



# The Greysbrooke Grapevine

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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## Message from Mrs Ballinger

It has been another busy fortnight at Greysbrooke with lots of incredible learning taking place across the school. The Grapevine provides just a snapshot of updates, so in order to keep up to date with what is going on in school more regularly, please don't forget to follow us on Twitter using [@greysbrookeATLP](https://twitter.com/greysbrookeATLP)

**Read Write Inc.**  
Phonics

As you are aware, Reading has a high profile at Greysbrooke and this week we welcomed Ruth Broadhead into school to work with the staff and children. Ruth is our Read Write Inc. consultant and we had a very productive day. Lots of effective practice was observed across the school; children's reading skills are developing with fluency and accuracy; and the children's behaviour for learning was outstanding. We are incredibly proud of all staff and children for their continued hard work and enthusiasm towards reading.

At this point, it seems only right to give a big shout out and massive thanks to Mrs Wildman. Mrs Wildman has a real passion for reading and is working tirelessly at driving our focus on reading for pleasure. She has set up the GB Reading Café; established Reading Ambassadors across the school; devised a Reading Newsletter; and sets regular competitions for children (and staff) to take part in. I'm sure you will have noticed the display on the library windows of children and staff reading creatively - it's fantastic! Thank you, Mrs Wildman, for all your hard work and dedication, we are very grateful and hope that you can see we love reading too!



I am pleased to announce that on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February, we will be hosting a work share afternoon from 3.30-4.30pm. This is an informal opportunity to come into school, go to your children's classroom, look at their books and share the learning with them. Senior Leaders will be on site during this session but it's very much an opportunity for you to share with your child and see their achievements since you last looked at their books at Parents Evening, back in October. Last admission time to view books is 4.15pm.

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**YOUNG  
VoICES**



**2023**

Tonight children and staff are taking part in Young Voices concert. This amazing event is held at Resorts World, Birmingham. We hope everyone has a fabulous evening and we look forward to sharing photos via Twitter and in the next edition of the Grapevine



The Big Garden Birdwatch is due to take place between 27-29<sup>th</sup> January. Therefore, Owl-Bert has launched his RSPB challenge to spot as many birds as you can over the weekend. Attached to this newsletter is a Birdwatch tick sheet for you to collate all your findings on. Once completed, follow the instructions on the sheet to gain 1.5 hours to your Children's University account. Good luck and happy spotting!

## Payment Reminders

Laches Wood Residential Y5 - Final instalment due Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan via ParentPay

Guitar & Keyboard Tuition - Payment due Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan via ParentPay

FRANCE 2024 - 1st instalment due by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan via ParentPay

Ingestre Hall Residential Y3/Y4 - 2nd instalment due Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb via ParentPay

## Class assemblies

We are pleased to reintroduce Class assemblies to our timetable. Over this term and the summer term, parents of each year group will be invited in to see a class assembly.

This starts with Year 2, delivering a class assembly on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm

Please check the Important dates section of each edition for your date.

## Sports for Champions



**Sports For  
Champions UK®**  
Community Interest Company

Children will recently have brought home a sponsor form for Sports for Champions.

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Information regarding the spring term parent's evening will be distributed soon. For now the dates to pop in your diary are Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Afterschool clubs that run on the parent evening days will be cancelled and rescheduled. New dates for those sessions to be confirmed.

## Strike Action Update

Currently the plan for Greysbrooke is to remain open to all on strike action dates, which are 1<sup>st</sup> February & 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> March. If there are any changes to this plan they will be communicated to you as soon as possible.

## Keeping in touch

Please remember that we greatly value working with parents/carers and so communication is essential. If you have any concern in relation to your child, we ask you to make contact with your child's class teacher in the first instance by:

- Writing a note in your child's reading diary for them to pass on
- Telephoning the school office and requesting a call back
- Emailing: [notification@greysbrooke.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:notification@greysbrooke.staffs.sch.uk)
- Leaving a message at the beginning of the school day on the KS1 / KS2 door with the member of staff on duty to pass on

You can also make contact with a member of our Senior Leadership Team using the above methods. Senior Leaders to contact are as follows:

Reception/Key Stage 1: **Mrs Glandfield**

KS2: **Mr Rowlands**

## Polite notices

**Driveway** - for health and safety reasons, children and parents are not to enter / exit school site via the school driveway. The school bus and deliveries use this entrance throughout the day; it is not to be used as a pedestrian access. You should enter the school site via the top gate. Thank you.

