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Newsletter 18th July 2023.

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we come to the end of the academic year 2022-2023, I would like to say a very big thank you to all our parents/carers for your unwavering support throughout the year. As a school, we have had another successful year with so many highlights and wonderful opportunities and experiences for our children.

We would like to say a very special farewell to our Year 6 pupils who are moving on to their high schools. We will miss them and wish them lots of happiness and success for the future. We know that our Y6 children are ready to embrace the new adventures that lay ahead of them. For some of our families, this will be the end of our partnership as they don't have younger children in school. To all those families, thank you so much for all your commitment and dedication to Gayton; we are incredibly grateful for all your support.

Many thanks to our amazing PTA for raising much needed funds for our school whilst, at the same time, putting on events which promote fun and enjoyment for all our children/families. I am so grateful to them for everything they have done throughout the year and for raising money for our school.

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our staff who work tirelessly to ensure the very best for all the children and, on a daily basis, demonstrate their commitment to education as they nurture, care, support and educate our children; fostering a love of learning.

Finally, to our local governing board who continue to support, challenge and ensure that our school provides the highest quality education for our children.

Gayton truly is a very special school and we are very grateful to everyone who plays a part in creating our wonderful school community.

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Staffing update:

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Update

We are saying a very sad farewell to two members of staff at the end of this term. Di Bryan has worked as a valued member of our lunchtime team for 6 years. We will still get to see Di as she will be continuing to work in pre-school.

Sarah Dickinson will be leaving her role as a teaching assistant at the end of the year but she will be continuing in her role as a member of our play team. We are thankful to them both for everything they have done for our children throughout the time they have been here.

GolfSixes- Mini league

Well done to our golf team who competed against seven other schools at the GolfSixes mini league event at Arrowe Park. The organisers of the event were impressed with the skills of all the children competing and said that the team ethic amongst all the children is a credit to the staff and school. This was the first event of this type in the country and there are plans to continue this event every year as part of the legacy of 'The Road To the Open project'.

Overall, Gayton won the tournament with an amazing 141 points. As we were the winning team, the golf team were invited to attend the Golf Foundation at The 151st Open Championship at Royal Liverpool to collect the Claret Jug trophy. Below are some photographs from their visit to The Open which they thoroughly enjoyed!



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Rest Easy- External Review.



Since 2020, we have implemented a whole school approach to mental health called 'Rest Easy'. This is something that our children and staff have embraced and we have found that many of our children have benefited from the method and will now independently apply the strategies to support them when they are feeling sad, angry or unsettled. Mrs Hadley has worked with small groups of children, who have been identified by staff, to provide additional Rest Easy intervention. This has also been very successful and has enabled us to provide more targeted support for individual pupils.

Last week, Emily Gearing (founder of Rest Easy) came into school to complete an external review. We are delighted with the outcome and have now been awarded the silver Rest Easy award. This is a wonderful achievement for the school and I am incredibly grateful to all the staff who have embraced Rest Easy and built Rest Easy time into the daily timetable as well as Miss Hudson and Mrs Hadley who have been critical in ensuring the success of the implementation of the approach across the school. We have now been invited to be a flagship school for Rest Easy and look forward to sharing our practice with other schools. Next year, we will be working towards the Gold accreditation and will be involving parents as part of this. Further details will be shared in the autumn term.



Gold Mark- Wirral School Games

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Sports Mark Gold award again in recognition of our commitment to the development of competition across the school and into the community. Many thanks to all our parents/carers who have supported our children at a wide variety of sporting events throughout the year. We are also very thankful to Mrs Travers and Mrs Wright for continuing to raise the profile of PE and sport within school.



Reminder: Y6 Leavers' assembly:

Y6 parents/grandparents are invited to come along to our leavers' assembly on **Wednesday 19th July at 1:45pm**. Year 6 are very much looking forward to sharing their performance of Cinderella Rockerfella.

Annual Reports:

Annual reports were sent home to parents/carers on **Friday 14th July 2023**. Please ensure that you return the feedback form before the end of term. After receiving your child's report, if you need to speak to the

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class teacher, please contact the school office and the teacher will be in touch with you as soon as possible. If you have any queries about your child's attendance record, please contact the school office.



