



# The Greysbrooke Grapevine

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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## Message from Mrs Ballinger

We have certainly had a busy couple of weeks at Greysbrooke. From welcoming Rev Graham and Rev Jo back in for whole school assemblies, to peripatetic music sessions being reinstated, to visits out in the local area to Shenstone library and Burntwood Leisure Centre for swimming; we are definitely making the most of our community links!

Last week, senior leaders welcomed Helen Hastilow (ATLP Strategic Lead for Lichfield) and Tracy Ruddle (School Improvement Partner) to Greysbrooke and enjoyed sharing with them the progress we made in our school improvement journey during 2021-22. A particular highlight was the acknowledgement of our tight focus on the quality of education across the school, especially with our use of retrieval practice and big questions for children to know and understand more in all subjects. We were also commended for our ongoing development and strengthening of EYFS, Behaviour & Attitudes and Personal Development across the school. PSHE floorbooks have been a real success since they were rolled out at the beginning of the academic year; we can already see the impact they are having on the teaching and learning of PSHE. We look forward to having these on show and sharing them with you at the upcoming parent consultation evenings later in the month.

On Tuesday evening, the first FROGS meeting of the year took place. It was wonderful to see some new faces and we have an update on what Frogs have planned in this edition of Grapevine.



### Feeding the Community

## HARVEST Donations

During w/c 17<sup>th</sup> October, we will be celebrating Harvest in school. It is at this time that we would like to remember those less fortunate than others and so, as in previous years, we will be setting up a food bank collection station. Every morning before school, from Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Oct - Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> October, we will be collecting non-perishable store cupboard items (preferably with a long date on them) which will be passed onto our local food banks. There will be a trolley positioned near / in the bike shelter at the bottom of the hill. I'm sure you'll agree this is a

worthwhile act of kindness that others can benefit from, especially at this very difficult time when the whole country are facing rising fuel and energy costs. Thank you all in advance for your generosity and support.

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Thank you to everyone who attended our first FROGS meeting of the academic year on Tuesday evening. It was great to see so many faces.

## A quick update from us:

### Funds

- We currently have £11,800 in the bank account
  - £2,000 is allocated to take KS2 to the Garrick Theatre in December for panto
  - We also have money allocated for the Year 6 leavers hoodies
- Our longer-term project is focussed on revamping the central courtyard in school and turning this into a beautiful and functional wellbeing/ break-out/ intervention area with space for outdoor learning. This is an underutilised valuable space that our children could really benefit from the development of.

### Dates for your diary

- **10th November** - School Disco after school (in school time for Reception), more details to follow. This will replace the super-slide activity that had to be cancelled in the Summer.
- **3rd December** - School Christmas Fayre is back!
- **9th December** - KS2 panto at the Garrick, fully funded by FROGS

### Other News

**Week Commencing 28<sup>th</sup> November** for Christmas Fayre drop offs - more details to follow. We will also be asking for donations of used, good condition, clean school clothes that can be reused by other children

We are also looking to hold our popular Christmas Craft Club (**KS2 - Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 3.15-4.15pm; Rec/KS1 -Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 3.15 to 4.15pm**) and more information will follow.

We hope to be getting involved with the Rotary Club Santa Sleigh event again this year. Date tbc.

If you would like to volunteer to help at any of our upcoming events, please let your class rep know. All of the events that run can only go ahead with your support. 1 hour a year is much better than nothing so please don't feel that you will be roped into everything if you volunteer once

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#HelloYellow

## YOUNG MINDS

A reminder that all children and staff are invited to take part in our wear something Yellow day next Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. It can be a whole yellow outfit, a pair of yellow socks or a yellow hair tie! This is in support of the Young Minds Charity who support children and teenagers with their mental health.

Suggested voluntary donations for this is £2 per child.

Please use the Just Giving page link below to donate:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/greysbrooke-primary-school1>

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile charity

## Young Voices 2023

'Young Voices' brings together children and teachers from all over the UK. This year we have 60 children from KS2 who have joined our choir which is now full.



