here," announced Arthur.

Pff the door opened. He could see the scientists working on their inventions.

"Welcome to our lab!" Bellowed the scientists

"Hi" responded Arthur

When Arthur walked through the door he couldn't see anybody SLAM! The door shut. Arthur could hear a strange noise and shadows. Every step Arthur took it screeched. louder and louder it got more the shadow moved. Crash the shelves fell down the lights flickered. When Arthur went round the corner he saw massive holes in the floor. Thump crash he saw a titanic shadow. There was a huge gap in the side of the lab.

"What monster is this," muttered Arthur

He took a look around the lab.

"This place is infested with monsters I better get back to the portal quickly," muttered Arthur.

When Arthur got to the portal it had been ripped up and eaten this monster isn't like other monsters. This monster could eat a tank. In the distances Arthur could see one of the monsters eating his portal. It had a nobby back with massive claws and huge teeth.

"It looks like I have to build a new portal," said Arthur.

But when Arthur turned around he saw one of the monsters....

THE MONSTER MOTORBIKE by Leo A

One sunny day on the Isle of Berk there was a hero named Hiccup. He had broad shoulders, hairy chest and armpits, spiky golden hair and muscles the size of your head a pair of shovel like hands and midget legs. "AHH!" terrible screams came from the woods as a villager was dragged into the woods. But the strange thing is that no one ever saw it legend says it's a motorbike and on full moon it turns into a monster motor bike. It shoots flames out of its exhausts and its wheels turn into chainsaws and chops people up. It attracted people by singing it's impossible not to fall in love with it. And this time Cesario, Hiccups cousin, was its next victim. Unfortunately Hiccup was round his where most of the incidents happened. Hiccup watched in awestruck horror as the menacing piece of metal tore his dear cousin limb by limb as he was gobbled up Hiccup let out a bloodcurdling scream and every bird flew off the only sound for a



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minute or two was the ripping of flesh and snapping bones as metal teeth clattered against them . What Hiccup didn't know was that he join his own relative in his grave and would share the same fate as his dear cousin Cesario.

When Hiccup woke the next morning his eyes stung because of the red hot sun light through the badly made straw hut . When he finished breakfast he swore he would avenge his cousin. And the very next day he went to a training centre called rainbow stripes but inside it was as twice as big and had super weapons one of them was five strings of rope tied together and false rocks on the other end and when you through them they snap someone's neck and to make sure they're dead the rocks explode their heads off and there's a laser gun which melts their face off and skull to ashes . HICCUP had been taught by his father before he passed away and was the highest of the highest and got two gold medals which were really throwing stars in disguise so next he went into the pitch black wood and crept behind the monster motor bike and the only sound higher than the motor bikes mouth was the thumping of Hiccups heart wishing that the monster motorbike wouldn't turn round and gnaw on his flesh . Hiccup was surprised that not once did the monster motor bike turn round and when he entered the cave it was badly lit by torches and on the sides were pure salt crystals and the monster motor bike turned round and spoke "You're dead" . The battle. Hiccup tried to use his stars but they just clanged against the invincible metal and scratched . But just made it angrier and made fire from its ears and even though it didn't touch him he could feel the heat . He killed it with his big cheesy foot.

Ipswich v Brentford reporters



On Saturday 7th March fourteen children from year 4 were given complimentary tickets by Ipswich football team to attend the match. It was a lovely day, the sun was shining and even though the final score was a 1-1 draw it was an exciting experience for all the children and adults that attended. The children were supported with writing notes throughout the first and second half of the match will be used in a writing project in school. Even Crazy and Pac man were photographed with Gusford children. Inside the stadium during half time the notice board sent out a 'Welcome to Gusford Primary School' message which made it extra special. A special thank you to the staff that attended and to the parents that ensured that they were prompt when dropping off and collecting their children.



Netball results

Well done to the Netball team who have won all of their games apart from one draw and one loss.

Away vs Britannia	Lost 9-1
Away vs Cedarwood	Won 7-4
Away vs Dale Hall	Drew 4-4
Away vs Heath	Won 15-0
Away vs Claydon	Won 10-0

With the results from last term it looks like we may be runners up in the league for the second year running so well done to the team. A great achievement.

Football results

The football team have also done very well. We have won all league games apart from one draw.

Gusford 2 - 1 Cedarwood
Gusford 2 - 4 Broke Hall (cup)
Gusford 10 - 0 Springfield
Gusford 2 - 0 Britannia
Gusford 2 - 0 Sidegate
Gusford 3 - 0 Heath
Gusford 2 - 0 Clifford Road
Gusford 1 - 1 Dale Hall
Gusford 5 - 0 Claydon
Gusford 2 - 1 Castle Hill

This means that we have won the league for the second year running. Well done to a great squad.

Note from Mr Tapscott : I am incredibly proud of our netball and football teams and the way that they have conducted themselves so professionally and been such a good example for the school. The positions in the leagues is well deserved as they have been such ambassadors. My thanks to all the staff who have coached and run the teams and the parents who have supported and helped with transport.

