



The Greysbrooke Grapevine

Friday 13th January 2023

Spring Term Newsletter No: 1

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Welcome back to Greysbrooke after the festive season! I hope it was a wonderful time for you all and that you found time to relax and catch up with family and friends.

It has been a busy start to the term and the children have certainly settled back into the routines quickly; the thirst for learning has already been noticeable. Staff have enjoyed launching new curriculum topics across the school and you should have already received a curriculum overview which informs you what your child will be learning during the Spring Term. Clubs have restarted this week and we look forward to continuing to offer a growing range of enrichment opportunities over the coming year.

Spring is another jam-packed term with many trips and events (e.g. work share session, parents evening, some class assemblies) so please be vigilant with checking The Grapevine, emails, text as we don't want you to miss out on anything. We endeavour to give as much notice as possible but sometimes there are last minute changes / events out of our control, so please be understanding.

During the last week of the Autumn term, senior leaders once again welcomed Helen Hastilow (ATLP) and Tracy Ruddle (School Improvement Partner) to Greysbrooke to share the on-going progress we are making in our school improvement journey for 2022-23. We were praised for our development of "Talking Through Stories" in Reception and Y1 and the impact it is having on the development of pupil's vocabulary and love of stories. Our newly developed DT standards for each year group were identified as a model of best practice and we have since then shared this across our ATLP family for other schools to use. It was also noted that the Senior Leadership Team and all staff are exceptionally hard working and we continue our drive for excellence.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for all your Christmas well wishes and gifts; it is never expected but very much appreciated. Thank you. We wish you all a happy, peaceful and healthy New Year - here's to a successful 2023!



Parents just a note to say if your child's log in is lost or needs resetting please contact the school office and this will be resolved for you.

Also if your child attends a club or activity not currently registered on the scheme they can request a postcard from Mrs Ballinger to take along and get that activity /club registered - they can then start collecting stamps towards their goals.



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KS2 Trainers

Despite the inclement weather, we are determined that children continue to access active breaks and lunchtimes. Therefore, we kindly request that children in KS2 have a spare pair of old trainers in school, which can be kept in their locker. If they do not have spare trainers, they will not be able to go on the field due to it being too muddy.



Sports for Champions



Sports For
Champions UK®
Community Interest Company

This week the children will have brought home a sponsor form for Sports for Champions. On Thursday 16th February we will welcome into school a professional athlete to work with the children to complete the challenges listed on their sponsor form. The money raised will be shared between the Athlete and the school.

Payment Reminders

Laches Wood Residential (Y5) - Final instalment due on Friday 27th January via ParentPay

Guitar & Keyboard Tuition - Payment due on Tuesday 31st January via ParentPay

FRANCE 2024 (Current Y5) - First instalment due by Tuesday 31st January via ParentPay

Ingestre Hall Residential (Y3/Y4) - 2nd instalment due on Friday 3rd February via ParentPay



Important Dates



Wednesday 18th January - 2.30pm Meet & Greet with Michelle Spires SendCo for Lichfield hub schools in the school hall

Thursday 19th January - Promotional menu for Lunch "Panto Special" see attached flyer

Thursday 19th January : FRANCE 2024 Parent info session for current Y5 parents @ 3.30pm in the school hall

Tuesday 24th January - YR & 6 NHS Height & Weight checks

Friday 27th January - Young Voices Concert

Monday 13th February - 3.30-4.30pm Workshare afternoon (more details to follow)

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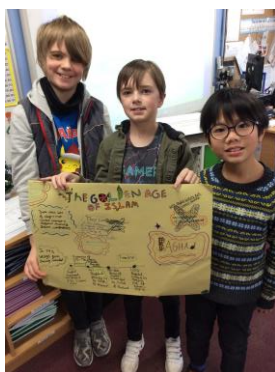
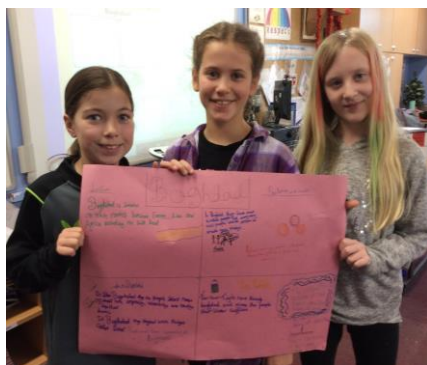
Learning Update

Year 5:

We've had an excellent start to the new year! Already we are mastering our **Power Maths** unit about perimeter and area. Congratulations to those children who have worked hard on their times tables over the holidays to complete their times table challenge grids (all tables to 12 x 12) in a quicker time and more accurately!

