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# NEWSLETTER

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School re-opens on



4 June

## September 2018 Staffing Structure

From this September we will have a revised staffing structure in place. We have appointed three highly committed teachers who have some super innovative ideas that will enhance the delivery of our school curriculum. Our new staff have written the following Pen Portraits as an introduction;

### Thomas Bates

*After working abroad for the past 6 years in Thailand and Dubai, I can't wait to join the team at Percy Main Primary School! I have loved seeing the world, whilst I have lived abroad, and it has been a great opportunity to pursue one of my greatest passions, FOOD. In my spare time I enjoy being active; whether it be playing sports like rugby, football and running, or hiking up a mountain in the great outdoors with family and friends. Singing, dancing and performing are other passions of mine and I try to include these in my teaching as much as possible. I'm looking forward to meeting you all in September.*



### Jill McKay

*I started teaching in 1997 in a large primary school in Gateshead. I began in a Year 3 class but have since taught in every year group throughout school. I don't have a favourite as I love the rewards and challenges that every year group brings. I have led English throughout most of my teaching career and worked as a lead teacher in Gateshead, supporting new teachers to develop their skills. I have a passion for reading both personally and professionally. Every child should experience the joy of reading. I enjoy spending time with my family and two dogs, walking in the countryside or along the coast. I cycle daily, challenging myself to complete at least 50 miles a week. I love to sing and enjoy going to see my two girls in their theatre school productions. I see Percy Main as the ideal place for me to work as after visiting the school I could really tell that there is a strong commitment to making this the best possible school. I share the vision of making sure children reach their full potential by providing an exciting, stimulating and engaging curriculum where*



*children's achievements are valued and their talents are recognised.*

### Paul Iveson

*I am very pleased to be joining Percy Main Primary School. After enjoying some time at the school last year, I realised the strong community it has and wanted to be a part of this well connected school. My career so far has been focused around working in London theatres but, coming from the North East, it is great to be back in the area to focus my attention on the children at Percy Main. Travel, film, history and health and wellbeing are just a few of my hobbies and I hope to bring these interests to my teaching position at Percy Main from September.*



These new appointments will mean that Mrs Bland will continue to lead our Rainbow Room, Miss Laidler will remain in Nursery and Mrs Godfrey will continue in Reception. Year 1 will be taught by Mrs McKay, Mrs Walls will continue in Year 2, Mr Iveson will teach Year 3 and Year 4 will continue to be taught by Miss Oliver. Mr Mole will teach Year 5 and Mr Bates will lead Year 6. Mrs Lee and Mrs Mohun will support Teaching and Learning across the school and Mrs Thompson will be released from class to lead a Nurture group. We are sure that these changes will prove to be extremely beneficial to both our pupils and our school.

## General Data Protection Regulation



On the 25 May 2018, the UK's Data Protection Act 1998 is being replaced by a new law called the GDPR (the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016). This law governs how we collect, use and share people's information and provides greater rights to individuals and control over how their information is handled by organisations, including schools. To comply with these new regulations we have issued our Privacy Notice today to all parents. In addition to this our GDPR Statement is now on our website [www.percymainprimary.org.uk](http://www.percymainprimary.org.uk) and can be found under Statutory Documents. Should you have any queries regarding GDPR and our school, please email your question to us at: [percymain.primary@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:percymain.primary@northtyneside.gov.uk)

## Royal Wedding Update

Harry & Meghan



What an absolutely brilliant time we had at Percy Main last Friday afternoon. Our Royal Wedding Garden Party and Big Cake Sale were a brilliant success. Our school was a kaleidoscope of colour as everyone wore something red, white and/or blue and the weather was beautiful which really contributed to the brilliant atmosphere. The children all had their picnic style lunch in the playground amid bunting, balloons, extremely long paper chains, huge pompoms in the trees and gazebos, accompanied by some super music. There were lots of delicious cakes and biscuits on offer displayed on very elegant 'high tea' cake stands. The pupils enjoyed some super activities which included a photo booth, traditional party games, parachute games and rounds. They even had the opportunity to decorate some 'royal' biscuits. In fact we had so much fun that **Jessica from Year 5** said it was **'the best party EVER!!'**

We were delighted to welcome some special visitors to our Garden Party. Mr Tommy Mulvenna the Chair of North Tyneside Council, Mary Glendon the MP for North Tyneside and Mr David Bavaird our Chair of Governors all took time out of their busy diaries to pop along and join us for this celebration. We also welcomed two senior members of staff from Tesco; Mr Michael Milmore their Senior Grocery Manager and Ms Caroline Anderson their Community Champion both managed to re-organise their day enabling them to join the pupils for this amazing afternoon.

