



The Greysbrooke Grapevine

Friday 12th May 2023

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Message from Mrs Ballinger

Since our last Grapevine, we have had another very successful residential. On Tuesday 2nd May, Y3 & Y4 pupils headed off to Ingestre Hall. Nestled within the most beautiful grounds, Ingestre Hall is an inspirational setting that gives pupils the opportunity to imagine, create, express themselves and realise their creative potential. This residential is unique in developing expressive and creative art skills through the disciplines of music, drama, art and dance. Here's what some of our children thought of this wonderful experience:

Huff Y4. I enjoyed making the magic carpet in Art, they looked really good!

Cody Y3. I liked introducing the drama so that everyone started listening. When I performed, I remembered all the lines!

Jonathan Y3. I liked how our music piece started- it sounded magical.

Radha Y4. The dance was very dramatic and it was really fun to learn. I loved the petals going over our heads.

Massive thanks to the Greysbrooke staff who took care of the children and who gave up their time with their own families to enable this residential to take place and to give them the best week away.



HUGE congratulations must go to our fabulous Year 6 children who have taken part in KS2 SATs this week. They have embraced the challenge of each and every test and conducted themselves amazingly. Y6, THANK YOU. You have been true

super stars and we are incredibly proud of you all! You are all special and unique and tests are just a snapshot of how you have performed on one day; remember...



It's been a privilege welcoming children early every day this week to enjoy the SATs breakfast and special thanks go to FROGS

(Mrs Ryman) for providing the scrumptious hearty items for this popular rite of passage..

Thanks also to parents/carers/family members for your continued support at home and especially during this week, it's much appreciated. Final heartfelt thanks and special mention must go to Mr Rowlands and Mrs Cross for their continued hard work, dedication and enthusiasm over the year. They have prepared the children incredibly well to approach the week with confidence and calmness. Thank you both, you have done a super job!

Wishing everyone involved a relaxing weekend, filled with fun family time and celebrations - you deserve it!



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King's Coronation

Today we held our in-school Coronation celebrations, activities included crafts, the picnic style lunch, celebration cupcakes, and a special school singalong. All Children received a Greysbrooke Coronation Pin Badge as a keepsake.



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Summer term clubs

A reminder that Summer term clubs commence next week.

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.

Laches Wood 2024

Reminder - The parents information meeting for next year's residential trip to Laches Wood is on Wednesday 7th June at 3.30pm in the school hall.



Please see attached flyer for more information on this.



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.



This weekend sees the return of the Annual Duck race organised by Frogs on Sunday 14th May on the Lammas Land in Shenstone. The race begins at 12pm, however refreshments are being sold from 11am for those who want to get there early for a good spot to watch the race. Tickets are on sale in Shenstone Library and at the Plough if you still need to purchase any.

Save the Date - Frogs are also organising a Summer fayre which will be held on Saturday 1st July, 12 to 4pm on the School Field. There will be food, drinks, games, stalls, and fun activities for all the family!



Parents don't forget to check the calendar at the back of this edition of the Grapevine for dates and events coming up for the rest of this summer term.

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Learning Update

Reception

In Reception Class we have been planting trees, we went to Lamas Land in the rain, but it didn't dampen our spirits. We have been learning about patterns and we used the large 2D shapes to make these patterns outside.



We have loved our Superheroes Topic, we made Superhero Shirley's out of plates. We also learned about real Superheroes like Doctors, Vets and people who help us.



We have been learning about Pirates, we enjoyed drawing our own pictures and making our own pirate characters from paper plates.



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Year 1

Thank you again for all of your help and support with Year 1s class assembly! They really loved being able to showcase all of their learning and dedication to their performance to all who came.



Science in summer term has kick started with the unit of 'plants'. We're so fortunate to have such amazing green spaces here at Greysbrooke and we have definitely been taking full advantage of that, going on nature walks around the school grounds to see what different types of plants we could spot and sketch. We began the unit discussing how plants grow, what they need to stay healthy and tracked this through growing cress, which the children were very proud of. Moving on to understanding the functions of different parts of a plant, we dissected and labelled flowers to gain a further understanding of plants work.

What makes a good friend? In PSHE, we have been talking all about 'relationships', focussing on family and friends and how these can look and mean different things to different people.

The children presented their ideas of 'what makes a good friend' to the class and also came up with their own team greetings.

It was lovely to see the whole class come together to talk about just how important these strong bonds and relationships can be.



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Year 2

Year 2 have been very busy with lots of new topics. Their learning this term is taking them to Africa, where they will use skills in DT to create an African pouch, learn about Kenya in geography and in history all about Nelson Mandela.

