



News on the Ninth

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Stories

This issue of News on the Ninth contains stories from a range of year groups. Enjoy reading them and looking at how well the pupils of Gusford are writing.

Linked to writing is reading. The more that children read, the more they understand, notice and remember different words, sentence structures and imaginative ideas. Next month is World Book Day. To celebrate this, we are holding a book sale and book amnesty. The book sale is at the end of the school day on Wednesday 5th March. In order for this to be a success, we are asking you to donate any books (children's and adults) which are in good condition please. All money raised will go towards purchasing new books for the school. Thank you. Happy reading!

Mrs G Smith

Pizza Express



A group of Year 3 and 4 children have been working really hard on organising a trip to Pizza Express over the last few weeks.



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Inspiration



They had to use a range of difficult maths skills to achieve this. They had to create nets for pizza boxes and work out the best one, calculate the best pizza deal from the menus, use fractions to work out how much of each topping would be needed per slice for a party of 8 and work out the best and cheapest mode of transport for the distance they had to travel. The trip was really well organised by these pupils and much fun was had by all.

Percy the Park Keeper



The children in Reception and Nursery were treated to a great story session from Percy the Park Keeper. Percy had heard that we had been reading the story about that very special snowy night when all the animals came to his hut to keep warm. He came into school and gave a wonderful retelling of that favourite story. The children were entranced and said many thank yous afterwards.





Collaboration

Chinese New Year



The children also learnt about some of the customs of Chinese New Year. They learnt that: little lucky red money envelopes were given to children as presents; red and gold were popular colours for decorating the houses; fireworks would be set off at New Year and there would be dragon dances in the street.

The children in Reception and their families celebrated Chinese New Year on Monday 3rd February. Lots of great creative ideas were made and a long, fierce dragon was made in the outside area. The children went on an ordinal number hunt and tasted a range of delicious Chinese food. Beautiful fans were made and the Robin children practised their mark making by writing Chinese symbols in red sand. Some of the Woodpeckers wrote their names under the animal name for the year they were born. Owls started to create an amazing dragon in their class.





Expectation

Year 6 Multipathway Stories

Ms Headlam's Literacy group has worked in groups to write an interactive, multipathway adventure story. They began by watching an on-line adventure game called 'Samarost' and continued the science fiction theme when writing further chapters.

The stories were written on Powerpoint so that they were interactive and users could make their own choices as to the route they took through the adventure. Images and sounds were also added. When the stories were complete, a Year 5 group were invited to try them out.



Netball Team

Gusford's Netball Team has recently competed against Gorseland and Springfield Primary Schools. Gusford won both matches 3-2. Superb results!



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SPRINGFIELD



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What a brilliant start to the netball season! Everyone played extremely well during this close battle vs Springfield. There were some fantastic interceptions and excellent passing throughout the game. Scorers: Roseanne- 2, Dylan-1

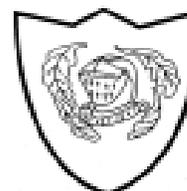
PLAYER OF THE MATCH: **Roseanne Rokobuli**

She played superbly well as our captain and also managed to be our top goal scorer!



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GORSELAND



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GUSFORD

The netball team continued to shine in their second match, holding out for another close win. Keep it up! ☺ Scorers: Roseanne- 2, Kia-1

PLAYER OF THE MATCH: **Bethan Fothergill and Annie Marlow**

Both these girls played extremely well together in defence and managed to stop the other team equalising in the last quarter!



Expectation

By Alex Hawes (4G)

Year 4 Stories

Ack and the Ender
by Jack Walters (4G)

Ack was woken up by the sound of his Dad reading about the Ender Dragon. It was a really sunny day. Ack got out of bed and picked up his sword and his slingshot. Ack glanced out of his window and looked at the glamorous village. His father called him, he had a quest to kill the mighty Ender Dragon.

Ack's father was a huge muscular man with broad shoulders. Ack was a 15 year old boy with a big muscular frame. He went outside to wash his face in the blue lagoon, where the mountains stood silently looking over the crystal water.

Walking up some old jagged steps, wearing his long robes with iron boots, suddenly he came upon a blood stained rock that was probably from the Ender Dragon. Ack reached a bottomless volcano. The volcano started shaking. Ack ran into the darkest, scariest cave ever. Nervously he grabbed his torch, he walked a metre. Some rocks fell and blocked the exit. The molten glowing lava started making its way into the cave, Ack's heart started racing. He started running silently. Suddenly he came upon a mighty blood curdling dragon with razor sharp teeth and colossal bulging claws. The lava started accelerating down the walls of the cave. Briskly Ack looked to his left and right, he ran into an exit on his right.

