



The Greysbrooke Grapevine

Friday 9th December 2022
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Message from Mrs Ballinger



It has certainly been a very busy week with all the Christmas performances taking place; these are the first on site for 3 years! And it is safe to say, the children did not disappoint. The singing, acting and performance skills were fantastic and the energy and enthusiasm they gave to each and every performance made the entire Greysbrooke team incredibly proud. Well done children, you were amazing!

Obviously, these performances take a lot of additional time and energy from the staff to plan, prepare and rehearse and so special thanks must go to them for going above and beyond to put on these high-quality shows. Thanks TEAM GB, you have done a fabulous job and set the standard very high for next year!

Donations raised at the end of the performances were for St. Giles Hospice and we are pleased to announce that the amount raised was a superb £805.56p. Thank you so much, I'm sure you will agree what a worthwhile charity St. Giles is and how every donation can help.

Our newly elected School Council Members have had a busy fortnight. Last week, they came together with Mrs Baldwyn to make a selection of Christmas tree decorations for the Christmas Tree Service which will be held at Trinity Methodist Church this weekend. Then, on Wednesday morning, they visited the church and proudly decorated the tree which will represent the entire Greysbrooke community. If you wish to attend, the service will be held on Sunday 11th December @ 4.30pm.

At this time of year, we can't help but think of those less fortunate, and we have, once again, been overwhelmed and grateful for all of the food bank donations that have already been sent in for the reverse advent calendar. Thank you. Donations will continue to be collected until Friday 16th December.

December is always a busy time in schools and so you will have received various updates over the coming weeks. We always try to get these out with as much notice as possible but inevitably there might last minute additions/changes that need to be relayed to you so be sure to keep your eyes peeled on emails / texts. Thanks for your understanding and supporting us at a very busy time of year.

Merry Christmas



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Parent Survey



Working in conjunction with parents and families is crucial and it also enhances and strengthens children's successes in school and relationships between home and school. Therefore, we would really value your feedback and would be most grateful if you could complete our Parent Survey, which should take approximately 60 seconds to fill in. The survey can be accessed via the link on the Grapevine emailed out to parents.



Carol Service



We are excited to be able to return to St. John the Baptist Church for a Carol Service next Friday 16th December.

This is an opportunity for the Greysbrooke community to come together to sing some carols and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas before we break up for the Christmas holidays.

The concert will begin at 10am and we would love it if you could join us.



A big Thank you to FROGS who have been very busy with their fundraising activity in the lead up to Christmas, and thank you to all the parents and members of the local community for donations given and supporting the events put on.

It was wonderful to see our school buzzing with people and excitement at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3rd December. The teddy tombola was a firm favourite as usual, as was a visit to Santa's grotto and the face painting. Guests enjoyed a hot turkey bap and delicious cakes; and there were additional stalls to enjoy and purchase items.

On Sunday 4th December, Christmas excitement continued when members of Frogs and the staff team joined Santa and his sleigh around Shenstone and yet more funds were raised.

As you know the funds raised by FROGS are used in a number of ways. Today, Friday 9th December, all KS2 children enjoyed a trip to see Snow White Pantomime at the Garrick Theatre in Lichfield fully funded by FROGS. They had a fabulous time. Thank you.

On Saturday 10th December (tomorrow) FROGS will be at the Shenstone Christmas Market between 3pm and 8pm. Situated in the Cooper rooms they are hosting Children's activities and serving refreshments. It will be a great place to warm up during your time at this village event.

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Celebrating Success and Achievements



Childrens University Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Phoebe in Year 3 who won the Childrens University design a Christmas Card Competition.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
from Nat, Ben and our AT&LP family



Designed by
Phoebe in Year 3
Greysbrooke Primary School



Phoebe's beautiful design will be transformed into a card as shown on the left, to be used across the Arthur Terry learning Partnership.

Phoebe will be presented with her prize at school on Monday 12th December. Well done Phoebe!

Highclare School Junior Creative Writing Competition.

Well done to everyone in KS2 who submitted an entry in the Highclare School Creative Writing Competition which involved writing a poem about the ancient Egyptian pharaoh - Tutankhamun. Congratulations to Senna in Year 6 who won a Top 10 Placement for his entry. We are all proud of your achievement, well done Senna!