Our new class novel is also a hit! We are reading Eva Ibbotson's **Journey to the River Sea** which is an excellent resource to combine with our new Geography topic - **Rivers**. Our English lessons began with writing poetry about the Amazon using a certain number of syllables per line and a rhyming pattern. This week we've moved on to prepare for non-fiction writing comparing the Amazon River and the Thames River.

Our History topic about **The Golden Age of Islam** ended with a lovely lesson just before we broke up where the children created a poster of their learning about the importance of Baghdad during the term. We've now moved onto learning about **The Tudors**, with a focus on **Crime and Punishment**.



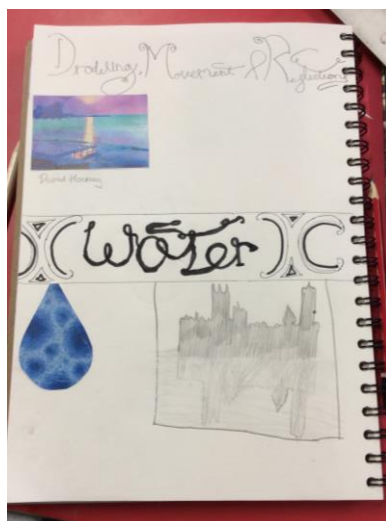


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Our **Art** and **DT** topics this term also link to the Geography topic of Rivers. In Art we are looking at **Drawing, Movement and Reflection** through the study of images of water and in DT we will be looking at the **structure of bridges**. This week we started off our Art work by creating a mood board in our sketch books.



In **PE** we have just started Playing **Volleyball**, this week we have watched a brief video describing the rules and how to score correctly and we have had a practice at using some of the hitting skills in a basic game - it got very competitive!



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Year 6

Year 6 made a fantastic start to the Spring Term. They have returned with a great attitude, exquisite and motivated.

In English, we have been exploring writing a witness report. Our skill building lessons have concentrated on the use of the subjunctive form and the use of adverbials for cohesion within a witness report.



In mathematics, we are coming towards the end of our fractions unit. We have built on our personal toolkits by looking at a variety of strategies and procedures for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions and we have now found strategies and tools that suit us to solve these types of calculations.

PE has seen use practising our invasion game skills in Tag Rugby, with a focus on using quick, short passes to identify space and defending as a unit in a defensive line. We have also started gymnastics looking at different balances and movements on the gymnastics equipment.



In science, we have started our light unit. We have learnt that light travels in a straight line and will be learning through investigation about reflection and refraction.

Year 6 have been fortunate to have our local PCSO, Andrea Horsnall, continue the Staffordshire Police Junior Cadet sessions in school. The final sessions will explore anti-social behaviour, staying safe while out and about, knife crime and harmful relationships.

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PANTO SPECIAL MENU



**Peter Pan's
Neapolitan Pasta Bake
Beastly Chicken Korma Curry
with Naan Bread**

SERVED WITH...



**Magic Baked Beans
Jack's Beanstalk Green Beans
Aladdin's Lamp Garlic Bread
Goose Grain's Boiled Rice**

FOLLOWED BY...



**Cinderella's Glass
Slipper Jelly**



**Beauty's
Cookies**

Fresh DINING

Message from Harley Belleini

Hi fellow parents of Greysbrooke School;

I'm Jasper James's mum from year 3 and I've been lucky enough to reserve a place, running the London marathon this April for Macmillan cancer support. In 2016 I lost my stepdad, and 2018 my grandad to cancer.

Cancer is a subject which impacts us all, touching and affecting all of our lives, and Macmillan are there to support people and their families who are on these life changing journeys.

I'd appreciate all the support, no matter how big or small, the pennies make the pounds!

I've been updating my fundraising page with my training runs and fundraising milestones and would love if you followed my journey; or even joined me for a run!

Thank you in advance!

Harleys running the London Marathon
2023
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