Without thinking, he jumped into some water. The lava reached the water and started to turn into obsidian. Ack began to swim deeper towards the light. He felt his lungs burning, he was running out of air. As he reached the surface, he took a colossal breath and grabbed his sword and slingshot. He shot the dragon in the heart and watched it tumble into the volcano.

Returning to the village, Ack felt relieved. He reached the village and went to his house. He climbed into bed. He was drifting off to sleep when suddenly Ack heard a spine freezing roar. Was it the dragon?

As Groatless, who had fit muscles and was tall, opened his eyes, he could hear crackling. He opened them wider and saw the village was burning like a torch. Quickly he went to the tribe leader's hut but that had molten lava pouring out of all of the windows. The tribe leader rushed out of his hut and told Groatless, who gritted his teeth, that the Wither had attacked the village and Groatless should go and kill the Wither. Groatless, who was stronger, sprinted home and packed Pumpkus the pumpkin dragon and Saby the dog. He was ready to go and kill the legendary Wither.

Putting his shoulder plates over his broad shoulders, Groatless grabbed his obsidian sword and left the village. Entering the Forest of Doom, his skin turned as pale as a teenager in a horror film. He saw a jagged gravel path to the mineshaft and saw trees crackling so he followed that path. He could hear screaming up ahead so ran up the path, but she was already dead. Suddenly some of the Wither's guards surrounded him so he got out his sword and killed them all. He went into the abandoned mine, which was gloomy, and on the serrated floor was Wither waste. The glowstone ceiling dripped water on his head. There was the sinister Spawner sitting in the corner.

As Groatless drew his sword the Spawner transformed into a spooky Wither and set the mineshaft burning like a torch. Furiously the Wither sent down a tall dark mutant Wither skeleton, Groatless was horrified. The skeleton hit the ground with his iron fist. Groatless chopped some wood and covered the ceiling, it was just him and the mutant. Groatless dodged his attack as the mutant hand got jammed in the wall. He chopped his arm off. The mutant exploded so Groatless wandered over to the Wither, who was running on Spawner power. He wiped his glimmering sword and leapt up at the Wither, who was escaping. Missing with his sword, Groatless fell into the skull of the mutant. Without warning Pumpkus flew up and shot pumpkin seeds out of his mouth, Groatless didn't know that Pumpkus could shoot seeds. Pumpkus dodged the first fireball then the Wither shot another which hit Pumpkus like a torpedo. Once it hit him he fell to the ground dead. The Wither died and regenerated into a Nether dragon. Groatless tamed it with his sword and got on its back and flew away.



Expectation

Groatless got out his bucket and picked up some water and set his tent up on the dragon's back. He found a giant bucket, which was used as a temple for the God of Buckets so Groatless dropped his bucket and filled the giant one up. He went to the village and put the petrifying flames and lava out. He rescued the villagers and went to the church to set up Pumpkus's funeral. At the end of the funeral Groatless was awarded a medal for his valour. At Pumpkus's gravestone the priest put a medal on his gravestone.

Football Team

Owain Richards Memorial Cup – Quarter Final 4.2.14

Dale Hall FC 1 v 2 Gusford FC

Team: Kye Adams (GK), Dylan Fothergill (Captain), Josh Crawford, Ben Morling (1 goal), Bailey Postlethwaite, Harry Blackburn, Charlie Warren, Igli Zeqo, Brayden Ablett (1 goal)

Man of the Match: Ben Morling. Ben capped a brilliant defensive performance with a stunning goal from outside the box to win the tie.

Year 2 Story Writing

The True Story of Little Red Riding Hood

By Ellie Rayner (Badgers)

Once upon a time there was a young and naughty girl called Little Red Riding Hood. One day, Red's mum asked her to go to Grandma's cottage because she was feeling poorly.

"Can you take these cakes to your Grandma's cottage?" she said.

"Why should I?!" shrieked Red Riding Hood. "I want to play on my swing."

So she agreed and stomped out into the copse, scampering across the flowers. Just then Red saw a wolf and then he asked "Hello little girl, what is your name?"

"None of your business and I HATE you!" shouted Little Red Riding Hood.

"But where are you going?" he continued.

"OK! I'm going to my Grandma's cottage," she exclaimed.

"Thank you very much!" thanked the wolf politely. "I hope you'll share them."

"We will!" replied Red sneakily. The sun was shining and then the wolf said "It's very hot isn't it?" Little Red Riding Hood started to eat the chocolate cakes. In the copse the sun shone brightly while Red ate all the cakes. She had splodges all over herself. Then the wolf sang a song. "Your cape is so red little girl. I hope it will never change."

"Little girl can I have a game of guess your name?"

"OK!" cheered Little Red Riding Hood happily. She forgot about her rudeness and she was having lots of fun.

