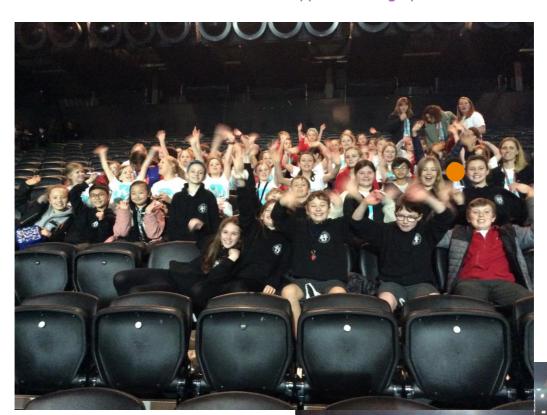


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We sang our hearts out!

On Friday 27th January, we had the pleasure of taking 60 children to the Resorts World Arena for the annual Young Voices concert. As always, the children made us proud, their enthusiasm was unbounding and their behaviour brilliant. It was a long day but they all had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the rehearsal and the concert. During the concert they performed with the legendary Heather Small and the amazing Urban Strides and Beatbox Collective. Thank you very much to all who came to watch and for the support leading up to the concert.



Special thanks must also go to Mrs Speed for co-ordinating and organising the event; Mrs Wharton who ably assisted Mrs Speed and came in on her days off to rehearse with the children; Mrs Wildman and Mrs Suter who also stayed after school during their own time to rehearse with children and of course all the other GB staff who gave up their Friday evening to enable this trip to take place.

It was fantastic and is a firm favourite on the GB calendar...we can't wait to go again next year!



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Parents Evening

Information regarding the spring term parents' evening was sent out earlier this week.

The system to book your parents' evening appointment opens on Monday 13th Feb and closes on Thursday 16th Feb.

Spotlight on Attendance

After reviewing attendance at our school for the first half of this spring term, we would like to say well done to Year 2 who topped the chart with 97.90% attendance.

School Kitchen Inspection

We are pleased to report that the kitchen had a recent Environment Health Inspection and have sustained their Level 5 Food Hygiene rating. This is a great achievement so congratulations and well done go to Miss Carthy and Miss Dickins for all their continued hard work.

Congratulations.



Well done to Celia Y4 who was childrens awarded her Bronze certificate with the Children's University

at school asssembly last week.

Tech Camp free draw

Congratulations to Bella in Y4 who won the draw for a place at Tech Camp in Half Term

Calling all Bakers

Applications for the 9th series of Junior Bake Off on Channel 4 are currently open. They are

looking for young budding bakers between 9-12 years old. Filming would take place from July 2023. See flyer attached.

Applications close Sunday 12th March 2023.

Interested bakers can apply online at www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

Sports for Champions



Next week 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.

Details of how to submit funds raised are on your sponsor form.

If you have lost this form, please contact the office and we can send out an electronic version or print a copy off for you.



Strike Action Update

Currently the plan for Greysbrooke is to remain open to all on strike action dates, which are 1st, 15th 16th March.

If there are any changes to this plan, they will be communicated to you as soon as possible.



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Request from Shenstone Library

Our book shelves are looking a little thin.

Could parents check their children's bookshelves for any library books that might be returned? There are no overdue fees but we'd really appreciate the books back.



When leaving school

A polite reminder that children should not be playing on any of the outdoor equipment (Frogtopia, Tadpole Towers, Climbing Wall, Outside Gym) at the beginning or end of the school day. We also request that you don't allow them to play football on the field or playground. Thank you for your support.

World Book Day

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

On Thursday March 2nd 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 to lose ourselves in a good book!

Keep us informed

Do be sure to keep us up to date with any changes in contact numbers or home addresses. For safeguarding purposes, it's important that we have all details up to date for all children. If you need to update any details, please contact the school office either via telephone or email:

notification@greysbrooke.staffs.sch.uk

In addition, if there are changes to family circumstances (you move house, a new baby is born, a family separation, bereavement) please do let us know so that we are able to fully support your child and you during this time of change.



