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Harriet Cutter - Showjumping champion

In February Harriet won the junior academy trophy for British Showjumping Area 12a Durham & Cleveland for her performance at the British Showjumping National Championships in August 2022.

For her performance at Nationals she was also awarded the NAF shining star accolade which is a prestigious award.

The lead Coach of the Cleveland Durham Academy, said of Harriet: “She is a regular attender at the Area 12 Academy. She works hard with her ponies and is keen to work towards her NAF awards, always improving, developing, and learning.

“Harriet and her pony stepped up to put in impressive performances at the British Showjumping National Academy Show which was her biggest show to date. Her lovely attitude towards her pony and fellow team members was even more impressive than her consistent performances in the ring. She is a truly deserving rider for the NAF Shining Star Award”.

Last weekend we took Harriet & her ponies A Touch of Marmite & Park Picasso to their first Large Pony Premier show at Arena UK. This was a big step up for Harriet, the heights of the jumps are bigger & the courses are very technical.

Harriet was riding with some of top ranking junior riders in the country in very large classes. Harriet put on an amazing performance and managed to be in the top ten in four of her eight classes. She has now qualified for the Winter Championships in April with Marmite. She even managed to complete her French homework too!

Harriet has also qualified for National 2023 & is hoping to be selected for the academy teams again. She also has the Pony of the Year Show in April.



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Breakfast Club

Bookings for next term's breakfast club are now live on SchoolCloud - please click the [link](#) to book for your child.

The club runs from 7.45 - 8.15.

If any children come into school prior to 8:15 we will have to charge the full amount for the club of £3.

Hot school meals are now open to everyone.

Bookings open every Monday morning and close 9am Thursday. Payment must be made before 9am Friday morning.

The link will be available to all parents via email, website and WhatsApp.

Click [here](#) to book school meals

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Easter Assembly (open to parents)

The Easter assembly will be held on Friday 31st March.

Doors open 12:30 for a 13:15 start.

The PTA will be selling tea/coffee and cakes before and after and there will also be an Easter Egg tombola.



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Rooks News

Rooks have been studying different line techniques in their art lessons this term.

They have practised various styles, including: coconut, cross-hatching, broken and looped.

Their first assignment will be using the line method to produce a version of Van Gogh's Starry Night.

The recent cold snap has coincided with Rooks' new science topic, Meteorology. In a few weeks, they will be confidently identifying cloud formations, predicting a high pressure build-up in the Azores and the sea state of Tyne and Dogger.



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Friends of IGS

Independent schools typically raise a significant proportion of their income through donations and fundraising.

IGS: Durham has not done much of that so far and as we look to expand (in a manageable way) we will need to raise as much as possible, if we are to maintain our commitment to low fees. With this in mind we have begun to apply for charitable status for our voluntary group - Friends of IGS.

In order to ensure independence we will eventually be looking for trustees. Please email le@igsdurham.com if you would be interested in a position on the trustee board.

To get things up and running we would love for you to consider making weekly or monthly donations which will go towards school development projects. We already have a charity bank account which you could donate to if possible.

Why not start with a "fiver a month"? Every little helps!

Please click [here](#) to donate via Collectiv

or via bank transfer

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Upcoming trips

Anyone who does not wish for their child to partake in some/all trips please confirm via email to admin@igsdurham.com. This is essential so that we know who will be in school and who will be out on trips.

Great North Museum - Robins and Rooks - 14th March

Discovery Museum - Robins and Rooks - 28th March

Centre for Life - Robins and Rooks - 2nd May



All children from Rooks and Robins attending must book via SchoolCloud and payment must reach the school prior to the trip taking place or your child will be unable to attend.

Rainbow children recently visited the library and will continue to do so on a regular basis.

Robin children will be visiting Waterstones next Thursday with Mrs Wilson.

Ravens students will be visiting Maiden Castle - more details to follow.

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Alex Rainbows

Ben Robins

Francesca Rooks



were the Top Doodlers last week.

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

Payment reminders

Museum trips - Rooks & Robins

School dinners - weekly

Doodle

Swimming

Derwent Hill

We note that there are a few outstanding payments for all of the above, please can you make payment as soon as possible.

Uniform

Hoodies, fleeces and joggers can now be purchased via our uniform supplier [here](#)



Find the uniform policy [here](#)



Violins

Please can children remember to bring in their violins each

Wednesday. Many seem to be forgetting which is then impinging on lesson time for everyone else. The children are working hard for the Easter performance.



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.



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