



News on the Ninth

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Opportunities



Like many parents last Friday, I waited eagerly for the return of the Year 5 & Year 6 trip. It was lovely to see the children arrive back with tired eyes but smiling faces. The most memorable was one Year 5 girl who shed a few tears before climbing on the bus on the way out but came back beaming with pride on her arrival home because she was pleased with what she had achieved. The Year 5&6 residential trips sum up the opportunities we give children at Gusford to develop confidence and learning. Developing collaboration is seen in all yeargroups too. At the end of News on the Ninth you will hear about some of the paired class work that has gone on this month.

This edition of the News on the Ninth once again shows a lovely range of experiences for our Gusford children.

SDP 2015/16

This year we have a new development plan. It covers 7 key areas that we want to improve at Gusford.

1. **Whole child:** Identify, develop and celebrate the talents of everyone at Gusford
2. **Excellent learners:** Increase children's confidence, understanding, skills and motivation to take responsibility for their own learning
3. **Proactive Leaders:** Develop leaders at all levels to take responsibility for school improvement in their area
4. **Personalised learning:** Ensuring provision meets the needs of all learners through high quality teaching, high expectations and effective use of assessment
5. **Every child a writer:** Improve standards of writing throughout the school
6. **Narrowing the gap:** Support disadvantaged children to attain as highly as other children
7. **Improving attendance:** Improve attendance by engaging children and instilling a love of learning

We hope to celebrate some of this in News on the Ninth and some pages will be dedicated to these. For example we have a page on SDP1 - celebrating talents, which includes successes outside of school as well as in it.

Thank you to those parents who have contributed and please let us know if you have something to celebrate. Here is the first one:

Ipswich football

Congratulations to Cian Fothergill who has recently been offered a place in the Ipswich Town Pre-Academy





Inspiration

Y5 Horstead



On Wednesday 30th September, some of year five went to Horstead in Norwich. It was our residential trip for three days.

When we arrived and got our cases and we then went into our rooms. After we had settled in we had our delicious lunch. Luckily, we then got a bit of free time before our first activity. Then we got lined up in our groups: Wotsits, French Fries, McCoys, Skips and Hula Hoops.

Firstly, Wotsits (Miss Machin's group) went on the Jacob's ladder, which is a colossal ladder. At the bottom it wobbled a lot, but as you got higher it became sturdier. It was made from logs that you had to climb and as you got higher they got wider apart, although you had a partner with you to help you get up.

Next we had archery, with a very hilarious instructor to teach us. There were four groups of three people at a time to shoot. Each person had three arrows on each go. At the end Amber won the game, closely followed by myself.

After we had finished the activity, we then did team races like the sack race and a foot version of a catapult. Following that we then had a scrumptious meal and I had burger, hotdog, chicken and lots of different salad. Then we watched a movie, whilst others showered. Everyone tidied their room ready for the inspection, then we went to sleep.

When we all woke up at seven thirty we got dressed and brushed our teeth. We then got ready for breakfast. Once everyone was sat down, we were allowed our breakfast that was cereal, toast, bacon and egg.

Standing there was the looming tower, as tall as a dozen baby giraffes. There were two parts of the tower and one extra. At the very top of the tower is the zip line. It goes from the tower, all across the garden, over Jacob's ladder and back. There were four different sides to climb up to do rock climbing and I was the only one to do the hardest one. On the trickiest one there are lots of bumps to get over. Inside of the tower was a little room to practise climbing.

After a little break we then went to our next activity that was bush craft. During this we learnt how to survive in the woods or forest. We got water from the river and filtered it before we then boiled it. We also learnt how to make a fire with flint and steel and made our own warm, cosy shelter.

Following that we had lunch: sandwich, crisps, chocolate and an apple. Then we went to our next activity. For Wotsits that was canoeing. We got into threes and I was with Sree and Caitlin. When we got into the water everyone started to go to the dark green tree where we were told to go. When everyone had arrived there we then got to know each other a little better, by standing up in our canoes! We then started to go back.

With the Skips (Miss Skippin's group) and Hula Hoops (Miss Hughes's group) we did rafting next. We were split into two teams, then started to build our raft. To make our raft we had three barrels, two long ropes and four short ones. The competition wasn't who was the quickest; it was who was the driest!

Then for dinner you could either have sweet and sour chicken and rice or lasagne and garlic bread. Then for dessert you could either have jelly and ice cream or chocolate fudge and custard. Afterwards, we had a bonfire full of songs and very, very tame ghost stories. When all of the excitement had unfortunately come to an end and had our showers, it was time for bed again. Once we had done our morning routine and eaten breakfast, we started our final activity - camp cookery. Throughout this lesson we made bread by adding flour, oats, sugar and water together to make dough. Afterwards we had lunch then unfortunately went back to Gusford.