Led by Mrs Speed with support from other teachers our choir will meet weekly to prepare for a concert to be held at the LG arena in Birmingham in January 2023. This is a unique and amazing experience and we are thrilled with the enthusiasm and commitment our children have shown towards the event.

Further details about concert tickets and T-shirts will be provided in due course.

## KS2 Trainers

To enable children in KS2 to still be able to access the field at break/lunchtimes, please can you ensure they have a pair of **old** trainers in school every day that they can change into. These should ideally be left in school in their locker so that they have them at all times.



## TWITTER

Don't forget that we use our Twitter account to send reminders, updates and also share some of the fantastic learning that is going on in school.

Please be sure to follow us using:  
**@greysbrookeatlp**



## Important dates

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October: Wear something Yellow day

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October: booking for parents evening opens at 6pm, and closes at 8pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October: Ingestre Hall (May 2023) residential trip meeting (Yr 3&4)

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October: Parents evening

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October : School closes for Half term

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October: Inset day

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Closing date for Secondary school applications



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## Learning Update

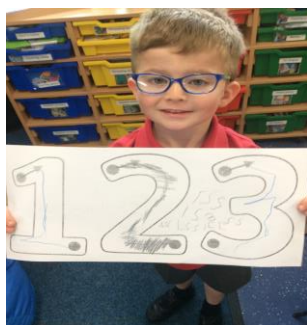
### Reception



We have been painting self-portraits for our 'All About me' topic, we talked about hair colour, skin colour and eye colour.



We made these houses and spoke about our families, we drew their pictures in the windows.



In Numeracy we have been learning to count to 3 and write numbers to 3. We are also learning how to form our letters.

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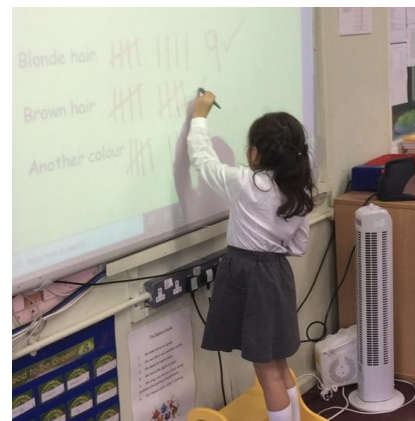


Reception class have settled so well and are enjoying learning lots of new skills.

## Year 1



In science, year 1 have been exploring what makes them, them. Starting by comparing what makes us the same and what makes us different. Throughout the term, the class will then be learning about our 5 senses and exploring these in different ways.



Year 1 have been up and active in PE, developing their fundamental movement skills and navigating space safely. We've been learning why it's important to warm up and cool down and what effect exercise has on our bodies.



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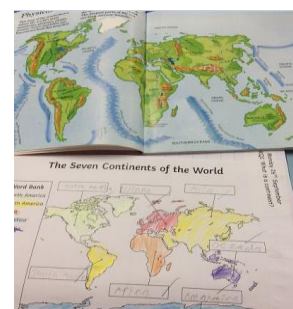
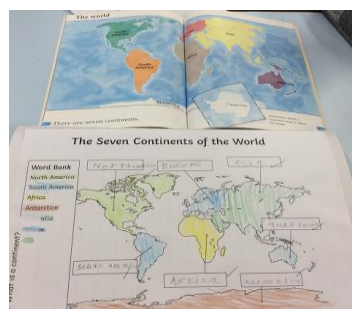
## Year 2

We have thoroughly enjoyed our recent DT lessons where we have tasted a variety of dips and dippers from around the world.

We used our sense of taste and smell to evaluate each dip. Our class favourite was Hummus. We will be designing and making our own dips in the coming weeks so look out for our recipes which will be sent home.