"Is your name Little Red something?" he guessed.

"Yes it is!" replied Red surprisingly. They kept on playing until he guessed.

"Is it Little Red Riding Hood?" he asked.

"You are correct!" she said cheerfully.

While Little Red Riding Hood was dancing about the wolf said "Were you rude before?"

"To be honest I was" she communicated.

"I'll let you have some quiet time by yourself" and he left her.

So off he skipped singing his song quietly. He kept one going until he got to Grandma's. Finally he got to Grandma's and he knocked on the door.

Once Grandma had heard the door she was very excited because she knew it was her granddaughter but it wasn't. Then she opened the door. She was very shocked because it was the wolf instead.

"Where is my granddaughter?" questioned Grandma nervously.

"Sorry what did you say?" asked the wolf dreamily.

"You know what I said!" she shouted.

"OK!" laughed the wolf.

"I left her because I thought she needed some quiet time."

"Shall we make some cakes together?" said Grandma.

Soon Little Red Riding Hood was at Granny's cottage.

"Hello Grandma!" called Red Riding Hood.

Grandma let Red have some cakes even though Grandma knew she had been rude and she forgot all about that. Then Little Red's mum came and fussed "Have you?"

After all that fuss they celebrated. And they all lived happily ever after.



Expectation

Year 5 Competition Writing

For homework this week children from Year 5 have written a 500 word story that will be entered for the Radio Two competition. The first prize is DJ Chris Evan's height in books and 500 books for the school library. The Year 5 teachers have really enjoyed reading all of the entries and we wish them lots of luck! Here is one of the entries written by Imogen Hare from 5GM.

The Mannequin's Portal

It all starts with a girl called Ziva, aged 10, who lives with her dad David. They live in a country house in the middle of nowhere. Ziva had recently lost her mother Penelope. Penelope just disappeared. All that was left was some strange melted wax with her wedding ring in the middle glistening in the light.

Ziva's dad is a builder; he had made their little hut. He thought it was perfect for peace and quiet. Ziva is home schooled and loves building just like her dad. Ziva's dad has just finished a plan for a new house and was ready to get started. Ziva had to stay home alone while he worked. For safety he locked the door and took the key. On the way, David had a mysterious feeling that doing this build is a bad idea, but he simply ignored it. David said he would be back by 9 o'clock. This is not the first time Ziva had been left alone while he worked. So she knows her dad talks the truth with her last few experiences. David reached his location and realised he'd left his plans behind on the kitchen side. He was just about to go back when he tried to turn his feet but his feet just went forward towards the materials. He couldn't stop! He felt like clockwork. He tried and tried but just couldn't stop. Suddenly he was working so fast he didn't know what was happening. He abruptly stopped and to his amazement he had finished! He took one look at the haunted house and was gob smacked. It was so sinister and looked weak like it was just about to collapse. Completely shocked he was just repeating and repeating in his head, should I go in? Or should I not?

Without thinking David walked through the door. It was almost pitch black with little light shining through cracks in the walls. There were no windows. David felt terrified and his knees were shaking, but he just couldn't leave. Once in the room the door shut, locking itself. David was stuck! His heart was pumping so fast. With all his strength he tried to open the door, but it was useless. He decided to investigate and find another way to escape. Downstairs was no good so David decided to go

upstairs. Because the floor was weak he had to be very careful to watch his step.

Ziva checks her watch and it is 9.30pm. She is worried about her dad and finds one of his tools to unlock the door. She uses his plans to get his location.

David had just discovered a menacing mannequin in one of the rooms; it grabbed him and pushed him into a portal! And there was Penelope standing crying. He grabbed Penelope right through the portal just before it closed. Ziva broke down the door to the haunted house. They were free! Before they knew it the house was destroyed. They were all reunited.

Swimming Awards

Lewis Russell (6H) has achieved Level 7 of the ASA National Swimming Awards.

Stanley Russell (3SC) has achieved Level 4 of the ASA National Swimming Awards.

Swimming is a great skill to have. Well done! A great achievement!

Gusford Knights

As part of Gusford's reward system, pupils are given merits for their efforts and the work they produce. When they achieve 100 merits, they receive a bronze certificate; 200 is a silver certificate and so on.

A number of children in Year 6 have recently become a Knight of Gusford for achieving 600 merits. Considering that teachers generally give between 1 and 3 merits at one time, this is quite an achievement.

Congratulations for becoming a Knight of Gusford to Shannon Arthur, William Bedford, Amaya Evans, Brandon Hardwicke, Leah Hawley-Vane, Harry Matthews, Vanessa Morphew, Libby Page, Brandon Peck, James Porter, Jack Smith and Grace Taylor. We hope you enjoyed your tea round the Round Table with Mr Tapscott!

