



The Greysbrooke Grapevine

Friday 28th April 2023

Summer Term Newsletter No: 1

Message from Mrs Ballinger

Welcome back to you all for the summer term. In addition to our timetabled lessons, so much additional learning and curriculum enrichment has already taken place during the last two weeks. It has been a privilege to see the children enjoy these experiences and their attitude to all elements of school life has been wonderful.



Bikeability is a firm favourite and took place for our Y4 and Y5 pupils last week. This involved Y5 pupils going out and about on the roads in the village and applying all their road safety skills and knowledge in context. Staff reported that they were incredible at following the instructions and keeping themselves safe and all passed the course! Y4 pupils stayed closer to home and carried out their session on the playground. They navigated the playground through practising their balancing skills; start / stop technique; and their precision and accuracy was tested by cycling around the cones. The children also learnt about the ABC bike check through the bike checks that they carried out with the instructor.

On Wednesday 19th April, parents and family members of our Rock Steady children were invited into school to listen to the pieces of music that the bands had learnt in the Spring term. Despite not having had a lesson for 3 weeks, then only having opportunity to run through the music once with the whole school watching, the children did not let that stop them. They rose to the challenge and tackled it head on. The delight and enjoyment was clear to see throughout the performances and there were certainly some song choices that were firm favourites with parents/staff. Well done to all involved, you showed courage and determination, we can't wait to hear what you are performing for the end of term concert!



On Friday 21st April, local artist Kate Brinkworth was in school to carry out a whole school art day. There is more information to follow in the Grapevine about this, but I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to Kate for all her hours of preparation and planning to enable this to take place. A special thanks must also go to Mrs Hepworth who co-ordinated the whole day and liaised with Kate in the planning stages and throughout the day to make it a success. One final thank you goes to Hayley Morris who gave up her day off to assist Kate in the smooth running of the art day and for helping to put the finished artwork up in the hall. It looks absolutely stunning, so we hope you get chance to pop in and see it on our work share afternoon, which is scheduled for later in the term.

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It was fantastic to see many of the Greysbrooke community out in force on Sunday at the St. George's Day Parade in Lichfield. Many of our children took part in the parade representing Rainbows / Brownies / Beavers / Cubs / Scout groups; they marched with pride and did not let the weather deter them. Congrats to all involved, you looked fabulous and made us very proud.

Over the year, Y6 have been taking part in Staffordshire Junior Police Cadet programme, and yesterday afternoon there was a presentation to celebrate all their hard work. Children were joined by parents / family members for this event, which was lead by PSCE Andrea Horsnall and it was great to mark this special achievement together.

Huge congrats to Y1 for their fabulous assembly this afternoon, their singing filled the school with joy and even brought the sunshine out.

The next Grapevine will not be out until the end of KS2 SATs week, therefore, on behalf of the entire GB community we would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every member of our Y6 class the best of luck for the SATS. Go Y6, you've got this! Remember you are all amazing!



King's Coronation

We are looking forward to celebrating the King's Coronation as a whole school on Friday 12th May. A reminder that children are invited to come to school wearing red, white, blue clothes on this day. Y6 are to come to school in uniform and bring red/white/blue clothes with them to change into after their final SAT.

Important dates



We hope you have found the new Parents /Carers term calendar helpful. A copy is attached to the back of this edition of the Grapevine, and any changes or new dates are highlighted for your attention.



Work Share

Summer term work share afternoon will be on Thursday 25th May 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. Last admission time to view books is 4.15pm.

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Hundertwasser Art Competition

Congratulations to Huey D (Year 5) for winning the upper KS2 Art competition to design a piece for the hall in the style of the artist Hundertwasser. Huey's colourful, eye-catching design captures the landmarks of Shenstone brilliantly.



Also a big thank you to Kate Brinkworth, who had the vision and expertise to work with the children to create the final display; and to Hayley Morris, who helped tirelessly to keep everything running smoothly during the Art day.



We love our new artwork, and we think you'll agree, the finished display in the hall is fantastic!

Summer term clubs

The booking system for summer term clubs is currently open and will close next Tuesday 2nd May. Apologies to those who do not manage to get a place in the club of their choice. If the clubs prove popular, we will look to increase numbers in the autumn term offer so please let the office know if you have been unable to book a place.

By the end of next week, we will send out links to home arrangements forms to all those booked into a club. The online system only takes seconds to complete so please ensure you do this by Wednesday 10th May so that we can compile the after-school club registers with the relevant collection arrangements.