Megan Gray-Cullum



Inspiration



Wednesday morning

On Wednesday 30th September some Gusford school year fives went on a school trip to Horstead, in Norwich. We all had our suitcases. We got on the coach and it took a long time to get there. Eventually we got there. The building was very big. We all got off the coach and went inside the building. The boss of Horstead told us the rules. Then we went to our bedrooms. We all put our suitcases in the bedroom. We then went downstairs and ate our lunch outside.

Wednesday afternoon

After lunch we had free play. We played football, basket ball and lots more. After that we had our first activity. We got in our groups. My group was called Hula Hoops. First we did archery. Archery was epic. If you shoot a balloon you get 10 points. It was fun. After we cooked break over a fire. Then we had more free time. After that we went indoors and had showers. When we finished our showers we put our pyjamas in and went downstairs and watched a movie. When everyone had had a shower we went to bed. It was funny because everyone kept saying jokes. Some people wanted to go to bed even with the lights on! When the lights went out, we could not see anybody. Everyone laughed. Eventually everyone got to sleep.

Thursday morning

On Thursday morning, we all got up and dressed and washed. After that we had breakfast in the hall. I had rice krispies. When we had finished breakfast we had our third activity. Our group did the tower. The tower is a climbing wall and you can climb it and at the top of the tower you can go on a zip wire that goes a long way. It was scary but AWESOME! After a drink and a break,

we did canoeing. At first I was very scared to do canoeing so I got in the boat with Miss Hughes. In the end, canoeing was more fun that I thought. Next we had lunch. I had turkey sandwiches. They were nice. I also had cheese and onion crisps! Yum!

Thursday afternoon

In the afternoon we did bush craft. It was really good fun. We found out how to clean water from a river. Also we learnt how to set fire to cotton wool using flint and steel. It made me feel good because I had never done it before. Then we did rafting. I was scared. In the end it wasn't too bad! Then we had lunch, it was good! When everybody was at the bonfire we all sat around it and sang and did ghost stories. Then we all had our shower. After showers we got in our pyjamas and went to bed. It was a better night sleep because everybody was settled in.

Friday morning

On Friday morning we all woke up, some happy and some sad as we had to leave Horstead at 13:15. We all got dressed and washed ready for breakfast. When we got in the hall, I had beans on toast. It was delicious. On the activity we did Jacob's ladder. We had to climb a big ladder. It was fun.

Friday afternoon

In the afternoon we all got on a coach and went back to Gusford. We saw our parents. I was happy to see my family!

Taylor Hubert





Inspiration

On Wednesday 30th September, most of year five visited Horstead. We were put into groups. I was a French Fry. We left around quarter past eight. It was an extremely long journey. Finally we arrived and were taken to our rooms.

French friends had canoeing first. None of us fell in, but we found it very hard. After canoeing we made rafts and learnt a D-knot. Next we put our rafts in the water and had to paddle them to the other side of the river. Then we had a lunch. I had a ham sandwich, an apple and a biscuit.

Later on we played games like the sack race and catapult and had a barbeque for dinner. Everyone had showers. I slept in the Salhouse. We played truth or dare in our room before lights out.

The next morning we had a cooked breakfast and had a little play before Archery. I came fourth in archery. Next we did camp cookery. We made delicious bread and popcorn. After lunch we had a go on the Jacob's ladder. I loved it and got to the top four times! We also made dens in bush craft.

Dinner was amazing. I had lasagne. Soon we had a bonfire and sand and made funny, tame ghost stories. We watched Toy Story and went to bed.

Unfortunately it was the last day in Horstead. It was our last activity. We went rock climbing and on a massive zip wire. "Best 'til last!" I said. The zip wire was fantastic. We had lunch and got on the coach. Sadly our trip was over.

Katie Parish

Year 6 Highwoods

On Wednesday 30th of September, while some of Year 6 were at Hilltop, the remaining pupils went on a wonderful school trip to High Woods Centre Park. This was a great opportunity for the Year 6's to get outside and be more active.

When we got there we went to do pond dipping with a lady called Emma who guided us along in case we did the wrong thing. We all got into certain groups for this activity then we had a go each at swishing the net around the pond to see what little creatures we could find. We found newts, backswimmers, phantom lava nymph and a snail and loads of other little creatures.



After lunch we went orienteering with a map to guide us, along with a compass as well. When we were half way through the challenge Ms Headlam said that if we ran up the massive hill we would each get a sweet.



When we had finished that challenge we went on a huge adventure park which was great fun. We had half an hour on the playground. This was a fun day for the Year 6's we didn't want to leave this place we had a great time!

