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YOUNG VOICES 2022

On Thursday 19th May, 49 Greysbrooke children from years 3-6, accompanied by 6 staff members, took part in a Young Voices Concert at Resorts World Arena. Children have been busily preparing and rehearsing for this concert for a long time; it has been cancelled on several occasions and so to say the children, staff and parents were relieved and ecstatic that it went ahead is an understatement!

The purpose of Young Voices is to inspire children to discover a love of music and this year celebrates the 25th year of school choirs from across the world coming together to perform. Alongside Greysbrooke, there were over 120 other schools performing on the evening and it was an amazing event to be part of. Here's what some of our children thought about the experience:



Karson (Y5): It was brilliant!

Holly (Y6): It was so good because we were close to the stage, we've never been that close before!

Seb (Y6): 'Urban Strides' were amazing and so were 'Beat Box Collective'.

Tom (Y5): It was great, I loved all of it!

Harriett (Y6): It's one of the best nights of my life because I was with my friends dancing and singing and having an amazing time.

Austin (Y5): A brilliant experience. I've done it before, and I'll do it again!



Our children (and staff) certainly sung their hearts out and danced their socks off from beginning to end and made us incredibly proud - well done to all of you who took part, you were amazing! A special mention must go to Mrs Speed and Mrs Wharton who have been running the Young Voices club, teaching and rehearsing with all the children so that they were performance ready...thank you ladies, you have done a phenomenal job and the children were amazing!

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Library visit to see Author

On Monday 16th May, children from Reception to Y3 had a treat when they visited the library and met Petr Horacek.

Petr is an author and illustrator who has written and illustrated over 40 books for children and has had many awards including 'Picture Book of the Year'; 'Books for Children Newcomer'; 'Southampton Favourite Book to Share'; 'Parents Best Book of the Year'; plus many more! Petr told children about how he became an author/illustrator, sharing pictures and stories with them along the way. He explained how he begins the writing process, often starting with a picture. He modelled how to draw illustrations of some of his favourite characters, whilst telling more stories, and we are so lucky that he has given us these signed illustrations to put on display at school.



Petr was incredibly engaging and all children were captivated by his story telling and drawing - the library was silent; you could hear a pin drop!

During the afternoon, Y2 were lucky enough to carry out some artwork with Petr. Their brief was to be imaginative and create a 'magical night' of characters and events for the Bear who wanted to make a friend. This wonderful artwork is now on display in Shenstone Library so please go and view it if you can.

Special thanks to the library and their mass of volunteers who invited us to be part of this experience - the children and staff were buzzing upon returning to school and we know this will be a memory that will stay with them for a long time.



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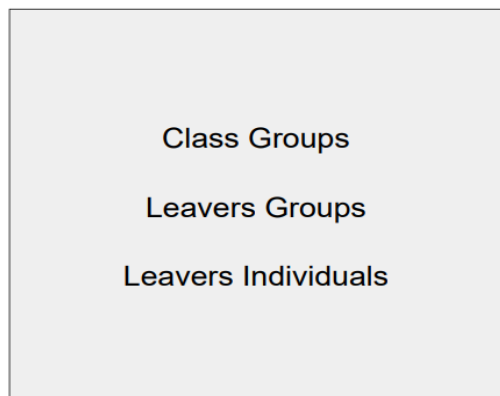
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School Photos - Wednesday 8th June



School photos will be conducted on
Wednesday 8th June 2022

At this session we will be photographing
Whole School & Y6



Please ensure full uniform is worn and children are neat and tidy.

Parents will receive free proofs of every image
and the option to make a purchase.

All children will be required to come to school on this day dressed in full school uniform. For year groups that normally have PE on a Wednesday, please send PE kit in with children on that day for them to get changed into after they have had their photographs taken. Thank you.

SHENSTONE RELIEF IN NEED CHARITIES

Having a hard time? Is there something that, if you could afford it, would make your life easier?

If so, we may be able to help. These Charities were set up as far back as the year 1642 to help the residents of the Parish of Shenstone, who are in difficulties.

Let us know what you need and we will do our best to help. It may be help with coping in the home or mobility. It may be help with playgroup fees or school uniform.

You can contact us via the Treasurer

Mr Keith Goldsworthy
30 Footerley Road
Shenstone
WS14 0NJ
Telephone 01543 480326

All contacts will be treated in the strictest confidence.

We have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the Platinum Jubilee in school today; everyone looked splendid dressed in red, white and blue. Children and staff have been given a commemorative bookmark as a keepsake to mark this very special occasion.



Wishing you all a very happy half term break! However you chose to spend your time, we hope you have a wonderful holiday, stay safe and enjoy the Jubilee Celebrations.



We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 6th June, ready to embark on the last half term of the school year.

One-Way System

We would like to remind you that we are still operating a one-way system around the school site and appreciate your co-operation. Thank you.

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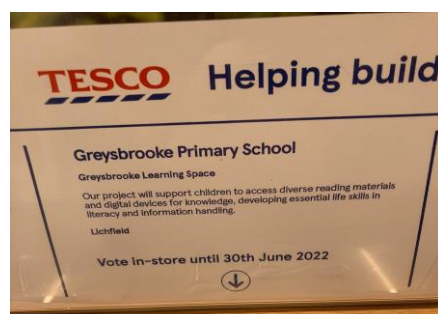
Payment Reminders

Laches Wood (Current Y4) - Deposit payment due by Friday 10th June via ParentPay to secure a place for your child.

