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The Gusford Gambol

Last Sunday, over thirty of us took part in the Gusford Gambol for Children in Need. It was great fun and we'll definitely do it again next year.



Awareness Days and Whole School Diary Dates

Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd December. St. Francis Church **Christmas Tree Festival** which will take place over the weekend. Look out for our tree

Nursery/Reception Christmas Performances Wriggly Nativity

Two performances, 7th and 8th December starting at 2.00pm.

Tuesday 12th December- School Disco

Reception 2.30-3.00pm

Y1/2/3 3.30-4.30pm

Y4/5/6 5.00-6.30pm

Wednesday 13th December-School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Year 1/2 Christmas Performances: Lights, Camera, Action!

Two performances, 18th and 19th December starting at 2.00pm

Friday 15th December-Ipswich Town Day. Wear Blue. £1.00 donation all money raised to Ipswich Town Foundation.

Wednesday 20th December. 2.00pm **Christmas Assembly.**

Yellow Fish

Yellow Fish Environmental popped back to school on Thursday afternoon and alongside our 'Green Team' they painted yellow fish by all our storm drains. We hope this helps to raise awareness about the importance of our rivers and more importantly the health and state of the water that enters them.



Reception visit to the Library

On Thursday, our Reception children went on an Autumn walk to the local library. They had a lovely time and were complimented on their excellent behaviour.

Christmas Card Winner

Alfie S from Gusford, won our MP's Christmas Card Competition his design is being used on Tom Hunt's Christmas cards this year. Well done Alfie. We have a copy of the design but we want to wait and see it on the actual card before we publish it. Well done Alfie and what an achievement!

Attendance Matters

Our attendance this week was 93.6%. 6GS were the highest attenders with 96.7%. Quite simply if the children are in school they are much more likely to be successful in their learning. Thank you.

Wear Blue Day

Wear Blue Day on Friday 15th December is now Suffolk wide for all primary schools. Find out more at:

<https://www.itcfoundation.co.uk/2023/11/21/wear-blue-day/>

Mrs Race's Recorder Group

In Monday's assembly, Mrs Race's recorder group performed a fantastic 'Native American' recorder piece. We loved it!

Reading Diaries

The reading diaries are the best way of tracking the number of times the children read with an adult both in and out of school. Please can you ensure the books come to school every morning, Please note the children also earn golden tickets by reading regularly. Thank you.

Trampolining Success

This is Amelia at the East Region Trampolining Competition held in Hitchin on Sunday. She did brilliantly and goes through to the next round. Well done Amelia.



Our Year 6 Teachers



Miss Machin



Mrs Smith



Mr Minter

WEEK THREE						
13/11/2023 04/12/2023 08/01/2024 29/01/2024 26/02/2024 18/03/2024	Option one	NEW A choice of Tomato or Carbonara Pasta with Toppings 	 Mexican Beef with Rice 	Sausages, Onions and Gravy with Roast Potatoes	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potatoes 	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishcake with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option two	 Vegetable Fajitas with Rice 	 Vegetable Fajitas with Rice 	Veggie Sausages, Onions and Gravy with Roast Potatoes 	Creamy Vegetable Pie with Mashed Potatoes	BBQ Quorn Fillet with Chips 
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Iced Sponge	NEW Chocolate Orange Cookie 	Fruit Jelly with Pineapple 	Peach Upside Down Cake with Custard	Cornflake Tart

Performing Arts Competition

Do you want to be a politician, newsreader, teacher or even a youtuber?

On Friday 9th February 2024, in the evening we are running a performing arts competition for our children which may help. There are three age groups: Year 2 and under, Year 4 and under and Year 6 and under and there are three categories you can enter in each of the age groups.

1. Recital set piece. Learning the given poem and then reciting it from memory (practise at home/school first).
2. Reading set piece. Reading the narrative text from the book (practise at home/school first).
3. Sight reading. Reading a given piece out loud but only after seeing it for the first time two minutes before the performance.

There will be certificates for everyone and medals for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed winners in each category. You can download an entry form and see all the set pieces on our website:

<https://gusfordprimary.net/curriculum/performing-arts-competition>

It's free to enter and should be good fun. Give the school a ring if you require any more details and good luck!