Considerate parking

Please could you all be considerate if driving to and from school and parking on Barnes Road. Residents are finding it difficult to get in and out of the road. Our little parking buddies have been damaged which means it's difficult to put them out when it's windy / raining as they fall over. We request you don't park on the hill directly outside pedestrian gate or on the end of the junction as this causes an obstruction and makes it dangerous for pedestrians to cross. Remember, we are very lucky to have links within the community that enables us to park on The Bulls Head carpark so please don't forget to use this facility.



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Coffee & Cake Fundraiser

Reception class Frogs have arranged to sell coffee and cakes during the Workshare afternoon on Monday 13th February to raise funds for some outdoor play equipment in the reception play area. They will be set up in the school hall 3.15 to 4.15 for you to purchase refreshments during your visit. (Classrooms will be open from 3.30pm)



Prices start from 50p, if you bring your own travel cup they can fill that to save on paper cups.



Important Dates



Monday 13th February - 3.30-4.30pm Workshare afternoon

Monday 13th February - Booking opens for parents evening

Tuesday 14th February - 2.30pm In school performance for Young Voices parents only

Thursday 16th February - Sports for Champions sponsored event and athlete visit

Thursday 16th February - Booking closes for parents evening

Monday 20th to Friday 24th February - Half term

Monday 27th February - INSET DAY - School closed to pupils

Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd March - Parents' evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm

 $\underline{\text{Thursday 2}^{\text{nd}} \text{ March}}$ - World book day: Children to come to school dressed as their favorite book character or in their PJs.

Monday 13th to Friday 17th March - Laches Wood Y5 Residential

Friday 17th March - Red Nose Day - more info to follow in due course

Monday 20th to Friday 24th March - Y6 Trip to France

Thursday 30th March - Last day of Spring term

Friday 31st March - Inset Day - School closed to Pupils

Monday 17th April - School Opens - Summer Term

Tuesday 18th April - Gardening club - session owed from spring term



Payment dates

<u>Friday 24th March</u> - Final instalment for Ingestre Hall residential <u>Friday 31st March</u> - 2nd Instalment for France 2024

Parents - Free training

Parents can access a variety of free level 2 accredited courses on a variety of Children's mental health and well-being issues.

Please see the flyers attached with this edition of the Grapevine.



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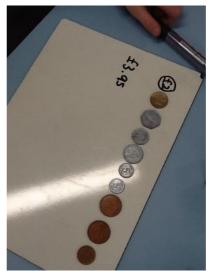
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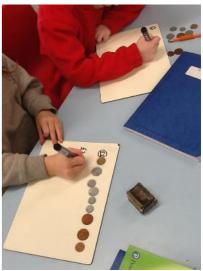
Learning Update

Year 3

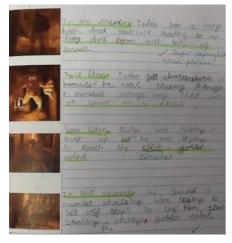
Year 3 have had a brilliant start to the Spring term, we have started lots of new topics and I am so proud of how hard the children have been working and throwing themselves into all of their learning.

In Maths, the children have completed their topic of Multiplication and Division, having learnt several methods for solving problems. We are now moving onto a new topic about Money learning how to convert pounds and pence as well and calculating amounts and change.





In English, Year 3 have been creating a brilliant narrative writing based on the comical explorer Tadeo Jones, describing his exciting journey through an Egyptian tomb. The children have been able to use their knowledge from their history lessons applying key vocabulary and accurate accounts of an Ancient Egyptian tomb.





We have started a new topic in Computing, learning about programming and sequencing steps in 'Scratch'. The children are going to be creating their own musical instrument sound sequences by experimenting with different musical sprites.



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In History, we have started our topic all about Ancient Egypt. So far, the children have investigated the importance of the river Nile as well as exploring primary sources and artefacts that tell us what life was like. In Geography, we have begun a new topic called 'Settlement Changes'. The children have been learning about land use and land development over time. They have also learnt the differences between different settlement types.



We have now come to the end of our Science topic about Rocks. The children have learnt about the three types of rock formation, physical qualities about rocks as well as how fossils are formed. We have explored how rocks are formed through acting, chocolate experiments as well as written explanations. The children have also gained knowledge about the layers of the ground through exploring the book 'The street beneath my feet'.