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Volunteer appeal from Shenstone Girl Guides, Brownies and Rainbows

Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK. You can help us create amazing opportunities for girls in your local area. Our volunteers run projects, events and activities that give girls the chance to discover their potential and learn new skills that set them up for life.

There are lots of ways you can volunteer with Girlguiding- it's flexible and can fit around busy lifestyles. You can even learn new skills and receive training while making a real difference. We are requiring adults over 18 years old to work with Rainbows aged 5-7 years old, Brownies aged 7-10 years old and/or Guides ages 10-14 years old, to help on a Wednesday evening (term time), Brownies 6:15pm-7:45pm or Guides 7:15pm-8:30pm. Rainbows is on a Thursday evening 5:30pm-6:30pm.

If you are interested, please contact Sarah for more information
sarahhardie33@hotmail.co.uk / 07946777170



Scooters & Bicycles

It's the time of year when children love to come to school on their bikes and scooters and we fully encourage this. However sadly in the last week we have had contact from families regarding two missing scooters.

Please ensure if your child does scoot or cycle to school and use the bike shed, if possible your items are locked and always take them home at the end of the day. The school site is not locked until 6pm so any items left are at risk when staff leave.

Can we also ask everyone to please check that your child has not brought home a scooter by mistake.



Urgent Reminders



- ✓ Music tuitions fees for summer term are overdue - if you have not yet paid, please do so asap.
- ✓ Also all parents of pupils receiving music tuition need to confirm their intention to continue with tuition in September. Please email notification@greysbrooke.staffs.sch.uk
- ✓ France 2024 3rd Installment due by 31st May.

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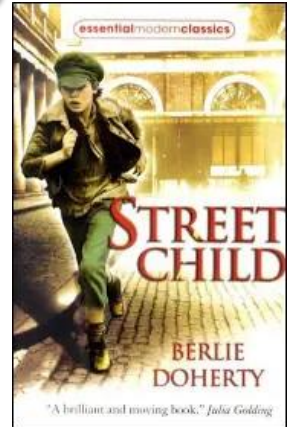
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Learning Update

Year 5:

Having finished 'Journey to the River Sea', we're now beginning a new class novel: 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. This will tie in brilliantly with our History topic this term which is about Crime and Punishment as it describes life in the workhouses during the Victorian period. We're looking forward to using it for inspiration for some lovely writing; starting with an information text about what life was like for children during this era.



Our first week back for Summer Term was full of excitement with Bikeability sessions for many of the class taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday. All who took part earned their Level 2 Bikeability which means they have developed the skills to ride safely on minor roads. It was wonderful to see the children so fully engaged in the sessions and the instructors spoke highly of their attentive listening and cycling confidence.



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Our Art focus on Friday also caused a lot of delight, especially as it was one of our class who provided the winning entry to the competition and the inspiration for the whole school project. Year 5 were assigned houses, trees and a pub and made a smashing job of it! We also provided the finishing embellishments to some of the younger year groups' painting.



PIC•COLLAGE

Our PE topics this term are Hockey and Ultimate Frisbee. We have made a great start this week and have really enjoyed using the brand new hockey sticks as well as developing our Frisbee skills which we explored originally during our time at Laches Wood.



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On Tuesday we had a class book share - the children brought in their favourite books to share with their friends, they talked about what the book was about, why they would recommend the book and their favourite bit. The discussion was very animated and lots of children went home with different ideas about what they may like to read next!



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As promised in the last edition of Grapevine, here are a few photos from the Y6 France 2023 trip.



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Year 6 made a fantastic start to the start of the Summer Term. They have returned with a positive attitude, resilient and motivated; ready for their final term at Greysbrooke Primary School.

Before half term in English, we wrote our own personal recounts on either a memory from our trip to Paris or a favourite trip from the past. We then looked for opportunities to edit our writing to ensure that the recount was cohesive and varied in sentence structure to engage the reader.

In mathematics, we have just finished finding the area of compound shapes and triangles and finding the volume of cuboids. We have also built on our personal toolkits by looking at a variety of strategies and procedures for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing numbers and fractions and we have revised our strategies for finding the percentage of a number and BIDMAS.

In science, we have started our Evolution unit with the latest focus being on what do we inherit and in History we have started our World War Two topic, exploring Germany between 1918 and 1936. In art, we have continued a unit of using acrylic paints and used the work of David Hockney to inspire our art, as we build our skills and techniques on using acrylic paints.