The Ipswich Symphony Orchestra

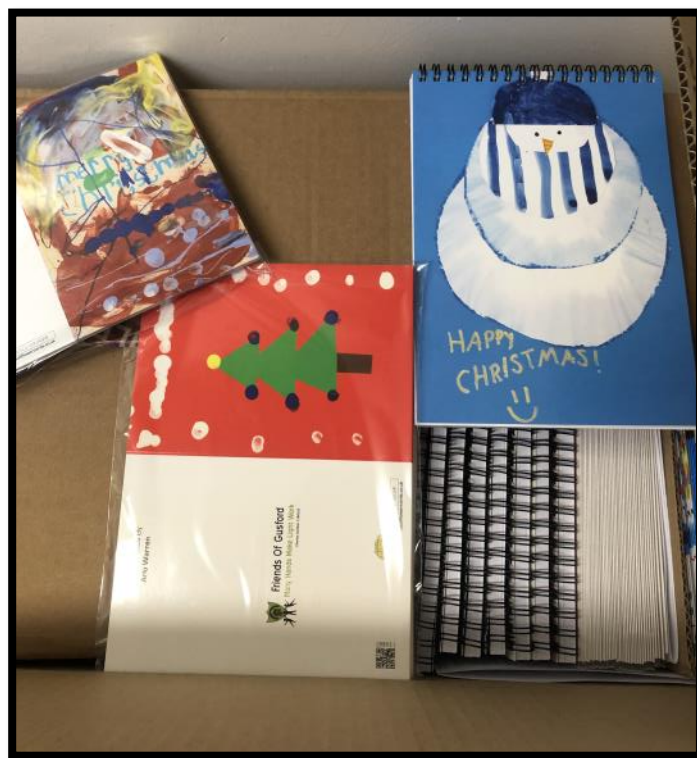
The ISO are performing their Autumn concert this Saturday 7.30pm in the Corn Exchange. Tickets available on the door.

Golden Tickets

The children are awarded golden tickets for behaviour and effort, and displaying the school values of kindness, honesty, confidence, responsibility and respect. The tickets are put in a hat and names drawn out in Monday's assembly. We will still do this but after talking to our Governors we have decided to make a change. If a child is given a ticket they will still put it in the 'hat' for Monday's assembly but they will also mark it on a tally chart against their name. If over the course of a term they get 20 tickets they can either bank them or exchange the tickets for a 20 ticket prize. If they bank them they can aim for a 50 ticket prize or even a 100 ticket prize. Once the prize has been awarded and at the start of each term we will wipe the tally charts clear and start again.

School Christmas Cards

The Christmas cards and notebooks the children designed are amazing. These will come home with the children on Monday.



Challenge

We would like to start sending postcards home to our children, telling parents about their good work, excellent behaviour and for our new children, simply welcoming them to the school. If you have a design for a postcard like this, then please send it in. It could be a winner.



A promotional poster for 'Wear Blue Day' by the Ipswich Town Foundation. The background is a blue-tinted photo of a football match with a crowd. In the foreground, a man in a blue and white polo shirt stands on the left. Next to him is a young boy in a blue polo shirt holding a football. In the center, a player in a blue and white kit with 'HIRST' and the number '27' on the back is seen from behind. To the right, a woman in a blue polo shirt is holding a blue shirt. Two mascots, a black dog and a white horse, are also present. The Ipswich Town Football Club crest is in the center. The text 'IPSWICH TOWN FOUNDATION' is in white with a red outline. Below it, 'WEAR BLUE DAY' is in large white letters, followed by '15 DECEMBER 2023'. At the bottom, there is a blue banner with white text.

IPSWICH TOWN FOUNDATION

WEAR BLUE DAY

15 DECEMBER 2023

Join other primary schools across Suffolk in turning the county blue!

Pupils are encouraged to donate £1 to wear blue for the day, with all funds raised to be split evenly between each primary school and the Ipswich Town Foundation.

For more information, please contact mike.phillips@itfc.co.uk

Challenge

Ipswich are playing West Brom, away on Saturday evening, KO 5.30pm. If you multiply the match attendance by the number of points Ipswich have after the game and bring the total to me on Monday morning (and it's correct) you will win a special Ipswich Town badge. Good luck!

Next Week

Year 5 are going to Duxford and we will be decorating the Christmas Tree for the St Francis Christmas Tree Festival.

Social Media and Messaging

In our PSHE lessons, we are doing everything we can to provide the children with information about on-line safety and give them a chance to discuss their use of social media. We are organising additional input from 4YP for upper KS2 children. However, most social media apps (Whatsapp, Instagram, Snapchat) have an age limit of 13 or above. This is not because they are difficult to use but because it is difficult for younger children to deal with the consequences of negative messaging. If a problem does arise, the Police and the Child Exploitation and On-line Centre (CEOPs) say that **primary school children should not be using these platforms and state that it is a question of parental responsibility and ultimately safeguarding.**

So with this advice in mind, please make sure you know what your child is doing on-line and who they are messaging. Our staff do not have the time or capacity during the school day to investigate on-line incidents. The fall-out is upsetting to your child which then impacts on their ability to focus on their learning in school.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



IPSWICH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

MUSSORGSKY

Night on the Bare Mountain

BRAHMS

Violin Concerto in D major Op 77

Soloist Benjamin Baker

TCHAIKOVSKY

Symphony No 6 in B minor Op 74

'Pathétique'

Conductor

Adam Gatehouse

Leader

Steve Browne

Saturday 25th November 2023 7.30pm

Corn Exchange, King Street, Ipswich IP1 1DH

TICKETS

From £15 / £14 concessions / £6 students with ID (Free admission under 18s)

www.ipswichtheatres.co.uk , tickets@iosoc.org or on the door



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Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://" – the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online, they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

SET STURDY PASSWORDS

A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

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