



News on the Ninth

Gusford Newsletter – Issue 84 – November 2017

School Council Trip to the ALT Student Voice Conference

On Thursday 12th October the School Council attended the Active Learning Trust's inaugural Student Voice conference at Portman Road. They took part in different



activities to develop their team building, listening and empathy skills in the morning, followed by a delicious lunch of hotdogs and chips in the Players' Lounge. In the afternoon,

we worked with other schools to compare our ideas for the year, and then put together an action plan for how they would like to improve life at Gusford over the next year.

It's Children in Need on Friday 17th November! Look out for the School Council's ideas for fundraising at Gusford this year. Details will be sent out via Parentmail.

Governor Report from Student Voice Conference.

As the School Governor who represents the governors at the School Council meetings I was really pleased to be asked to join the School Council at the Student Voice Conference 2017. It was held on the 12th October at Ipswich Town Football Club, and was attended not only by Gusford Primary, but two other primary schools, Sidegate and Hillside. We also had the help of some Year 8 students from Chantry Academy, who were brilliant in the way they helped the primary school students. (Thank you Chantry!)

All the students were divided into three groups, and the theme of the day was to encourage students to show leadership skills in their role as school councillors for their respective classes.



In the morning there were three sessions, Team Building, Empathy and Listening. I was really impressed with the group that I was with. They were

very attentive and you could see their confidence grow as we went to each session. Ipswich Town gave us a brilliant lunch of hog dogs and chips, and after lunch we went back into our three groups to discuss the issues that mattered and created an action plan. At the end of the day each school fed back what they had gained from the day and their plans for the coming academic year.

The Gusford students were a credit to the school, and I could see some budding teachers in the making!

Pat Dobson
Governor

Year 2 Foxburrow Farm Trip

This half term Year 2 enjoyed a visit to Foxburrow Farm to help us learn about our Science topic of Living things.

We were able to hunt for mini-beasts, look for different animal's habitats and have a go at pond dipping. We all had a great a time and learnt lots of new things that we could use in our Science



lessons. We even found a newt!

Gusford Primary School celebrate Harvest by collecting 'kettle foods' for Lighthouse Women's Refuge.

This year we collected donations for the Suffolk charity Lighthouse Women's Aid who are in need of non-perishable food items, particularly 'kettle food' items e.g. Pot Noodles, Mug Shots, and Cup-a-soups etc. The children have been bringing in their donations over the last few weeks and we have watched the collection grow in our assemblies.

We launched our collection in our whole school assembly on 2nd October and we collected 6 massive boxes of 'kettle foods' that were delivered to Lighthouse over half term.



Mrs Claydon received a letter from Lighthouse that said: "I am writing to thank you all at Gusford Primary School for the wonderful collection of food items we received from your harvest festival. We are truly grateful for all the support that you provide to Lighthouse and the women and children that we support throughout the year."

"We truly value the support of our local community; as this allows us to carry out our vital work at Lighthouse. All donations really do help Lighthouse to continue to support and care for women and children affected by domestic violence and abuse. Our mission is to raise awareness and continue to provide a safe, supportive environment in our refuge and to develop and implement preventative and therapeutic services at our Community Centre.

Thank you once again for your support."

Reception Bread making

The Reception children have been making bread in their classrooms. This followed learning the story 'The Little Red Hen'. In the story the Little Red Hen makes bread



and this inspired us to make our own bread – and to set up our own Bakery role play so the Little Red Hen can 'bake' other items too!

The children were fascinated by the changes to the ingredients during the bread making process!

Homework – Year 3 & 4

A massive thank you to all of the parents in Years 3 and 4 who are working so hard to support their children with their reading and 'takeaway homework'. All of the teachers have been so impressed with the many projects that have been brought into school. It has been a pleasure marking them. There is a display being assembled to display homework and we will send out photographs in the next news on the ninth.



IPSSA Girls' 7 a-side Football Tournament.