**Trading Cards** -children should not be bringing trading cards into school, they are easily lost, and are often the cause of distraction and disagreements.

**Healthy snacks** - please ensure snacks for break and lunch are healthy, children should not bring in big share bags of crisps or sweets!

**Nut allergies** - please ensure that children's snack / lunchboxes do not have food which contains nuts. We have children in school with severe allergies.

Thank you !

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## World Book Day



We are looking forward to celebrating World Book day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The whole school will be studying the same book during this week called 'Wanted, the Perfect Pet'.

On Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> we are asking that pupils come to school dressed as a book character or if they would prefer they can come in their pyjamas, ready for a bedtime story. We can't wait lose ourselves in a good book!



## Weather Watch!



We would like to remind parents of procedures in the event of heavy snowfall, which could lead to a school closure:

The decision to close school is only taken following much consideration about the health and safety of pupils and staff. The ability of Catering staff to travel to school to provide the children with lunch is another necessary consideration, as well as the advice received from Pupil Transport Services about the accessibility of outlying county roads and the safe transport to and from school of the pupils residing there.

Decisions are usually made early in the morning, as circumstances can obviously improve or deteriorate overnight and I am sure that you can appreciate that many children and staff travel from varying locations to school.

Following any significant incident of snow, the decision to close the school will be posted on **Staffordshire County Council's website**. Additionally, we will post a message on our **school website**, **twitter account**, and will notify parents by our **parent text facility**.



## Important Dates



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - 2.30pm Year 2 class assembly

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - 3.30-4.30pm Workshare afternoon

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Sports for Champions sponsored event and athlete visit

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Half term

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February - INSET DAY - School closed to pupils

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> & Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Parents evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm

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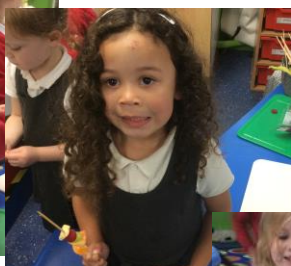
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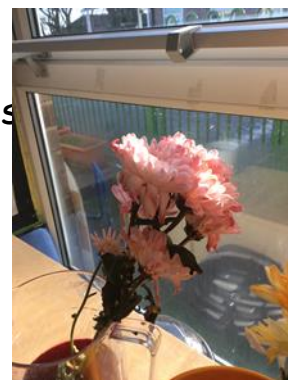
## Learning Update

### Reception:

We have been learning about Healthy Eating, we read 'Oliver's Vegetables' and filled the sand tray with different vegetables, we loved exploring how they smelt and felt. We made these delicious fruit kebabs! We used grapes, oranges, bananas, strawberries, raspberries. We really enjoyed tasting them.



We have just started our Plants and Growing Topic; we have explored what happens when you put white flowers in water with food colouring. We loved seeing them change colour.



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## Year 1



### Musicians, artists and sports stars!

Year One have settled so well into the Spring term and have really thrown themselves in to all of their learning:

In art, the class have begun to explore primary colours through painting, understanding what primary colours are and how we can use these to create secondary colours. They will then begin to put this knowledge into practice when creating some amazing pieces.

In PE, this half term is all things golf. So far, they have been practicing their putting and chipping skills and we definitely have some pros in the making!

The class have had great fun when practicing this terms song 'In the Groove' on glockenspiels, exploring the song and learning to appreciate many different forms of music.

We have put huge emphasis on Reading for Pleasure recently and the class are loving all the books that we have been immersing ourselves into. The class 'reading tree' is really starting to fill up now with some great book reviews given by the whole class.



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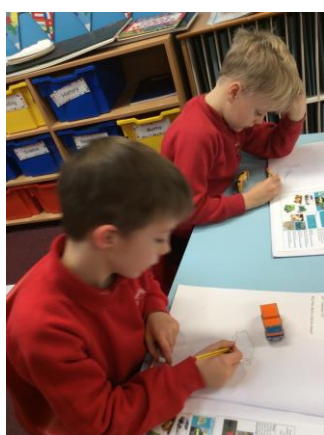
## Year 2

Year 2 have got off to a great start in 2023 showing kindness, resilience and aspiration. We have started lots of new topics and are enjoying these.

In maths, we have been looking at money, recognising and sorting coins and notes and using a numberline to calculate amounts. We are finding out that there is more than one way to make different amounts.