By Sophie and Macey



Inspiration - SDP 1 Celebrating talents

Ipswich Junior Parkrun



How are you doing with keeping up Gusford's New Year's resolution, of getting regular exercise? In January 2015, Daniel Ingram (Year 2-Kangaroos), started taking part in the Ipswich Junior Parkrun, a 2km run, which takes place every Sunday morning in Christchurch

Park, in all weathers! Each runner is timed and can then aim to improve on this. Daniel has worked hard to improve his time and now has a PB of 10 mins and 26 secs. He has recently been awarded his yellow "marathon" band (see photo), for clocking up 26 parkrun miles, and is aspiring to complete 50 Parkruns to earn his "Ultra Marathon" band.

Ipswich Junior Parkrun is open to all and free to take part – visit the Parkrun website to register, and off you go! www.parkrun.org.uk/ipswich-juniors/

Gusford Clubs

We are excited to announce some new clubs here at Gusford, running alongside all the old favourites. The Technology and Lego club for Years 5 and 6 has had a great start, with myself and Mr Harvey enjoying creating things as much as the children! The club has proven to be very popular, with a waiting list for next half term already. We are hoping to be able to offer everyone a place who would like one over the coming year. Art club is also new for Years 5 and 6. We've had one session already but we're looking forward to the Year 6 children joining us now they are back from the residential trip. We'll be making spooky things this month as we prepare for Halloween! Another new club for the Year 5s and 6s is Dance and Theatre skills. Children will get the chance to learn choreography, singing and stage skills to really take the school play to a new level. This new club, along with the Drama club for the lower years, will be starting after half term. Keep an eye on Parentmail for sign ups. Sewing Club is also due to return for another year, more information will be available soon via Parentmail. Running every Thursday and Friday lunchtimes in the gazebo is the new Friends Club. Set up in the 'quiet zone', the club promotes quiet activities, such as colouring and reading. It's open to everyone and there is no need to sign up, so just bring your friends or come and find some new ones!

Rebecca Johnston - Graduate Intern

Gusford Clubs

	Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday		Thursday	Friday
Year R,1&2	Gymnastics- Years R, 1 & 2	Multi-sports Year R	Drama Y1-4	Dance Years 1 & 2	Learn Play Grow Y 1 & 2	Multi-sports Years R, 1, 2	Football Years 1 & 2
Year 3&4	Gymnastics Year 3	Football Years 3 & 4	Dance Years 3 & 4	Multi-sports Years 3 & 4	Basketball Years 3 & 4		
Year 5&6 lunchtime			Art Club – Years 5 & 6			Friendship Club Yr 5 & 6	Friendship Club Yr 5 & 6
Year 5&6 After school	Technology club Yr 5 & 6		Football – Years 5 & 6			Multi-sports– Years 5 & 6	
						Netball Years 5 & 6	



Expectation - SDP 5 Every child a writer

Foundation Stage Family Cafe



Children in the foundation stage have been having fun learning to retell "The 3 little Pigs" story. They have looked at story maps and then put actions to the story to try to help them remember it. By the end of the week lots of the children could retell the story. Some children have even started to innovate the story by adding their own characters or a different ending to the story.

They decided to share their learning with their families during Family Café. Families were invited in to the classroom and the children retold the story to them. Then they worked with their adult to draw their own story maps. It was great fun, with lots of talking and good story telling happening. The afternoon was finished off with cheese, crackers and some orange squash.

For our Nursery family cafe we focussed on speaking and listening skills through a variety of activities. We read some traditional tales with our parents. The children did really well with joining in with the repeated refrains such as 'Fi Fi Fo Fum' and 'I will huff and I will puff.' The children also had to 'spot the nursery rhyme.' We heard lots of great singing from parents and children! We also looked for 2 rhyming words.

Mrs Clifford & Miss Cable

Ipswich Town Project

Similar to last year, Ipswich Town are running a scheme to encourage reading and writing in primary schools. Part of joining the scheme means that we receive one adult and one child's season ticket to use as a reward for work within class. Each week we will pick a child who has really worked hard and improved in writing. They will be announced in assembly and they then borrow the season tickets for a game and bring them back.

Keep working hard on that writing and you could enjoy a match at Ipswich Town.

Blog

Each week Mr Tapscott hopes to write a short blog about the school or things he has observed in the week. You can follow this at the website www.gusfordprimary.org/about-us/headteachers-blog.html



Collaboration

Meeting of Minds - 6H & Koalas



This week 6H paired up with the 'Koalas' to share what they have been learning about in Geography. Year 6 used their expert knowledge of the continents to draw out a giant version of a given continent. Year 1 pupils have been learning about where in the world fruits come from so they drew fruits and animals onto the continent.



Team Building



Last week a group of Year 6 pupils focused on team building for the week. This involved parachute games and a variety of activities where the pupils had to overcome problems together.

Building on the pond dipping work which they did at Highwoods, the pupils were given the challenge to make a book for Year 2 pupils on an invertebrate of their choice. They worked brilliantly in their teams and, at the end of the week, shared their books with the 'Kangaroos'.

