



Lighter nights

Children in years 5 and 6 are now able to walk home themselves from after school clubs as the nights are now light enough at the time they finish.

World Record Poetry

You may remember that we took part in a Guinness World Record attempt on National Poetry Day in the Autumn Term with poet Laura Mucha. The record was for the largest poetry lesson across multiple venues. On Thursday this week, we had email confirmation that along with many other schools in the country we broke the Guinness World Record!!! This was fantastic news to share with the children and shows them that if we all work together, we can achieve great things. A copy of the illustrated poem has been attached with the newsletter. Because the children in our school were part of that record attempt, they have sent us a link where you could purchase a certificate of recognition for your child if you would like to.

https://gwrstore.com/products/printed-certificate-of-participation-laura-mucha-poetry-lesson?utm_source=Partnership&utm_medium=Referral&utm_campaign=Bu2506



[Guinness World Records | Official Certificate Of Participation](#)

Don't forget to use discount code KIDS8POETRY for 40% off! The Largest Poetry Lesson. Did your young poet join the Guinness World Records record attempt on National Poetry Day? This autumn, in collaboration with poet Laura Mucha, over 60,000 students aged 7 to 12 from across the UK came together to co-write a poem about 'what counts'.

National Storytelling Week

Next week, from Monday 3rd - Sunday 9th February it is National Storytelling week. We will be celebrating stories and storytelling in school by joining live online storytelling workshops and all classes will be getting together with another class to enjoy some shared reading time among other things. We would love it if you could share the enjoyment you have through storytelling at home by sending us a picture of you and/or your children enjoying a story. The theme for this year is 'Reimagine Your World' so the more fun the picture, the better. There will be a

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small prize for everyone who takes part and a slightly bigger prize for the winner. Photos can be sent to the school email address Birtleyeastcommunityprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk. Please email all entries in by Monday 10th February and the winners will be announced in our sparkler assembly the following Friday.

Community Health Bus

The Newcastle Community Health Bus is coming to Gateshead to bring essential health services directly to local communities.

Part of Gateshead Women's Health Hub, (working in partnership with [Newcastle GP Services](#) and affectionately known as "Monty") the bus provides women and girls access to services such as menopause support, cervical screening, gynaecological care, and sexual health/contraception services – all in one convenient place.

In partnership with organisations across Gateshead, the bus visits local communities to ensure more women and girls can access the care they need. This initiative builds on extensive community feedback, addressing local health priorities while supporting Gateshead Health's ambition to become a Northern Centre of Excellence for Women's Health.

Upcoming dates and locations (from 9.00am until 5.00pm):

- **Monday 3 February 2025:** Wrekenton Family Hub, High St, Wrekenton, Gateshead NE9 7JR
- **Wednesday 19 February 2025:** Felling Family Hub, High St, Felling, Gateshead NE10 9LT
- **Monday 24 February 2025:** Chowdene Family Hub, Waverley Rd, Harlow Green, Gateshead NE9 7TU
- **Friday 28 February 2025:** Birtley Harras Family Hub, Harras Bank, Birtley, Chester-le-Street DH3 2LN
- **Friday 28 March 2025:** Leam Lane Family Hub, Cotemedede, Gateshead NE10 8QH

There is ALSO a facebook link here:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/14EFBbWuLL/>

SEN Information

There are several fliers attached to this newsletter email with information for parents about various drop ins being offered locally which may be of interest.

Toddler Group

Toddlers will start again next Friday, 7th February, 1.30–3pm.

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