In DT we are going to be spending this term making a moving vehicle. We have already started to look at what makes a vehicle move and have found the axel, chassis and cab on vehicles in school. Check back later on this term to see how our vehicles are coming along and if we have been able to make our vehicle move.

We are really excited about our Great Fire of London topic. In history we have started to find out about life London in 1666 and how it differs from today. In PE we have created a dance to retell the story of The Great Fire of London, moving in time to the music and thinking about position and direction. We have been busy practicing our class assembly and can't wait to see the year 2 parents in school to come and watch.



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1. Watch the birds around you for one hour
2. Count how many of each species of bird **lands** on your patch
3. Write the totals in the white boxes below
4. Email a photo of your sheet to [CU@atlp.org.uk](mailto:CU@atlp.org.uk) to receive your stamp code!

GOOD LUCK!



Blackbird



Starling



Thrush



Wren



Sparrow



Robin



Blue Tit



Great Tit



Chaffinch



Long-Tailed Tit



Coal Tit



Goldfinch



Magpie



Jackdaw



Crow



Wood Pigeon



Collared Dove



Jay





**Singing Community of Choirs invites Y2-Y7s to**

***Get Singing!***

**From 1 February 2023...**

**Join our choirs for 6 FREE taster sessions!**

**Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings at Moor Hall Primary School**

**Receive training in good musicianship and vocal technique  
and perform with our choirs in a concert at the**

**Sutton Coldfield Town Hall on 16 March 2023!**



Registered Charity No. 1165686

**Contact us for more information  
[enquiry@scchoirs.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@scchoirs.org.uk)**

**SCCT**

Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust

This event has been made possible  
thanks to funding received from  
the Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust

**Rehearsal times: Junior Voices (Y2-Y4) 16:15-17:15**

**Intermediate Voices (Y5-Y7) 17:40-19:15**



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# Staffordshire Young Musician 2023

## Composer Award

Open to all school aged composers who are 18yrs or under (August 2023),  
who either live or study within Staffordshire.

### How to apply

Follow the 'Microsoft Forms'  
link to apply:

[https://forms.office.com/e/  
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or scan the QR code.



### Stimulus for your composition

1. A song you've written
2. A composition for your GCSE / A Level
3. A piece of music you have composed at school

Your composition can be written for the following:

1. Instrumental – maximum 5 parts
2. Song – vocal and accompaniment

*Must not exceed 4 minutes in length.*

Preliminary Round – Online Entries

Closing date to apply – **3rd March 2023**

Submission of Composition – **26th May 2023**

Winners Announcement (online via 'Teams') – **14th July 2023**

Winning Compositions performed at the SYM Live Finals

**15th (Song) and 16th (Instrumental) July 2023**



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# Staffordshire Young Musician 2023

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or scan the QR code.



Preliminary Round – Online Video Entries

Closing date to apply – **3rd March 2023**

Deadline to submit your Preliminary Round video entry - **30th March 2023**

Live Finals – **15th (Singer) and 16th (Instrumental) July 2023**



# JOB VACANCY

Easy Clean currently have an exciting opportunity for a cleaning position at Greysbrook Primary School, to join our already established cleaning team.

- Hours of work –Monday to Friday, 5am -7am
- £10.90 per hour pay rate.

The successful candidate will work with Easy Clean to provide a great environment for children, staff and visitors by being friendly and approachable, taking pride in their work and maintaining the cleanliness of the site.

We will provide full training if you have not worked within the industry before, ideally, we are looking for someone who:

- Has high standards in all areas of their work.
- Be flexible in your approach to working.
- Be self-motivated, trustworthy and proactive.
- Work effectively and supportively as a member of the team and have confidence and ability to act -on your own initiative, dealing with unexpected problems that may arise.
- Have a positive outlook and good work ethic, taking pride in your work.
- Have good communication skills.

For more information, please contact Head office - 01733 244935 or email your CV to [marketing@easyclean-contractors.co.uk](mailto:marketing@easyclean-contractors.co.uk)

A member of the team will be happy to assist you with the application and questions.

***We are committed to employment practices and behaviours which encourage diversity, promote equality of treatment and eliminate unlawful and or unfair discrimination. We reserve the right to close this vacancy once we have received sufficient applications. If you have not been contacted within two weeks of the posting date, please assume that your application has not been successful and will not be progressed to the next stage.***

## 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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