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Under construction!

During the recent half term break, groundwork in the quad area (which is a small garden area in the middle of school) began. Site staff were joined by a small but mighty group of people who began dismantling old brick planters and removing garden waste / rubble. It was back breaking work and is just the start of the project but we wish to send massive thanks to all those involved and who gave up time during the holidays to help put this plan into action.



There is still more work to undertake, but the vision is for the quad to become an outdoor learning space for children to access with a selection of seating, canopies, grass and paved areas. We will also have a commemorative bench/area in honour of the late Mr Max Berry who was a hugely popular and greatly missed member of Greysbrooke team and Shenstone village. We hope to continue to develop this area over the summer term and provide updates.

Thank you

Once again, thank you for your support and understanding in relation to last weeks' school closures. It is a decision that is never taken lightly and so when conditions change / worsen we have to make dynamic risk assessments and act with safety always at the forefront. Year 1 parents, we're pleased to announce that the new date for the Y1 Class Assembly will be on **Friday 28th April @ 2.30pm.**



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Thank you to everyone taking part in our fundraising for Red Nose day, it's been a very bright and colourful day here at Greysbrooke.

So far we have raised £231.00 which is just a little bit short of our £250 target.

If you still wish to donate please follow the link below to our just giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-greysbrooke-primary-school>

Class assembly dates

Please see below a list of the class assembly dates for the rest of this academic year, including Year 1 which has been rescheduled due to the snow day last week.

- ✚ Year 5 Friday 24th March @ 2.30pm
- ✚ Year 1 Friday 28th April @ 2.30pm
- ✚ Years 3 & 4 Friday 26th May @ 2.30pm
- ✚ Reception Friday 30th June @ 2.30pm
- ✚ Y6 leavers Assembly 21st July @ 2.30pm



Handwriting Pens

We have constantly high expectations for pupil presentation and so, since half term, all pupils in KS2 have been set the challenge of being able to write with a pen for all lessons (except maths).

The results are already very pleasing and children have taken a real pride in their work and the risen to the challenge.

Excitingly, Y2 are just at the stage of beginning to introduce pens on Fridays ... the outcome this morning was fabulous!

Keep up the hard work and pride in your work children.

Summer term afterschool clubs

We are busy at present putting together a timetable for our afterschool clubs for the summer term.

Due to the first half of our summer term being extremely busy with the Y3&4 residential trips, bank holidays and SATs our afterschool clubs will not commence until week beginning 15th May and they will run for 6 weeks only.

Full details of the clubs on offer will be distributed after the Easter break.

Art Project Reminder

Kate Brinkworth, will be coming in to school on **Friday 21st April** to help us create a large piece of Art to represent our local area. This will be displayed in our school hall.

We are asking for donations of large pieces of cardboard/cardboard boxes. Corrugated card would be ideal, but we need to be able to cut it with scissors! Please drop donations off at the school office in the week beginning Monday 27th March.

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Coronation Bank Holiday



Just a little reminder to parents that School will be closed on Monday 8th May 2023 for the Bank Holiday to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles the Third.

However you mark this historic day we hope you enjoy it.



Thank you to everyone at FROGS for organising the Spring Term Disco which was enjoyed by all the children.



The team are now busy organising a school Easter Egg Hunt which will be on Monday 27th March.



Important Dates



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

Tuesday 21st March - No Football club

Friday 24th March - 2.30pm Year 5 class assembly

Monday 27th March - Frogs Easter Egg Hunt

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 & Football Club - last session owed from spring term

Tuesday 18th April & Wednesday 19th April - Y5 Bikeability

Wednesday 19th April 2.30pm - Rocksteady performance to parents

Thursday 20th April - Bikeability Y4

Friday 21st April - Artist Kate Brinkworth in school for whole school art project.

Monday 1st May - May Day Bank Holiday School Closed

Tuesday 2nd May to Friday 5th May - Y3/4 Residential trip to Ingestre Hall

Monday 8th May - Coronation Bank Holiday - School Closed

Week beginning 8th May - SATS week

Sunday 14th May - Frogs Duck Race

Friday 26th May - Last day of term

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June - Half term holiday



Payment dates

+ Friday 24th March - Final instalment for Ingestre Hall residential

+ Monday 27th March - Payments go live for Music Tuition

+ Friday 31st March - 2nd Instalment for France 2024

+ Friday 21st April - Payments due for Music Tuition

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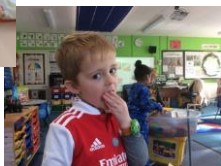
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Learning Update

Reception

In Reception Class we have been learning about Chinese New Year. We tasted lots of lovely Chinese food, eg rice, vegetable spring rolls and prawn toast. We loved it!



We also made a dragon costume and went outside to perform a dragon dance, we took it in turns to be the dragon and then to play the music. We had the best time!!



We celebrated World Book Day by dressing as a character from a book, we had superheroes, policemen, a dragon, Harry Potter and many more amazing characters in our class that day.



We have been learning all about the life cycle of a frog. Our sand tray has become a frog pond, with lily pads, frogspawn, tadpoles, froglets and frogs in it.

We love catching them with our nets!



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Year 1

Year 1 absolutely loved their afternoon spent in our new Forest School. They really came into their own and took on every challenge. They took part in a number of activities all around the campfire, making pancakes, numberblocks from wood that they cut themselves and they also decorated wooden medallions.



It was a fun afternoon all round and they can't wait to get back out there!



We all loved coming into school dressed as our favourite fictional characters or in our pyjamas to celebrate this year's 'World Book Day'. The class had a week full of activities celebrating Greysbrooke's chosen story of 'Wanted: the perfect pet' and they have produced some incredible work around this. Reading for pleasure is a philosophy that we are extremely proud of at Greysbrooke and in Year 1, the children are constantly encouraged to talk about reading and the books they love. The classes 'reading tree' is really starting to fill up now with the children's book reviews and opinions on all the stories we read in class.

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Year 2

We have thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Blakesley Hall and the children really made us proud. They shared their knowledge of the Great Fire of London and impressed our guide Will. We spent the morning touring the house, hearing stories and first hand accounts from the fire. We loved dressing up and taking part in role play. In the afternoon we had the opportunity to write with ink and a quill, experiment with brass rubbings and look at different artefacts from the period.



In Art we have been experimenting with colours that make us feel warm and cool and what emotions we feel. We have used water colours to create a warm and a cool painting.



Thank you for all of the donations we have received to help us to create our moving vehicles. We have made a start by creating the chassis, axle and wheels.



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50th Anniversary
Shenstone Tennis Club
County Club Of The Year 2023

Sat 25th March 1pm – 4pm

OPEN DAY

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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!

Harleys running the London Marathon
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