



The Greysbrooke Grapevine

Thursday 20th October 2022
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Half Term is upon us!

It is hard to believe that we are at half term already! The weeks have flown by and the amount of new learning that has taken place from Reception to Year 6 has been amazing. A big well done and thank you to all staff and children for working so hard, challenging themselves daily, developing resilience, being aspirational, kind and showing gratitude.

Working in partnership with parents is essential and so we were delighted to welcome parents/carers to Greysbrooke earlier this week for the parent consultation meetings. If you were unable to attend, please don't worry; we ask that you contact the school office (01543 480 321; notification@greysbrooke.staffs.sch.uk) to organise a mutually convenient time to meet your child's class teacher after half term.

A reminder that tomorrow (Friday 21st October) is an INSET day and so children break up today for the half term break. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy half term break and we look forward to welcoming all children and families back to school on Monday 31st October 2022.

HARVEST Donations

Many, many thanks to you all for the kindness and generosity shown this week. We have been amazed, yet again, by the sheer volume of donations we have received for the local food bank. It is heartwarming to know that the Greysbrooke community are helping those in need at a time when many families are struggling to heat/power their homes and feed their families. Thank you, we are very grateful indeed.



Feeding the Community



We were delighted that Reverend Graham, from St John's Church, was able to join us in school on Tuesday this week to lead our annual Harvest Festival. Children from across the school came together in the hall to give thanks, join in song, prayer and show gratitude for this special time of year.

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A big thank you to everyone who took part in and donated towards our Young Minds 'Wear Yellow' day last week.

Our fundraising target was set at £400 and at the last time of checking, our total was £259, so if you still wish to donate, it's not too late.

Please use the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/greysbrooke-primary-school1>

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile charity

Advocate volunteers required

As you are aware, the Governance structure for all ATLP schools has changed this year. Therefore, we are now recruiting for 'Advocate' volunteers to support our school under this new local governance framework. You don't need any specific skills or experience (although its great if you do!) You don't need to be a parent or have experience working in education - it's the outside perspective you could bring that our school needs. If you would be interested in volunteering to support, please do contact the school office as we would love to hear from you! More information is also available on the school website, via the following link:

[Governance Info](#)

Cauliflower Cards

It's the time of year when we are starting to think about Christmas! All children have made carefully crafted designs of Christmas cards and their design is attached to a Cauliflower Cards order form, which has been sent home with your child.



All details regarding how to order items containing your child's design are on the inside cover of the booklet containing the artwork. Please ensure you place your order online by 31st October 2022 and then most importantly return the artwork to school by 31st October 2022 too (this is the first Monday after half term).

Orders will hopefully be returned to school by the first week in December. Due to the fact that mugs are breakable, we ask that if you order a mug, you collect it from the school office directly. All cards, wrapping paper, etc will be sent home with your child.

FROGS will receive commission on every order received.

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This week you have been sent detailed information about the Children's University™ Scheme which aims to raise aspirations, celebrate and boost achievement and foster a love of learning, so that children can make the most of their abilities and interests. At Greysbrooke we are delighted to invite your child to join this scheme.

There are 3 golden rules to the accrediting learning hours:

- 1) Voluntary
- 2) Above and beyond the curriculum
- 3) Structured learning activity

If your child attends a club or activity not currently registered on the scheme and needs one of the postcards, they can speak to Mrs Ballinger.

It is the provider's responsibility to register with Children's University, school cannot do it on their behalf; but once they do so your child can then collect stamps towards their CU account.



Children will be coming home today with their password and welcome pack.

Payment Reminders

Ingestre Hall (Y3/Y4) - Deposit Payment due by 4th November 2022

FRANCE (Y6) - 2nd Instalment due by 12TH November 2022

Laches Wood (Y5) - 2nd Instalment due by 25th November 2022

PE Kit

Please ensure children wear grey or black hoodies/sweatshirts, plain dark shorts, leggings or joggers and their house coloured t-shirt for PE. Thank you.

Health & Safety

To keep everyone safe, please ensure that children dismount scooters and bikes at the school gate and walk them down the hill and around the school site. Thank you.

Secondary School Admission September 2022

The closing date for Year 6 parents to apply is Monday 31st October 2021.

Reception Admission September 2023

The application process for a Reception place for September 2023 will open on 1st November 2022.

The easiest way for parents to apply is online at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions.

The closing date is 15th January 2023.

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Congratulations Taylor



A huge congratulations to our school's very own superstar football player, Taylor in Year 5, who is playing for Wolves this season.

Taylor managed to successfully get into the team after going through two trials with over 150 girls from all over the West Midlands.

Everyone at Greysbrooke is extremely proud of Taylor, who has worked so hard for this opportunity.

She played at the weekend and scored two goals in a game against a strong boys teams

We wish her every success and look forward to hearing more about her experience as the season progresses.

Progressive Sports - Active Camps

Progressive sports visited the school last week and delivered introductory Archery sessions to all our children. They are running several Active Camps in the area over the coming half term. A flyer which details the Active Camps in the area this October half term is attached, and below is the link to their booking website.

