



The Greysbrooke Grapevine

Friday 11th November 2022
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Welcome back!

Since returning from the half term break, children have been reminded about the importance of keeping themselves safe. We have explored how we can be bright and be seen as the winter mornings and nights draw in; recapped and reinforced stranger danger rules; and revisited the firework code.

Assembly time this week has been dedicated to Remembrance Day. Within each class the children learnt about why we remember and why we wear poppies. The children also observed a 2-minute silence in their classrooms at 11.00am this morning.

You will notice that around the school site we are showing our support and gratitude for the sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms by displaying large poppies. We know that many of you will be taking time to mark this important time of year and are very proud of the Greysbrooke children who will be taking part in Remembrance Day Parades on Sunday.



Big thanks go to the entire FROGS team who organised and hosted the first Discos of the academic year last night.

They were very well attended events and it was lovely to see the children and volunteers enjoy themselves.

Reception class didn't miss out, they enjoyed their disco during the school day and loved having the entire hall to themselves to dance and play games!

Thanks to all parents / staff who helped with the discos; without your support we could not put on these events.

Christmas is on!



We are delighted to share that Christmas performances will be taking place this year, with live audiences in the building!

Staff and children are working hard to put these on; further details will be shared in due course but so that you can be prepared, dates and times for performances will be as follows...

- Rec/KS1 performances for parents:
Tues 6th Dec @ 2pm;
Wed 7th Dec @ 6pm
- KS2 performances for parents:
Tues 7th Dec @ 6pm;
Wed 7th Dec @ 2pm

Due to limits in capacity in the school hall tickets are limited, more information on this will be sent to you in the next week.

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Artist in School Day

The children at Greysbrooke spent a wonderful day today working together to create a huge mural in the school hall. Artist Kate Brinkworth worked with each class to design and paint huge colorful feathers which were later joined together to make spectacular wings.



The children all had an amazing day and are now desperate to have their picture taken in front of the mural. Thank you Kate for all of your time and positive energy.



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Anti-bullying week

Children will have a whole school assembly relating to anti bullying on Monday 14th November, and they will be learning more about anti bullying during the week in their PHSE lessons. All children and staff are invited to wear odd socks for the whole week to highlight the fact that we are all different and that's ok, celebrate diversity.



Scholastic book week.



The scholastic book fair will be in school from Monday 14th November till Thursday 17th November. Parents are invited to come to the hall between 3.15 & 3.30 after school only, Monday to Thursday to purchase the books. Children will have an opportunity to browse the books during the day. Please enter the book fair through the main entrance.



Children in Need



Children in need day is on Friday 18th November, children are asked to come to school in non-school uniform and make a donation on our just giving page at

www.justgiving.com/page/greysbrooke-primary-school-1668076912591

Children can choose a spotty theme if they wish, funky hair, whatever they would like. We will be carrying out activities related to children in need in the classroom.

Please note - Children will need to wear or bring trainers on this day as it coincides with a progressive sports PE enrichment day.

Important dates



14th-18th November - Anti bullying week

Tuesday 15th November - Music Share concert for Year 6 at Lichfield Cathedral

Tuesday 15th November - Football club cancelled due to Music share event- date added 6th Dec

Friday 18th November - Children in Need - non uniform dress up and donate to Children in need

Friday 18th November - Progressive Sports - children will need to wear or bring in trainers

Monday 21st November - KS2 Christmas craft club after school (FROGS to send more info)

Thursday 24th November - KS1 Christmas craft club after school (FROGS to send more info)

Friday 25th November - Academy photos in school for Individual & Sibling school photos

Monday 28th November - Inset day - school closed to pupils

Friday 2nd December - Y5 /Y6 last swimming lesson

Saturday 3rd December - School Christmas Fayre 12-3pm (FROGS to send more info)

Tuesday 6th December - KSI performance @2pm KS2 performance @6pm

Wednesday 7th December - KS2 performance @2pm KS1 performance @6pm

****Parents please note: Autumn 2 is always incredibly busy and so please keep your eyes peeled for important dates both on the Grapevine and via email!**

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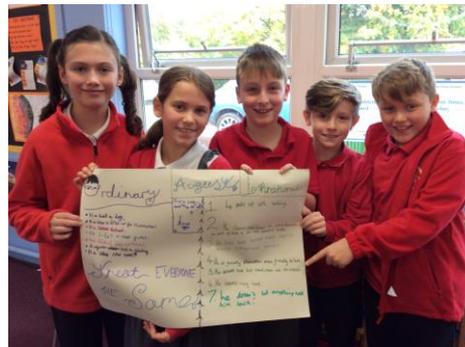
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Learning Update

Year 5:

We are still really enjoying our class text *Wonder*. We've completed lots of interesting work based on the text including some collaborative work about whether August, the main character, is inspirational or ordinary. Our children showed how well they've engaged with the text by taking part in an animated discussion about it!



We've now moved onto using figurative language like simile and metaphor along with stylistic devices like rhetorical questions in order to write poetry based on the story.

We've been working hard with our *Power Maths* and successfully completed units in *Place Value* along with *Addition and Subtraction*. Those key skills are now helping us tackle our new unit - *Graphs and Tables*. Regular arithmetic homework is also keeping our skills sharp in a variety of other Maths areas.



PIC-COLLAGE

Our Art topic this term is inspired by Islamic Art which links to our History topic. So far we have explored different forms of Islamic Art with the intention of finally designing and creating our own printing tile in this style. In DT we are currently designing a side dish for a Mexican meal, we are really looking forward to making these next week.

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Year 6:

Year 6 made a fantastic start to the year in Autumn One and have had an equally great start to Autumn Two. They have approached all learning with a great attitude, resilience and perseverance.

In English, we have been exploring persuasive writing. Our skill building lessons have concentrated on the use of modal verbs in persuasive writing and the impact that active and passive voice can have on the reader we are trying to persuade. In mathematics, we are coming towards the end of our place value and four operations. We have built on our personal toolkits by looking at a variety of strategies and procedures for all four operations; long addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and we have now found strategies and tools that suit us to solve these types of calculations.



PE has seen us practicing our invasion game skills in basketball. We need to know the variety of passes we can use, how to effectively defend and dribble. We have also been working advancing our swimming skills every Friday, improving on the different strokes and water survival.

In history, we have been learning about The Western Front, trench warfare and will soon be learning about the key battles that took place along The Western Front. In geography, we have been looking at where South America is located in relation to the wider world & the climates and biomes of different regions across South America.

Year 6 have been fortunate to have our local PCSO, Andrea Horsnall delivering the Staffordshire Police Junior Cadet sessions in school. The first two sessions have focused on our community, the law and how we can communicate to one another and how the police communicate to each other.



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School photos will be conducted on
Friday 25th November 2022

At this session we will be photographing
Whole School

Siblings

Individuals

Please ensure full uniform is worn and children are neat and tidy.

Parents will receive free proofs of every image
and the option to make a purchase.

OWL-BERT'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



Enter our Christmas Card Competition and be in with a chance winning a miniature Owl-Bert, a gift voucher, or your artwork/photography being showcased on our website! One lucky winner will also have their design created into a Christmas card, which will be shared across our Children's University friends and schools!

Submissions must be Christmas or winter-themed to be considered

There should not be any people included in any photographs submitted

Submissions must be artists' or photographers' own work

HOW TO ENTER

Create your Christmas Card design and submit it by the 5th December

You can submit your card design by...

...showing your completed design to your Children's University lead teacher...

OR...sending a picture of your design to CU@atlp.org with your name and school

GOOD LUCK!



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