This celebration would not have been possible without the terrific party planning skills shown by three members of our staff. **Mrs Leslie, Mrs Godfrey and Mr Osfield** have been at the centre of organising this event. They were so committed to making this a super celebration for the children that they were all in school by 6.30 on Friday morning to start decorating the playground ensuring that everything was set up ready for the party. We have one more thank you to give and that is for all our parents who donated cakes for our Big Cake Sale and everyone who came along at 2.30 to buy a cake for tea. The whole event raised a **super £220** for the hospice.

**WELL DONE EVERYONE** on making this wonderful community celebration.

## After School Clubs

We have some brilliant new clubs starting after the half term holiday. **Mrs**

**Godfrey** will be offering a lunchtime **Cookery Club** commencing Wed 20 June. Spaces are limited for this club (i.e. 6 places for Reception and 6 for KS1). **Mrs Walls** will be supervising the **Y2 Football Club** which takes place on Wednesday evenings. **Mrs Leslie** will offer two **Skittle Ball Clubs**. One for Years 3 & 4 on Monday and one for Years 5 & 6 on Wednesday (20 places available for both days). **Miss Wilson** (one of our student teachers) will be holding a **Tennis Club** for pupils in Years 4 & 5 starting Tuesday 5 June. As always places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, so if your child wants to join please return the permission slip soon and remember, if you give your permission we do expect pupils to attend regularly.

## Update - Year 6 Visit

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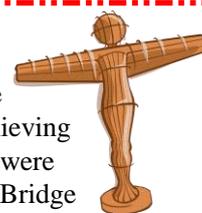
On Tuesday this week our Year 6 pupils had an amazing time at the 'Student Campus Day' at Northumbria University. The children spent the day as Apprentice Students on Campus where they found out all about the fabulous opportunities that Northumbria has to offer. They used their investigative skills to find out all about their student mentors; their backgrounds, likes / dislikes and what they do at university. During the morning the children visited the flagship 'Sport Central' facility where they took part in a dodge ball tournament after which they became campus investigators following clues to unpick the mystery of who stole the Calvert Cup. This involved applying handwriting analysis, map interpretation, bridge construction and design followed by some code cracking. The afternoon was equally exciting as the teams embarked on a game of Campus Monopoly. This was designed to let them see the range of amazing facilities at the university which included a climbing wall, sprint track, pool, mock court room, fabulous library, plush lecture theatres and seminar rooms and super student leisure facilities and support. We are sure that our children left the university inspired by their experiences. *In fact Kyle was so inspired he now wants to be an Architect! We all hope that he achieves his ambition.*

## This week's BIG thank you

We are sure you will have heard that we are planning to have a community garden adjoining our new Parents' Lounge. **Lauren's mum, Miss Ross**, heard about this and decided to approach to her manager **Mr Dave Kempster from Poundland** on the Royal Quays to ask if there was any way he could help. Mr Kempster thought this was a super idea and very kindly donated a brilliant selection of gardening equipment from his store. We do thank Miss Ross for approaching her manager and especially thank Mr Kempster for donating this wonderful equipment to our school community; these donations will really help us turn this dream into a reality.

## House Winners

Our winning house this half term were **ANGELS** who raced into the lead achieving a whopping **684** house points. Angels were followed by Lighthouse on 661, Tyne Bridge on 600 then Priors with 587. Angels members enjoyed a very energetic 'Clubbercise' Rave Dance session this afternoon with Mel Petherbridge from Norham. This was a fun fitness workout complete with music, ultra violet lights and glow sticks. **Well done ANGELS on winning this super treat.**



Handouts this week;  
- GDPR Parents notification