Twycross Zoo (Reception/KS1) - Payment due by Friday 17th June via ParentPay.

Tesco Token Collection Box - Greysbrooke School

Just to let you know that we have a token collection box in the Tesco Express in Lichfield City Centre.



Important Dates



Monday 6th June: School reopens

W/c 6th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week (all Y1 children tested this week)

Wednesday 8th June: School Photographer in school - Class/Leavers Photos

Friday 10th June: Laches Wood deposit payment due

W/c 13th June: Y6 Residential trip to Boreatton Park

Friday 17th June: Twycross Zoo payment due

Wednesday 22nd June: FROGS Superslide

Tuesday 28th June: Y6 Transition Day - King Edwards & The Friary

Wednesday 29th June: Y6 Transition Day - King Edwards & The Friary

Wednesday 29th June: KS1 Trip to Twycross Zoo

Thursday 30th June: FROGS Superslide Reserve Day

Thursday 30th June: Transition Evening for Y6 parents at King Edwards & The Friary

Friday 1st July: INSET DAY

Tuesday 5th July: Last Keyboard lesson for the term

Wednesday 6th July: Rocksteady Concert for parents of Rocksteady children (2.30pm - Hall)

Thursday 7th July: Last Guitar lesson for the term

Tuesday 12th July: Sports Day - Rec/KS1 (am); KS2 (pm) - more info to follow

Monday 18th July: Reserve Sports Day - Rec/KS1 (am); KS2 (pm)

Thursday 21st July: School Closes for the Summer holiday

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Open Morning for Arthur Terry SCITT, on **Saturday 11th June, 10am to 12pm**. The Open Morning will be taking place at **The Arthur Terry School**.

Attendees will have the chance to discuss everything about the world of teaching with a member of the SCITT team and will have the opportunity to ask any important questions they may have regarding initial teacher training.

As a SCITT, we are proud to offer Primary and Secondary courses, including the following subjects:

- Mathematics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- English
- Geography
- History
- Languages
- Religious Studies
- Art & Design
- Computer Science
- Design Technology
- Music

For anybody interested in attending the Open Morning, they will need to fill out a quick and easy registration form, which can be found here:

[The Arthur Terry SCITT Open Morning 2022: registration form \(office.com\)](https://www.office.com)

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Learning Update

Year 5

During this week, we have been taking part in Bikeability. We've shown great maturity and been wonderful representatives of Greysbrooke, impressing the instructors with our listening skills and good manners.



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This half term's Art topic is called 'Sculpture from existing forms.' We started by looking at the work of Andy Goldsworthy, a British sculptor, land artist, and photographer known for his works created outdoors from natural materials. We then replicated his style by making our own art sculptures outside on the field, using only natural materials that we collected. We worked in groups and shared ideas. Here are some photos of our work...



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The children in Year 5 are enthusiastic singers and we had many of our members attend the Young Voices concert last week. As always, the children were a credit to the school, putting their hearts and souls into their performance. Many thanks to parents for supporting this wonderful event.



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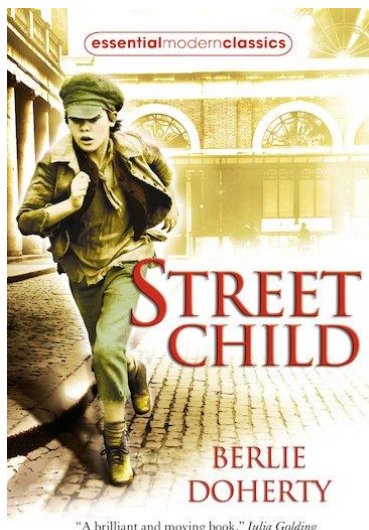


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We have just finished out class text *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty which has linked in brilliantly with our Crime and Punishment History topic. As a treat for our hard work surrounding this text, we will have the opportunity to watch *Oliver!* while the other half of the class participate in Bikeability.



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Year 6

Year 6 have been working exceptionally hard over the last few weeks. They sat their statutory assessment tests (SATs) in the week beginning 9th May. The assessments required the children to work in exam conditions for timed tests. They started their days with an early breakfast supplied by FROGS. The 8am start allowed them to socialise with friends and ask any questions to allay any worries or concerns they had. During the tests, all children were able to access the test materials and show their understanding. They demonstrated a positive and resilient attitude and we could not have asked anymore of the class. Their preparation and hard-working nature served them well. The bacon and sausage baps were a perfect way to end the tests.



Whilst the exam process was compulsory and important, we know that it does not test the many talents and skills they possess. SATs do not measure their sporting, musical or artistic talents, their beauty, kindness and worth. They do not test the laughter which echoes in our classroom and the thoughtfulness which is shown each day. What a talented, selfless and caring group of Year 6 children we have this year.

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On the Friday we were set an escape room challenge, we had great fun and thoroughly enjoyed our day.



Just because SATs are out of the way, the hard work does not stop. We are now working incredibly hard to raise the standard of our writing, so that when it is assessed in June, the children can showcase their talents in story-writing and non-fiction writing.



On Wednesday of this week, it was wonderful to share our work with our parents and we were finally awarded with our certificates and t-shirts for passing the Police Cadets Scheme, we had to recite our Cadets Promise.

We look forward to our residential visit in June to Boreatton Park, Shrewsbury.

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