Captains Comments- *"All the girls had a brilliant day. Really looking forward to the season now. Go Gusford!" Maddie Grimsdale*

Key Talking Point- Katie taking a football to the face, losing a tooth and still finishing the game. Terry Butcher, eat your heart out.

Manager's Footballing First- I have been coaching football for many years now. However, this tournament presented a rare 'footballing first' for me. I have never before had to ban handstands, the splits or any other gymnastic move during a competitive football tournament.

Squad; Maddie ©, Daniella, Katie, Kiah, Amelia, Khyla, Gracie and Ruby

THE GUSFORD GIRLS REMAIN UNBEATEN

When we first arrived at Whitton Sports Centre, myself and Mr Webber had a brief chat with the girls about the rules of the tournament, as we ate our lunch. This tournament was the first opportunity for the girls' football team to play together this academic year, which meant the girls were all in high spirit and eager to get playing. Although, I think it would be fair to say, getting the afternoon off school and riding in their teachers' cars contributed to their excitement.

Match 1- Gusford Vs Morland

Supporting the famous green and black, the girls of Gusford kicked off their first game with the willingness and determination required for them to obtain all 3 points. It didn't take long for the girls to find their feet and put together some impressive passes, creating themselves a few chances on goal. Towards the end of the match, Ruby hit a venomous shot, which struck an opponent's hand, inside the box. Gusford were awarded a penalty. Looking relaxed and ready, Gracie stepped up. She placed the ball into the bottom right hand corner. Unfortunately, the goalkeeper guessed the right way and made a remarkable save. As quick as a flash, Gracie reacted to the save and scored the rebound. 1-0 Gusford with only a couple of minutes to play. With the very last kick of the game, Morland were awarded a free-kick. Without hesitation, the free-kick taker smashed the ball in the top corner. There was nothing Kiah could have done. No keeper in the world would have saved it. 1-1. Gusford were unlucky not to get the win but it was a positive, promising first display from the girls.

Match 2- Gusford Vs St. Pancras

Match 3- Gusford Vs Handford Hall

Match two and three were both a defensive masterclass from Gusford- not conceding a goal in either game. Unfortunately, Daniella's long throws and Amelia's dazzling runs from midfield did not come to fruition and there was a lack of goals at the other end too. Both games finished 0-0. Although, they were still very entertaining, keeping the fans on the edge of their seats right until the final whistle.

Match 4- Gusford Vs Castle Hill

Still unbeaten in the tournament, the girls went into the match against Castle Hill full of optimism. Gusford dominated the game from the start, creating chances, keeping the ball and looking solid in defence. After receiving a perfectly placed pass from Katie (who had recovered from losing a tooth), Amelia curled a shot that rattled the post. The chances kept coming for Gusford as the woodwork denied another Gusford player two minutes later. Maddie struck a long range shot which flew past the keeper but unfortunately hit the cross bar- agonising for the Gusford fans on the side-line. Once again, Kiah had little to do in goal as the defence stayed strong, not conceding a goal. 0-0

Match 5- Gusford Vs St. John's

Another game and another clean sheet for Gusford. However, Match 5 provided the well-deserved goal that had been missing in the last three games. A slick passing move, started by Khyla and finished exquisitely by GOALSCORER, assured the 1-0 win for Gusford. The unbeaten run continued going into the final game.

Match 6- Gusford Vs Sidegate

Approaching the final group game, it was touch and go as to whether Gusford would progress into the quarter-finals but the focus was on remaining unbeaten. The match against Sidegate was an end to end, nail biter for all involved. Both teams played some beautiful football and created plenty of chances. Late in the game, Sidegate were awarded a controversial penalty. The unbeaten run looked in jeopardy. Kiah had other ideas, producing the save of the tournament! Once again, the game finished 0-0 but this can be deemed a very respectable result against the formidable team from Sidegate.

Considering this was the first time this particular group of girls had played together, they did themselves proud, competing in every game with real enthusiasm and competitiveness. The girls also did a fantastic job representing the school, displaying immaculate manners and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Well done to all of the girls involved.