

‘Being the best we can be together!’

Autumn Term Activities

It has been amazing having all the children in school this half term, we have learned a huge amount whilst having fun. The children have definitely earned their holiday. The photos in this newsletter show some of the activities that have been taking place.



Golf took place in all year groups.

FOGS – we need you!

At Gotham, we have always been very fortunate that parents have been willing to get involved in Friends of Gotham School (FOGS) and have organised some lovely events for children. They have also raised money for some welcome resources and treats for school.

FOGS needs some new members, whether you can spare a little bit of time to help at a disco or be on the main organising group. If you would be interested, at whatever level, please let Natalie Danylevych or Jennie Walker know:

ndanylevych2@gotham.notts.sch.uk
or
chair@gotham.notts.sch.uk

Is your child entitled to Free school meals, trips and additional school funding? Find out if you're entitled

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Sporting Achievements

This half term in P.E. lessons, children have been developing invasion game knowledge and skills. In year 5 and 6, Mr. Burton has been teaching basketball and in year 3 and 4 they have been learning netball. Mrs Howard has also been running lunchtime clubs to further develop netball skills with all age groups. Following these lessons, the basketball team has had successes against Burford and Old Basford Primary Schools. We won one of our mini tournaments – well done!



The Girls' and Boys' football teams have also played a number of matches. Our new football goals were definitely well christened with a 9-nil win for the girls against Sutton Bonington School. Most recently, the boys travelled to Rosecliffe Spencer Primary School and won 3-2. We are very proud of you all!



Pupil Parliament



Each term, Rushcliffe Schools' Association Pupil Parliament meets at County Hall.

Two children from each Rushcliffe school sit on the Pupil Parliament.

They represent the views of children in their own school at the meetings. Each term the agenda is set by children on the RSAPP and shared in all of our schools.

The RSAPP meetings are held at

County Hall in the Council Chambers and the children get the opportunity to present their views to other schools and sometimes local Councillors. They make sure that the children of Rushcliffe have an opportunity to have their views heard on issues which are important to them.



This photo shows that our Councillors were so dedicated that they still had all their luggage from the Walesby residential with them!



Wraparound Provision

As you may have heard in the news, the government would like all primary schools to offer wraparound provision by 2026. This is something that we know can be challenging for parents at Gotham Primary and is something that the School and Governors are keen to look at. We know that, although there are wraparound options within the village, an option at school would be beneficial both to new pupil numbers and existing parents.

We will therefore soon be looking to contract a wraparound provision for the school, aiming to commence in September 2024. This will involve an open and transparent advertising process, which providers will be able to respond to.

As this process continues, we will keep parents informed and will share details of hours covered and costs as we know them. In the meantime, if you want to ask any more about this, then please contact chair@gotham.notts.sch.uk

Welcome to Mrs Lees



In September, Mrs Lees joined us as a teacher in Beech class on Thursdays and Fridays. It is a pleasure having her working with us.

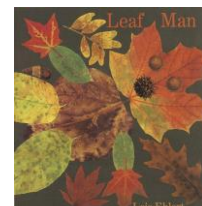
Oak Class Learning



Oak class have created fruit faces inspired by Arcimboldo.



They have also been on an autumn walk searching for leaf man.



Open Half Hours

It was lovely to see so many parents pop into school for our open half hours. The children were extremely excited to show you their learning and classrooms.



Chestnut Forest School

This half term, year 2 have been using the new forest school area with Acorns to Oaks Forest School. They have developed many new skills and enjoyed the different way of learning.



Useful Contacts

www.gothamprimary.co.uk

The school website has the calendar, policies and a range of useful information

@SchoolGotham

Follow our Twitter feed to see activities happening in school.

ndelfino@gotham.notts.sch.uk

Miss Delfino is the best person to contact about absences, medical appointments, pick up arrangements and school dinners.

janetteallen1@gotham.notts.sch.uk

Miss Allen is a good person to contact with any concerns and academic questions.

office@gotham.notts.sch.uk

Mrs Hughes is a good person to contact for general enquiries.

If there is an emergency, please don't rely on email. If we haven't replied to your email, phone the office on 0115 9149751

Walesby Residential

In October, the year 6 children took part in a three-day residential at Walesby Forest. They had an amazing time, despite the rain. Here are just a few photos showing their adventures.



Sycamore Class Learning

Sycamore class have been working on self portraits in art. Their skills and knowledge of proportion have really improved.



Beech Class Learning

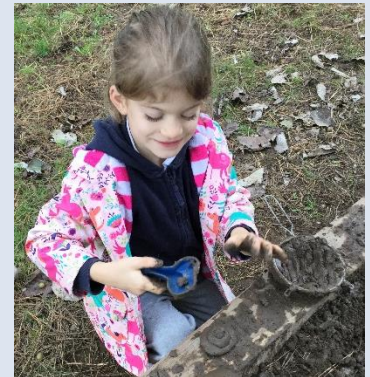
For homework, Beech class had an autumn treasure bag to fill. Look at what they found!



Beech class has also been developing their balance, co-ordination, strength and gymnastic sequencing in large apparatus sessions.



Even More Chestnut Forest School!





Upcoming Events

Monday 6 th November	<u>Inset Day – am Safeguarding, Autism in Girls Training pm Curriculum</u> <u>No children</u>
Tuesday 7 th November	<u>Children return</u>
Monday 13 th November	<u>Parents' Evening</u> <u>More details to follow</u>
Tuesday 14 th November	<u>Parents' Evening</u> <u>More details to follow</u>
Wednesday 15 th November	<u>Oak and Beech Class Trip</u>
Monday 20 th November	<u>Open Evening for New starters 2024 4pm – 6pm</u>
Monday 27 th November	<u>Basketball Team Match at St. Edmund Campion Primary School</u>
Saturday 2 nd December	<u>Gotham Christmas Market</u> All children invited to sing to the community at 5pm More details to follow
Thursday 7 th December	<u>Christmas Jumper Day</u>
Tuesday 12 th December	<u>Basketball Team Match at South Wilford Primary School</u>
Wednesday 13 th December	<u>2.15 Year 1 and 2 Class Christmas Nativity</u> Visitors will be allowed onto site from 2.05. Please do not arrive before then – we won't be ready 😊
Tuesday 19 th December	<u>2.15 Oak Class Christmas Nativity</u> Visitors will be allowed onto site from 2.05. Please do not arrive before then – we won't be ready 😊
Thursday 21 st December	<u>Christmas Party Day</u> Children can come to school wearing party clothes, please ensure they are appropriate for school with sensible shoes.
Friday 22 nd December	<u>School Closes 2.30pm</u>
Thursday 4 th January	<u>Children return</u>