In Geography we are learning all about the continents of the world. We have used our mapping skills to label our own map of the world, recognising that we live in the UK which is in Europe. We will be learning facts about each continent and also locating the five oceans on a world map.



During Music lessons we have been warming up our singing voices by learning our new song - Hands, Feet and Heart. This week we were very excited to play the glockenspiels for the first time using the notes G, A and C in rhythm and time to the music.

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**Please help local people in crisis by buying items from the list below  
and giving them to Lichfield foodbank, thank you.**

**Tinned meat  
Long-life milk  
Biscuits  
Snack/breakfast bars/crisps  
Tinned tuna  
Tinned soup  
Long-life fruit juice  
Tinned custard  
Chocolate/sweets  
Tinned vegetables  
Pasta Sauce  
Tinned fruit  
Tinned rice pudding  
Tinned tomatoes  
Breakfast cereals  
Coffee  
Tea bags  
Sugar**

**The Trussell Trust foodbanks provide a minimum of three days non-perishable emergency food to local people in crisis. All food given out is donated by the local community. We work in partnership with frontline care professionals to identify people in need.**



# Lichfield & Rugeley Music Centre

## Rehearsals and Concerts 2022/23

Centre Manager: [johanna.owens@entrust-ed.co.uk](mailto:johanna.owens@entrust-ed.co.uk)

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Inspiring Futures

**Venue:** King Edward VI School, Lichfield, WS14 9EE **When:** Monday Weekly Rehearsals  
**Centre Manager:** Mrs Johanna Owens, email: [johanna.owens@entrust-ed.co.uk](mailto:johanna.owens@entrust-ed.co.uk)

### East Staffordshire Stomp

Time: 16:30-17:15  
Level: All welcome  
Tutors: Mrs Cooke/Mr Peverelle

### Lichfield 'Launch Pad'

Time: 16:30-17:30  
Level: Beginners to Grade 2  
Tutor: Mr Walters

### Lichfield Training Wind Band

Time: 17:00-18:00  
Level: Grade 1 to Grade 2  
Tutor: Mrs Miller

### Lichfield String Orchestra

Time: 17:00-18:00  
Level: Beginners to Grade 2  
Tutor: Mr Scott

### Dates

September: 19, 26  
October: 3, 10, 17  
November: 7, 14, 21, 28  
December: 5, 10 (Concert only)  
January: 9, 16, 23, 30  
February: 6, 27 (Workshop only)  
March: 6, 13, 20, 27  
April: 24  
May: 8, 15, 22  
June: 5, 12, 19, 24 (Concert only)

### Lichfield Wind Band

Time: 17:00-18:15  
Level: Grade 3 and above  
Tutor: Mrs Owens

### Lichfield Beginner Wind Band

Time: 17:30-18:30  
Level: Beginners & Improvers  
Tutor: Mrs Smith

### Staffordshire Jazz East

Time: 18:45-19:45  
Level: Grade 4 and above  
Tutors: Mr Bennett/Mrs Miller

### Rock Band

Time: 17:45-18:45  
Level: Grade 3 and above  
Tutor: Mr Walters

**Venue:** King Edward VI School, Lichfield, WS14 9EE **When:** Saturday Fortnightly

### Concertante String Orchestra East

Time: 10:00-11:00  
Level: Grade 3 and above  
Tutors: Mrs Allen/Mr Galley

### Staffordshire Orchestra East

Time: 11:15-13:30  
Level: Grade 3 and above  
Tutors: Mrs Owens/Mr Galley

### Dates

September: 17  
October: 1, 15  
November: 12, 26  
December: 2 (Concert only)  
January: 14, 28  
February: 11  
March: 11, 25  
April: 22  
May: 6, 20  
June: 10, 24 (Concert only)

## Parental Volunteers Needed

If you can spare a little time or want more information on how to support the young musicians at the rehearsals and concerts, please contact Mrs Owens.



Scan the QR code to sign up or visit:  
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