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GREYSBROOKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

2023 Summer Term - Parent / Carer Calendar

SUMMER TERM 1 2023	
Mon 17 th Apr	School opens @ 8.45am
Tues 18 th Apr	Last Gardening & Football club (sessions owed from spring term)
Tues 18 th Apr	Y5 Bikeability
Wed 19 th Apr	Y5 Bikeability
Wed 19 th Apr	Rocksteady concert to Rocksteady parents only @ 2.30pm
Thurs 20 th Apr	Y4 Bikeability
Fri 21 st Apr	Whole school art project with Artist Kate Brinkworth
Fri 21 st Apr	Payments due for Music tuition
Mon 24 th Apr	Booking system for clubs opens @ 4.15pm
Thurs 27 th Apr	Y6 Junior cadets presentation to parents @ 2.30pm
Fri 28 th Apr	Y1 Class Assembly @ 2.30pm
Mon 1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday - School closed
Tues 2 nd May	Booking system closes for clubs @ 12.30pm
Tues 2 nd May - Fri 5 th May	Y3/4 residential trip to Ingestre Hall
Mon 8 th May	Coronation Bank Holiday - School closed
WK beginning 8 th May	SATS week.
Fri 12 th May	Coronation Tea Party - Children can wear red, white & blue
Sun 14 th May	Frogs Duck race - 11am refreshments on sale, 12pm race start.
Wk beginning Mon 15 th May	Afterschool clubs commence
Fri 19 th May	Y2/3 Forest School
Thurs 25 th May	Work Share with Parents @3.30pm
Fri 26 th May	Y3/4 Class Assembly on Ingestre Hall residential @ 2.30pm
Fri 26 th May	Last day of term
Wed 31 st May	France 2024 - 3 rd payment due
Mon 29 th May - Fri 2 nd June	Half term holiday
Mon 5 th June	School opens @ 8.45am
Wed 7 th June	Class & Y6 leavers photos - All children to come to school in uniform
Fri 9 th June	YR Forest school
Tues 27 th June	King Edwards/Friary Y6 Induction day
Wed 28 th June	King Edwards/Friary Y6 Induction day
Fri 30 th June	YR Class Assembly @ 2.30pm
Sat 1 st July	Frogs Summer Fayre
Thurs 6 th July	Y4 inter school sports event @ Netherstowe School Lichfield.
Fri 7 th July	Sports day - Reception/KS1 am & KS2 pm
Tues 11 th July	Last Keyboard lesson
Wed 12 th July	Open evening 3.30-4.30 pm
Thurs 13 th July	Last guitar lesson
Fri 14 th July	Reserve sports day Reception/KS1 am & KS2 pm
Fri 21 st July	Y6 Leavers Assembly @ 9.30am
Fri 21 st July	Last day of term
Sun 30 th July	France 2024 - 4 th payment due



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE HOME GUARD

On 14th May 1940 the Government appealed for able bodied men aged 17 to 65 to enlist in the Local Defence Volunteers to defend the British Isles against the imminent threat of German invasion.

One quarter of a million men volunteered in the first 24 hours. Men from all walks of life – some retired, some in reserved occupations such as engineering, construction and coal mining, many had served in the Great War 1914 -1918. It was not unusual to be working 40 - 60 - 80 hours each week and then volunteer additionally for the Home Guard as the LDV was later renamed.

Throughout the duration of active service from 14th May 1940 to 31st December 1944 men killed in action or deceased from wounds totalled 1206, more than 6000 men were wounded and 1033 men were awarded decorations and honours.

On Sunday 14th May 2023 Staffordshire Regiment Museum is hosting a Discovery Day to celebrate the 83rd Anniversary of the formation of the Home Guard.

Enthusiastic groups, re-enactors and volunteers are already planning their contribution for the day. Home Front folk are encouraged to join in whether ARP, Land Army, WVS, Police, Fire Service. All are welcome to help celebrate this special day.

We specifically want to encourage local people who had relatives in the Home Guard to come along on 14th May with photos, stories and memorabilia of their family member's wartime history to share with Museum staff, volunteers and all our visitors.

The Anniversary Day pays tribute to the 1.7 Million Home Guard volunteers.



The Staffordshire Regiment
Museum DMS Whittington,
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Home Guard Discovery Day

Sunday 14th May 2023

10am - 4pm



Do you have relatives who served in the Home Guard? Bring their wartime photos, memorabilia and stories to the event to share with the museum team and event visitors.

We are hosting a Discovery Day to celebrate the 83rd anniversary of the formation of the Home Guard (14th May 1940). This event is supported by the volunteers of South Staffs Living History Group.

We pay tribute to the 1.7 million Home Guard volunteers.

Gift Aid re-admission tickets are valid on this day.

Free parking

No pre-booking required

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