<https://progressive-sports-south-staffordshire.class4kids.co.uk/camps>

Important dates



Friday 21st October: Inset day - School closed to pupils

Monday 31st October: Cauliflower cards orders to be in and artwork returned to school

Monday 31st October: closing date for secondary school admissions

Monday 31st October: Progressive sports Multi skills sports Breakfast club starts

Tuesday 1st November: Opening date for applications to Reception September 2023

Tuesday 1st November: After school Football club starts

Friday 4th November: Dance Depot after school club starts

Thursday 10th November: FROGS School Disco

Monday 14th - Thursday 17th November : Scholastic Book Fayre - More details to follow

Friday 18th November: Children in Need - more details to follow

Monday 28th November: Inset day - school closed to Pupils

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Learning Update

Year 3

We have had a fantastic start to the Autumn term, learning about lots of new topics and enjoying many events in school. We have completed a fantastic narrative writing unit in English, based on the story 'Journey' by Aaron Becker, which the children were able to show their creative writing skills to recreate an adventure story of their own. In Maths, we have been recapping Place Value as well as learning lots of written methods for Addition and Subtraction to support their understanding.



Last week, the children took part in a progressive sport day where they were able to enjoy taking part in archery activities.



In Geography, the children have been learning about the Cities and Counties of the UK using Google Earth and atlases to support their learning. This week we have been investigating the rivers of the UK and exploring which seas they lead to.

In both Art and History, the children have been exploring the topic of The Stone Age, through investigating artwork, artefacts and putting clues together to form conclusions like historians. The children particularly enjoyed comparing the changes from the Palaeolithic era and the Mesolithic era when agriculture began to thrive, leading to some fantastic debates.



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In Computing, the children have been discovering how devices work through their connections and have explored how useful they are. In our most recent lesson, the children compared digital artwork with using a paintbrush to consider the effectiveness of a device. Some of the children found the device more appealing however many felt they could be more expressive using real life art equipment.

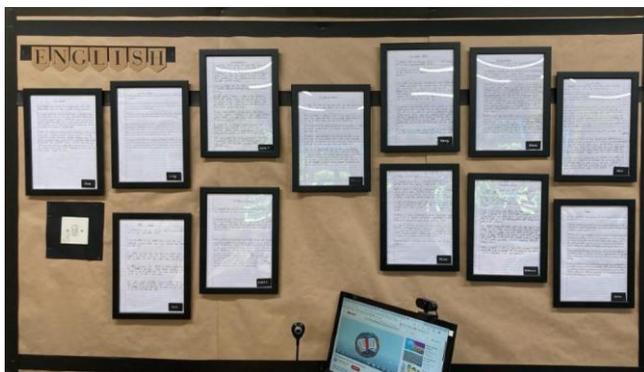
We celebrated World Mental Health day by wearing yellow in school. The children started their day completing a reflection activity about their strengths and what they felt proud of, followed by some mindfulness colouring. In the afternoon, the children talked at length about 'perseverance' and how their positive thought could impact their day



Year 4

Year 4 have settled into the Autumn term extremely well. They are demonstrating a positive learning attitude and are approaching all new activities with resilience and aspiration.

In English we have been writing fantasy narratives and also diary entries. We have developed our use of fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases.



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Power maths is allowing us to expand our place value knowledge. We are using a range of concrete and pictorial models to develop our understanding of 4 digit numbers. As we have to take a times table check, we are using TT Rockstars to increase our fluency of recall. The website generates weekly certificates when speeds have increased, as you can see Year 4 are working hard to increase that recall speed.



PE has seen use practicing our invasion game skills. We need to know how to dodge and tackle in a range of different small team games. We are focusing on handball and football.

In Design and Technology, we are completing a food technology unit on bread. We have looked at branding and have carried out some market research, we now plan to design a new loaf using the knowledge gained. Be sure to walk slowly past the Year 4 classroom after half term, to see if you can smell the fresh bread baking.

We have thoroughly enjoyed linking our History and Geography topics as they work well alongside one another. In History we are studying the Romans and our Geography work is based on Europe and Italy in particular. ICT has seen us developing our knowledge of networks, the internet, websites and the World Wide Web.



We all enjoyed dressing in yellow on Monday 10th October for Young Minds. We reflected as a class on what keeps us all going when times get tough.

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Friday 4th November.



BONFIRE NIGHT BONANZA MENU

Hotdog
Quorn Dog (v)
or Crispy Jacket Potato
with Cheese &
BBQ Beans (v)

McCain Southern
Fried Wedges
Buttered Sweetcorn
Baked Beans
Coleslaw

Chocolate Orange Muffin
Rocket Lollies

Fresh DINING

Food Allergies & Intolerances - Before ordering, please speak to our staff about your requirements

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17TH- 31ST OCTOBER
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PUMPKIN PATCH

TRACTOR RIDES 🍅 PUMPKIN BOWLING
POTATO PATCH 🍅 DRESS THE SCARECROW
BOUNCE THE BALES
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE ON SELECTED DATES
(BOOKING ONLINE ESSENTIAL TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!)



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24TH - 28TH OCTOBER

8.30AM - 5.30PM DAILY



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