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Year 4

WOW - since our last learning update we have been incredibly busy in Year 4. The children continue to amaze us daily with their inquisitive minds, caring nature, imaginative responses and determination to succeed.

In Maths, we have been developing our written methods for multiplication and division. We have used a range of methods to suit our own style of learning and have even grasped the skills of completing correspondence problems. Here we are working hard in our Power Maths books!





In English, we have been focusing on a range of different writing styles. We have discussed formal letters and the language required to inform, persuade or complain. The children wrote some wonderful letters including all of the necessary features.

We also created information leaflets which would inform a family on owning a dog and the children have shown empathy as to the pros and cons of this responsibility. Here are some of our leaflets.



We have just started to look at play scripts and the format needed to write a script. We have developed our drama skills and annotated a script before we move on to developing our own script.



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PE has seen us developing our leaps and jumps in Gymnastics and these individuals lessons will lead up to us creating a sequence of movements.

In History, we are starting our new unit on the Anglo-Saxons and we have designed our own settlement. In Geography we are starting to learn about Global Trade and what this means for the economy.





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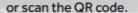
Staffordshire Young Musician 2023

Composer Award

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



Follow the 'Microsoft Forms' link to apply: https://forms.office.com/e/Pnep2ZL4kK







- 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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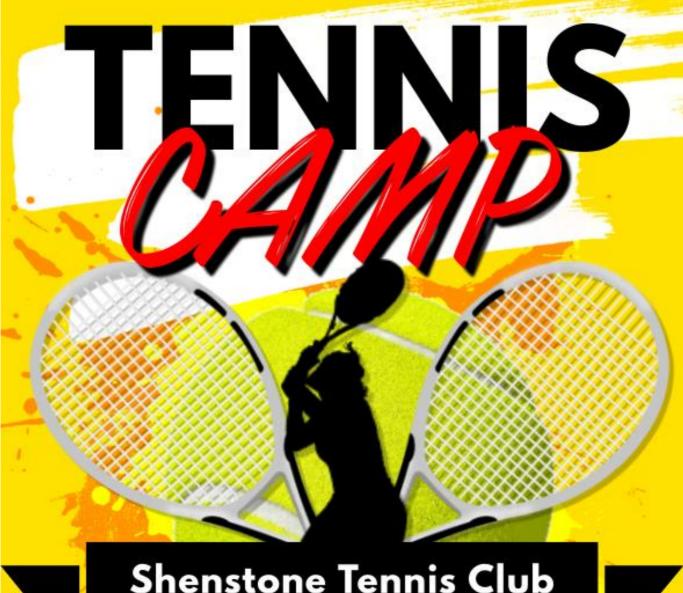




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Attention ALL- This will take just 30 seconds to read and is a fantastic opportunity!

We have been contacted by The AIM Group who deliver Free Online Level 2 Accredited Courses to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing, along with a range of other qualifications that may help with developing your own careers.

Here's some of the most popular subjects available:

- Neuroscience in the Early Years
- Children and Young Peoples Mental Health
- Understanding Autism
- Specific Learning Difficulties
- Nutrition and Health
- Behaviour That Challenges in Children
- Bullying in Children and Young People
- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Mental Health Awareness
- Counselling
- Special Educational Needs and Disability
- Team Leading
- Business Administration
- Lean Organisation Management
- Customer Service
- Functional Skills Maths
- Functional Skills English

These are just the popular qualifications, but they have over 30 available!

The qualifications are completed within a 6–10 week period in your own leisure. They are equivalent to a GCSE Grade C. You can do as many as you like, however you can only do one at a time.

The only criteria you must meet to be eligible, is:

- Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2022
- Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years
- Not already on a Government funded course

If you are interested in undertaking one of these free online courses or would like further information, then please complete the following link **ASAP**. This will then allow The AIM Group to contact you to discuss and get you started on your chosen course: https://theaimgroup.co.uk/booking-form/0014J00000tWu3m

If you have any questions prior to expressing interest, call **Shane Cooke on 0203 900 3091 extension 249** or drop him an email at shane.cooke@theaimgroup.co.uk



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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!

