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## Mayor for Durham City visits IGS: Durham



We were delighted to be invited by The Right Worshipful The Mayor of Durham, Cllr David Freeman, to receive a visit from him and his bodyguard. Unfortunately many children were away at Derwent Hill but we were still able to host the Mayor's party for an enjoyable and informative hour on Wednesday. We learned something about the history of the Mayor's office, the regalia associated with the Mayor and his bodyguard and, of special interest to many of the younger children, the gruesome uses to which the halberd which you can see in the photograph can be put. The children asked many very good questions and kept our visitors on their toes.

The first Mayor of Durham was appointed in 1602, and the real tradition of the mayoral bodyguard began at that time. Cllr Freeman is the 419th Mayor of Durham. Durham's is one of the oldest mayoral offices in the world.

It was a real privilege for us to be the recipients of such a prestigious visit.



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## You told us...we listened

Parents and pupils have both recently told us that they wanted more school trips, so we have the following planned already.

Great North Museum - Robins and Rooks - March

Discovery Museum - Robins and Rooks - March

Centre for Life - Robins and Rooks - May



Watch this space for details of Rainbows and Ravens trips



Further details to be added to SchoolCloud shortly.



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## Don't forget...Mr Gray's Memory Challenge

Well done to Isobel (Rainbows) for a beautiful recital of The Owl and the Pussycat. Isobel wins 10 house points and - as she was the first to respond to the memory challenge - a £10 book token.

Some of you will remember great feats of memory last year by Lily and Sofia – committing to memory poems, lists of monarchs and even the county towns of England in alphabetical order. It's a good thing to do and the skills and techniques of committing things to memory are very valuable.

It is time to issue another challenge. Significant prizes will be awarded to those pupils (of any age) who learn perfectly, and are able to recite it accurately to a teacher, one (or more) of the following:



Prime Ministers from 1830 to the present day  
FA Cup Winners 1950 to the present day, omitting 1973  
(which everyone knows doesn't count)

American Presidents from 1899 to the present day  
Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll

The Owl and the Pussycat by Edward Lear

Weathers by Thomas Hardy

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## Derwent Hill



Pupils from Year Four and above left on Monday morning to head to Derwent Hill.

Parents whose child is attending will have received an email from Mrs Edwards this week with links to an abundance of photos and videos.

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## doodlelearning

Sophia Rainbows

Lily Robins

n/a Rooks



were the Top Doodlers last week.

Children who attain 100 stars in a week will be given 5 house points.

## Payment reminders

Further to Mr Gray's recent email please could you pay £15.95 per child for Doodle.

All pupils should refer to Mr Gray's Maths test. If any child gets the answer right, he or she will receive at least 100 times that amount in prize money - possibly even more!

\*Please clearly reference payments



## Uniform

Hoodies, fleeces and joggers can now be purchased via our uniform supplier [The School Outfit.](#)



## paym

We can now take text payments to the school bank account, if you are familiar with paym then please add the mobile number 07984 619739 (the school mobile number) to your list of payees and you can make instant payments to the school via your banking app.

If you are a parent or grandparent who would like to be added to the family WhatsApp group please can you send Louise Edwards a message on 07737 117586.



## House Points

270

263

196

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