PTA Events:

Thursday 20th July 2023– Non-School Uniform day (PTA donation via Parent Pay)



PTA fundraising -Donations for Outdoor Classroom.

The PTA have raised a phenomenal amount of money so far and are very close to having the full amount of money for the outdoor classroom/shelter which our children have requested as they would like a quiet area on the playground which they can access. This will also provide shelter for our children.

They are currently £1500 short and therefore are asking parents if they would consider making a donation so that we could go ahead with the installation in September 2023. We appreciate that this is a big ask but, if they raise enough money, we will be able to have it installed at the start of the new school academic year which is perfect as then we will have this in place for the autumn term.



If you are able to donate anything, we would be very grateful. If your business is in a position to help / sponsor/ donate we would appreciate your consideration.

http://www.gayton.wirral.sch.uk/website/pta_donations/642376

Donations can be made on the link above. The form allows you to gift aid your donation which allows us to claim 25% of your donation at no extra cost to you.

We have had an amazing response so far and already £2000.00 has been donated. Thank you for your donations so far and please keep them coming so we can make the installation possible!

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PTA – Stikins

The PTA have teamed up with Stikins to provide parents with quality sticky name labels that actually stay put whilst generating commission (30%) for the school. Please go to <http://stikins.co.uk> to place your order using our unique fundraising number 7812.



Lost Property:

Lost property will be displayed under the canopy for the next few days before we break up for the summer term. Any items not claimed will be washed and donated to FUSS/FUPS so please take the time to check if any of the items belong to your child/ren. **We would really appreciate parents/carers labelling clothing so that we can return it to the children. The PTA Stikins labels would be perfect for this!**

Music Concert:



Well done to everyone who took part in our music concert on Friday 14th July 2023. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to perform in front of a live audience. We have so many musically talented children at Gayton so it is lovely to be able to share this with others and also to invite parents/carers into school to see their children perform.

Summer Reading Challenge:



The summer reading challenge is taking place at Wirral libraries over the summer holiday. Last year, at Wirral libraries, 2731 children joined the challenge and we would love to have lots of Gayton children taking part this year. Children can sign up at their local library or [online](#).

It is proven that the Summer reading challenge helps to significantly improve reading confidence and independence. It helps to ensure that pupils are ready for their return to school, preventing the summer reading 'dip' and reading supports your child in accessing the wider curriculum.

- Children sign up through their local library and receive a collector folder.
- They set a reading goal and borrow books of their choice during the summer, collecting special stickers and incentives.
- Library staff and volunteers help children to discover new books that suit their interests and reading level and run a programme of free themed activities in the library.
- Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal.
- Children can take part online, too! www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

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We will be having a special competition in school this year to mark the Summer Reading challenge and for every child who completes the summer reading challenge and brings their certificate into school, they will be entered into a prize draw to win some book tokens. We will choose a winner from F2/KS1 & KS2.

Reading is such an important life skill and we know that it is proven that children who do not read regularly are at a significant disadvantage to those that do and may find their learning more difficult as a result.



End of term:

We break up for the summer term on **Thursday 20th July at 2:30pm.**

Family Toolbox

Being a parent/carer is both rewarding and tiring and we often need to be reminded to look after ourselves as well. For further advice on a wide range of topics, please visit the Family Toolbox website.



Communication with teachers:

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, you will be able to see them at the gates at the end of the school day. If not, you can email the school office via: schooloffice@gayton.wirral.sch.uk and the teacher will get back to you as soon as possible. Please remember that teachers are teaching all day and it may not be possible for them to call you back until the end of the school day.

Thank you for your continued support,
Kind regards,
Mrs McAleny

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Tuesday 18 th July 2023	Y6 to perform ' Cinderella Rockerfella ' to the whole school- Dress Rehearsal.
Wednesday 19 th July 2023	Y5 trip to Thurstaston
Wednesday 19 th July 2023	Leavers' Assembly (Y6) at 1:45pm. Parents/grandparents invited to attend.
Thursday 20 th July 2023	Non school uniform day (PTA donation via Parent Pay) Break up for the summer break at 2:30pm.
Monday 4 th September 2023	Inset Day- Children not in school.
Tuesday 5 th September 2023	Inset Day- Children not in school.
Wednesday 6 th September 2023	Children return to school following the summer break.

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