They have started their history topic by putting key events of Nelson Mandela's life into chronological order and have started investigating in DT materials and pouches so they can create their own. Did you know that colours have different meanings? Yellow represents wealth as well as beauty whilst blue represents love and harmony.



Year 2 also have a new science topic and will be looking at habitats. The first question they were asked in this topic was 'Is it alive, dead or never been alive?' Some things were easy to identify, others like paper were a little more tricky. They did a great job of investigating outside and finding things in the school grounds to answer the question. They were not afraid to pick up a bug or two! They have been lucky with the weather at the start of the topic, hopefully this will carry on as they start to investigate habitats that we have in the school grounds.

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Children have also been learning about measuring and undertaking practical lessons to find out how long, tall and wide things are. They have measured in centimetres and metres. They investigated if a bus would fit into the classroom-it wouldn't! It was suggested by a member of the class that they should measure the school field, all of the children accepted the challenge and off they went armed with metre sticks and some sunshine.



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GREYSBROOKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

2023 Summer Term - Parent / Carer Calendar

SUMMER TERM 1 2023	
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
Tues 23 rd May	Reception / Y1 Trip to the Black Country Living Museum
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
Wed 7 th June	Laches Wood 2024 parent information mtg @ 3.30pm
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,
Whittington, Lichfield, WS14 9PY

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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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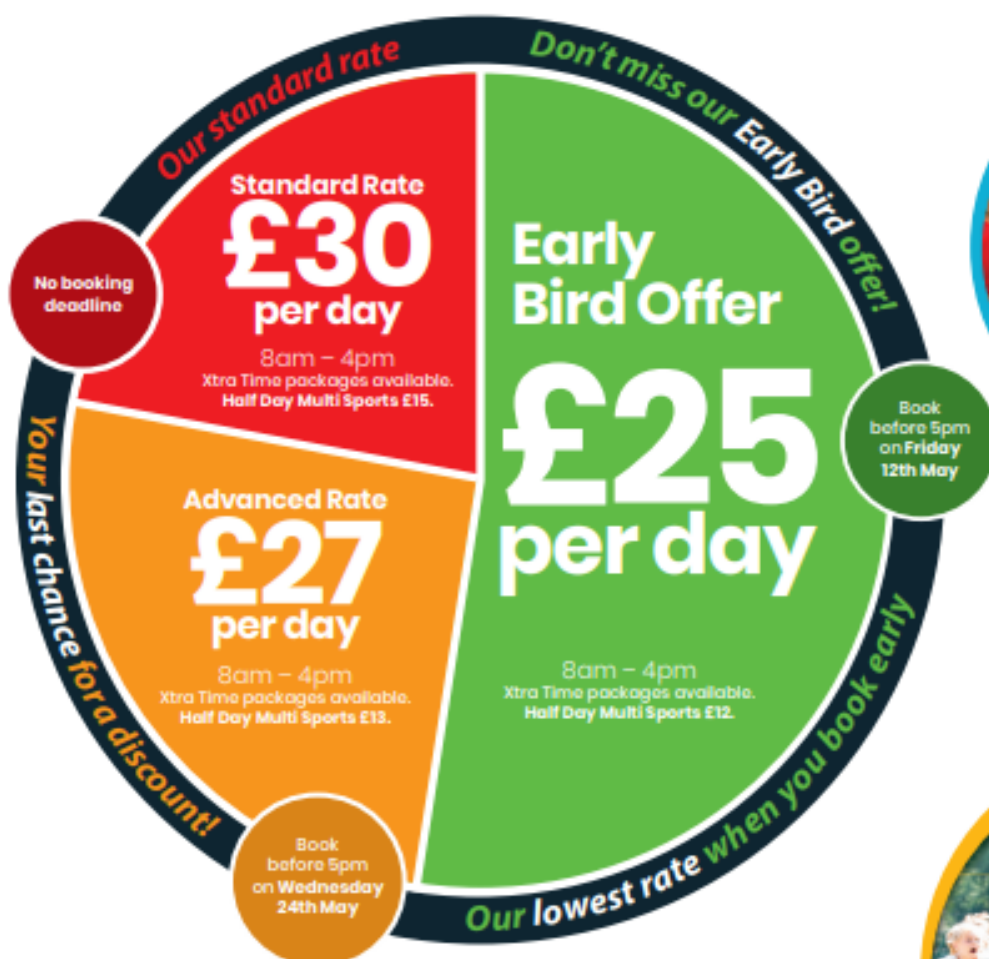
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