Well done George & Flo

Brother and sister George and Flo (Y5 and Y2) both signed up for the Elf Run challenge to raise money for Bone Cancer Patients.

They set a target of £150 which they have already smashed and the money raised to date stands at £435.00. Well done George and Flo and good luck when you run your 5K between the 12th and 18th December. We are very proud of you.



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Music Tuition

Next term we have spaces for children in Key Stage 2 for keyboard tuition.

The cost of this is £68 a term and classes are held on a Tuesday afternoon in school hours.

If you are interested please contact the school office at

notification@greysbrooke.staffs.sch.uk

School Clubs

The timetable for clubs that are running during Spring Term was sent out this week, we have a mix of afterschool and lunch time clubs available. Booking and payment on parentpay closes on Tuesday 13th December.

Christmas Jumper Day



Today we have supported Save the Children wearing Christmas jumpers in school.

This year will be TWICE as good as before. Every time you donate £2, the UK government has totally promised to give £2 to Save the Children too*. That means double the funds.

A just giving page has been set up, please donate. click on the link below

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/clare-glandfield-christmas-jumper-day2022?edit=page?login=true?login=true>

Important Dates



Monday 12th December - Christmas Dinner day

Monday 12th December - Rec/KS1 Christmas party- children can come to school in party clothes

Tuesday 13th December - Closing date to book and pay for Spring Term Clubs

Wednesday 14th December - Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm for parents of children in the bands

Thursday 15th December - KS2 Christmas Party- children can come to school in party clothes

Friday 16th December - 10.00am Carol service at St John the Baptist Church Shenstone.

Friday 16th December - Last day of Term, children can bring a toy into school. (no expensive items please)

Next Term

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 - Inset Day school closed to Pupils

Wednesday 4th January - School opens for Spring Term

Thursday 5th January - Young Voices afterschool practice sessions recommence

Monday 9th January - Final Instalment for France trip due

Week commencing 9th January - Spring Term clubs commence

Support

We know that families across the country and our local area are being affected daily the rise in fuel / energy costs and inflation and that this is an expensive time of year. We are here to support and can signpost you to services which may be able to assist so if you are worried, finding it hard to make ends meet, please do reach out to us. You can make contact via notification@greysbrooke.staffs.sch.uk

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Learning Update

Year 3

In English, Year 3 have been learning about Rainforests and producing some fantastic non-chronological reports to showcase their knowledge. Following on from this, the children have used their reports to create a piece of persuasive writing to convince the Prime Minister to help stop deforestation.

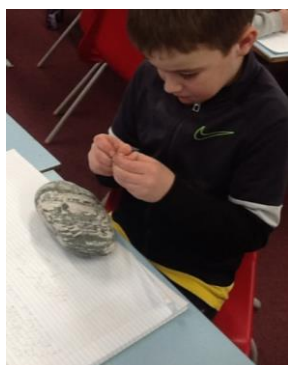


In Maths, the children have been working really hard on their new unit: Multiplication and Division. They have been using concrete resources (such as counters) and pictorial methods by drawing circles and dots to support their calculations.



We have now finished our DT unit and had lots of success making our apple crumbles. The children were able to use skills taught in peeling, chopping and mixing. The evaluation sheets that were completed at home show that they tasted great too!

In Computing, the children have been learning how to create their own stop motion animations using iMotion on the iPads. This process began with the children creating small flipbooks and eventually they were able to create their own storyboard and characters for their animation.



We have started a new topic in Science learning all about Rocks. This includes where they come from and how they are created, and later in the topic we will be learning about fossils! So far the children have learnt about the layers of the ground and investigated some of the material properties of rocks.

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Year 4

Year 4 have continued to demonstrate resilience in their learning, kindness to their peers, gratitude when assisted by adults and they aspire in each lesson to achieve their very best.

Since our last update we have been incredibly busy developing our addition and subtraction knowledge in Power Maths; we have used manipulatives to develop a greater understanding of exchanging amounts and have developed our skills in using bar models and part whole models.



In English we have been writing non-chronological reports linked to Black History Month and narratives based on the Roman Empire. We are currently working on a discussion text based on Roman inventors.

In Geography, we have been discussing the features of the Mediterranean and what makes it so special and we have shown a good understanding of the different regions within Italy. We are now going to evaluate life in Bologna. We have had some lovely PE lessons; learning Roman dances, developing our hockey skills and we even had an Archery lesson between rain showers.