Y5&6 E safety



On Friday the 13th of March 2015, 6S had an e-safety afternoon. Parents came in to experience the activities with us. There were four activities. One of the activities was the computer activity. The school set up a fake Bebo for us to fill in. At the time we had no idea that it was just a fake to test us. We could either write in our true details or make them up. Afterwards our teacher asked us how much of our information was true to see how cyber safe we were. Another activity was when we got given some problems and with our parents and we discussed a solution. There were about 5 problems. There was another activity which was a questionnaire and we got given a statement and we had to tick the box true, false or not sure. The last activity was similar to the questionnaire as we had laminated problems and we had to discuss what sheet they would go on. The sheets said 'yes', 'no' and 'sometimes yes sometimes no'. At the end we watched this clip to show what would happen if we weren't careful about what we post on the internet. We learnt how to keep safe on the internet and social network. We really enjoyed this afternoon and we would do it again.

By Eloise Evans and Megan Eccles



Reception classes



The children in Reception have been having fun learning about medieval times. They came to school dressed in a range of princess and knight costumes.

During the week leading up to the medieval day they made their own knight's helmets and shields. They have been comparing life in the past to the present day; thinking about the differences between their own homes and castles.

During the afternoon they had an exciting jousting tournament, performed a medieval dance and had a medieval banquet.

The children have been preparing pottage for the banquet.

Well done to all the children, parents and staff for the amazing costumes. What a fun time we have had learning about medieval times!





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Y6 Colcehster Zoo



On Thursday March 19th Year 6 visited Colchester Zoo. Part of the reason for visiting was to reinforce work on 'Interdependence and Adaptation' in science. To help us with this we received a talk on how animals are adapted in order to survive. Some of the pupils were dressed up to illustrate these features e.g. large eyes in order to spot prey and large ears to help with losing heat in hot places.



Some of us were fascinated by how orang-utans walk – their hands are reversed compared to

humans'. We tried this out for ourselves! We were also able to compare our arm span to that of the orang-utan! It was a great day out and Year 6 were a credit to the school.

On the 19th March 2015, Year 6 went on a trip to Colchester Zoo. This happened because in Literacy we were learning about non chronological reports and we were writing about the animal we liked, such as penguins, giraffes, otters and many more.

We were put in groups to make sure we were all there, but we were allowed to walk with our class. The first thing we saw was many types of monkeys. All of us thought that the monkeys were very smart. Near the monkey enclosure was the crocodiles section where they were very still. Next we saw all of the safari things such as: rhinos, ostriches and many more. I enjoyed seeing the penguins as they are my favourite animal. But also liked seeing the lions sleep in their enclosure and when we got to feed the birds. I would recommend this to other schools because it is very educational but also fun.

By Charly Davison and Ellie Smith

Y5&6 Wolsey Theatre

On Monday 9th of March some actors from Wolsey Theatre performed a production for Years 5 and 6. The play was called "When I grow up" and it was about young children who couldn't decide what to do when they grew up. One of the children's parents told them to use their imagination for a whole week without saying "I'm bored". The other child's parent told them that they should stick to something for a whole week without saying "whatever". In the end they helped each other find out what they want to do when they grow up. This production inspired the children of Years 5 & 6.

By Isobel Stroud and Emilia Swann.

Dear New Wolsey Theatre,
Thank you for your performance we really enjoyed it. Our favourite bit was when Charlie the boy dressed up as the mad professor, then was a wolf and when Charlie the girl dressed up as a police officer and chased each other. We loved using our imagination to think about what we want to be when we are older. I would like to be an author (Charlie) and I would like to be a farmer (Kyerell). Your excellent performance really livened us up on a Monday morning. We hope you come back again soon.

Yours sincerely,
Charlie and Kyerell 5F



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Parent Council meeting - March 2015

The 6th parent council meeting took place on 5th March. Those present were: Shelley Ingram, Debbie Mackenzie-Thorpe, Julie Mills, Emma Fothergill, Sarah Ingram, Tracey Evans, Colin Tapscott, Richard Marlow

We discussed

Sharing afternoon

This had been successful but we need to improve movement from different KS2 classes to ensure some parents could get in outside doors.

End of Year Reports

A draft of the new reports was reviewed by the parent council and feedback was given

Parents' Evenings

Parents felt these had gone well.

Parentview

Parents discussed the results and particularly that a fairly high percentage say they don't know if bullying is well managed. Parent council members all said that they had to say they didn't know because none of them had experienced or heard of any bullying, so it's a positive 'don't know'. Homework was another lower score. It was discussed how homework was changed about a year ago to focus on reading. This seems to have helped improve attainment. Some parents want more homework, some less. It was agreed to let parents know how the homework change is helping. Parents made suggestions on how homework could be introduced more in Y4 and make it manageable. This will be discussed further by the school.

World Book day

Parents raised what was being done and it was clarified what was being done but this did not include dressing up as there had been a series of non uniform days and the school did not want it to be a burden to find costumes.

Bad language

Parents expressed concern about bad language on site from some parents. Reminders will go out in the newsletters regarding this.

Dogs

Some people are bringing dogs on site and some children find dogs worrying. There has also been reports of a snake being brought on site. Parents are to be reminded that dogs and snakes are not to be brought on site.

Next meeting: Thursday 23rd April 2.00pm

If anyone is interested in joining the Parent Council then please let us know. The purpose of the council is to raise general issues, not your child specific, that will help the school celebrate what it is doing well and develop things that need improving. Please email us at parents@gusfordprimary.net if you would like to join the council.



Parentview

You've reached the end of this edition of News on the Ninth. Has it reminded you of all of the good things that go on at Gusford? How about celebrating what you value at Gusford by completing a short survey on Parentview? Please visit parentview.ofsted.gov.uk and register your view on how Gusford is doing. It will really help the school. Our aim is to achieve 100 entries by the start of next term. We are up to 92. Can you help us meet that?