We had the most wonderful day in mid-November, baking bread in our Design and Technology topic. Miss Callahan must have been mad letting us all mix and knead our dough at the same time. Despite flour everywhere, we had 100% success and all dough rose when proving and had a good texture when baked. Parents helped us evaluate and we had comments which Paul Hollywood would have been proud of - 'Handshake worthy' and 'looked just like the baps I buy in Sainsbury's.' Well done to all the children for their patience during this day.

Our observational drawing skills have developed in our Art sessions based on Italian architecture, we are really pleased with the outcomes of these drawings and use of pastels.



Our children continue to consider others; acting as learning coaches in lessons, selling cakes and sweets to raise money for charity, discussing and celebrating their differences and by showing care and understanding to friends who have injured themselves or are a little under the weather. Year 4 are such a caring class.

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**Shenstone Tennis Club
Xmas Kids Camp 6-14 yrs**

*Learn new skills, make new
friends, matchplay & fun
games. Delivered by LTA coaches
DBS & first aid trained.*

10AM - 12PM

DEC 20th & 21st

**COST: £12 FOR 1 DAY OR £20 FOR 2!
LIMITED AVAILABILITY - TEXT ZOE
07971898645 TO BOOK A PLACE**



THE NORTH POLE FUN SKATE LICHFIELD

OPENS 3rd DEC at 9am Boley Park Shopping Centre

**Open every day until 2nd Jan (apart from Christmas day)
Skate sessions run every hour on the hour 9am - 9pm for 50 min**

Free Parking, Music, snow and Hot Chocolate

Booking through website t&c's apply <http://www.northpolefunskate.com>

THIS IS A CASHLESS EVENT but you can pay by card on entry

Bring gloves and helmets for under 5's Recommended

This community family fun event has been set up for ALL to enjoy.

with thanks to The NORTH POLE FUN SKATE Team and the Co-Op at Boley Park sponsorship

Get your Skates on and have some fun, it's for everyone!

follow us on instagram @northpolefunskate and Face book





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FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Are you struggling and need some extra support?


















- Income maximisation
- Energy & water efficiency
- Behaviour change
- Money management
- PSR registration
- Access grants
- Essential household items
- Utility debt
- Work with specialist organisations
- Food bank referrals
- Water social tariff

Self referral

Email – WPD@HOPE4U.CO.UK

- Name
- Contact info
- Address
- Where have you heard of this support
- What support you require

Reverse Advent Calendar 2022

 1	 2	 3	 4	 5	 6
Tinned Veg	Biscuits	Tinned soup	UHT milk	Tinned ham	Chocolates
 7	 8	 9	 10	 11	 12
Tea bags	Stuffing	UHT fruit juice	Cereal	Toilet rolls	Coffee
 13	 14	 15	 16	    	
Crisps	Stew	Tinned fruit	Mince pies	<u>Happy Christmas</u>	

Thank you so much for you generous support in helping families this Christmas.

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Community Safety Flash



FIND WARMTH THIS WINTER

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service are supporting our Community by opening some of our stations for you to come in and have a hot drink and keep warm.

We are aware that our local communities are facing tough decisions because of the cost of living crisis. We know that one of those decisions for many of our community is around eating healthily or heating.



Where are our Warm Spaces

Commencing Thursday 10th November

Thursday	10th November 1:30pm -3pm	Lichfield Community Fire Station,
Friday	18th November 1:30pm -3pm	Burton Community Fire Station,
Tuesday	22nd November 1:30pm-3pm	Barton Under Needwood Community Fire Station,

Every Week thereafter

Until Further Notice



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What you can expect

**Warm and Friendly Welcome
Warm and Safe Space
Hot Drink and Biscuits**

As well as Activities for our young people

Lichfield



Burton upon Trent



Barton Under Needwood



**Birmingham Road
Lichfield
WS13 6HX**

**Moor Street
Burton Upon Trent
DE14 3SU**

**Short Lane
Barton Under needwood
DE13 8LB**

Your local Fire Crews would love to welcome you to your local Fire Station

**So please come along and enjoy our Warm Friendly Space
For More Information**

For more information please contact your local Business Support Team 01785 898525 or
SDGRoomEnquiries@staffordshirefire.gov.uk

In the event of an emergency get out, stay out and dial 999



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