



The Greysbrooke Grapevine

Friday 20th October 2023

Autumn Term Newsletter No: 4

Message from Mrs Ballinger

Earlier this month, elections took place for selecting Greysbrooke's House Captains for 2023-24. Y6 pupils, who were interested in taking on the role, prepared and delivered speeches to their fellow team members. In true democratic style, all KS2 children voted, and I am pleased and proud to announce that House Captains and house Vice Captains are Geroge, Huey, Oliver, Isabella, Isla, Alfie, Tessa & Taylor.



House Captains are very important members of the school community; being role models to others, listening to and supporting their peers, leading assemblies and supporting events throughout the year. I look forward to our House Captains joining the Senior Leadership Team in the second half of the term with hosting an Open Morning and school tour for prospective parents for Reception 2024.

Your help is needed! In order to be able to run events throughout the school year, we are actively seeking parental volunteers. Without your support, events will not be able to take place, which means we will not be able to raise funds to give children additional resources and experiences. FROGS are currently working hard behind the scenes to generate some fundraising events in the run up to Christmas so please show your support and sign up to help with these. Keep your eyes peeled for more details coming soon!



Congratulations to Year 2 who hosted the first class assembly of 2023-24 today. You were all wonderful and it was clear to see how much hard work you have put into learning your lines, singing the songs and the knowledge you have gained to educate us about Harvest. I'm sure parents / family members who attended will agree that they were fantastic.

Don't forget that it's our termly work share session on Tuesday 24th October. This is an informal opportunity to come into school, visit your child's class, look at their books and share the learning with them. Senior Leaders will be around during this session, but it's very much intended as an opportunity for you to share with your child and see what they have been achieving. The session will run from 3.30-4.30pm and last admittance time is 4.15pm

Important notice: Parents evening information coming out today in a separate email today!

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Lost Property



We are only a few weeks into the new academic year and we already have a number of garments left at school without name tags etc.

Next week, we will put the items out on a table if weather permits; any unclaimed items by Friday 27th October will be donated to frogs to sell on.

It would be really helpful for us to get garments to their rightful owners if they were clearly marked.

We respectfully ask parents to ensure all clothing (especially jumpers cardigans etc) are labelled clearly with your child's full name.

Help us to help you retain the clothing you buy.



P.S Now the weather has turned wet and cold can you please ensure your child has a coat in school.



Thank you to All those who donated to young minds; to date we have raised:

£288

Our just giving page remains open so if you would still like to give please use the Just Giving page link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/greysbrooke-primary-school-1695636904559>

Y7 Admissions

Reminder for Y6 parents that the deadline for applications to Y7 is **31st October**. If you do not intend making an application (e.g. electing to send child to private school) please email school.admissionsteam@staffordshire.gov.uk to state your reason for not making an application. Thank you.

Relish



A reminder that all parents should now be using Relish to pre order school lunches by midnight the day before.

You can pre -order meals up to a full term in advance and set yourself a reminder for when you need to top up your balance on ParentPay.

If your child is off sick you must cancel that day's order by 9.15am.

For anyone still experiencing difficulties please contact us in the school office asap and we will be happy to help resolve your queries and issues.

Harvest Donations



Thank you so much for this week's donations to Lichfield food bank. Collections will continue next week.

Thank you all for your generosity and support.

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Attendance



Promoting positive behaviour and excellent attendance is the responsibility of the whole school community.

This half term the top 3 classes for attendance have been: -

 Y1 98.4%

 YR 97.9%

 Y3 97.2%

Well done to these classes, lets see who can be top in the second half term!

Remembrance Day 2023

From Monday 6th to Friday 10th November, we will be selling a variety of items for the Royal British legion Poppy appeal in School.



Suggested donations are
£1 for a poppy or
£2 for reflector,
wrist band or
snap band



Congratulations to.....

Celia Y5 who attended a talk and drawing workshop with Liz Pichon, author of the Tom Gates' series, at Cheltenham Literary Festival

Whilst at the event Celia entered a doodling competition as she waited in the queue for the author to sign her books. Celia is thrilled to have been selected as one of the winners. Well done from everyone at Greysbrooke Celia.

Flu Vaccination - NHS consent

Reminder to all parents that you need to complete the flu vaccination consent online. To do this you will need your child's NHS number and a link to get this number is included in the email sent to you on the 25th of September.

**Flu vaccinations will take place on
Monday 13th November**

Reception & Y6 Height & Weight

Reminder to parents of reception and Y6 children that NHS height and weight checks are on **Tues 24th Oct**. Please ensure you have read the information sent and if you do not wish your child to take part return the opt out form.

Additional copies of the opt-out form are available in the office if required.



Dates for your diary

Please see the Calendar attached for important dates this term, including payment deadlines!

This calendar will be updated and circulated with every edition of the Grapevine.



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Learning Updates

Year 5

Year 5 have been enjoying their class novel - Wonder. So far, we've used it to inspire us to write diary entries, autobiographies, discussion texts, non-chronological reports and playscripts. Next we will be tackling some figurative language, learning how to frame rhetorical questions and using these skills to write poetry and to write persuasively.

We were fantastic ambassadors for Greysbrooke during our recent trip to the Lichfield Community Fire Station where Year 5 learnt all about how to stay 'Safe and Sound'. We experienced workshops about being a good citizen, staying safe near water, how to keep safe from fire in our homes and the best way to keep our personal details safe, including choosing good passwords. To end our visit, we were treated to a chance to sit in the fire engine and have a go with the hoses. It was a fantastic Friday afternoon!



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Mental health of all the children at Greysbrooke is one of our main priorities so getting to spend time thinking about ourselves, each other, the positives we have in our lives and the positives other have brought to us was a great conversation amongst us all in Year 5.

We realised that being grateful for what we have does not always need to involve 'big things' but can also include a check in from a friend, a loving comfort from a family pet to a giggle when things are funny!

We all were able to truly reflect on what we have and realised there was so much to be grateful for but that when times are tricky we know the best person, in our lives, to turn to.

Having these open and honest thoughts and conversations allowed for a positive environment where the children knew they were safe and supported by the adults in school and their peers.



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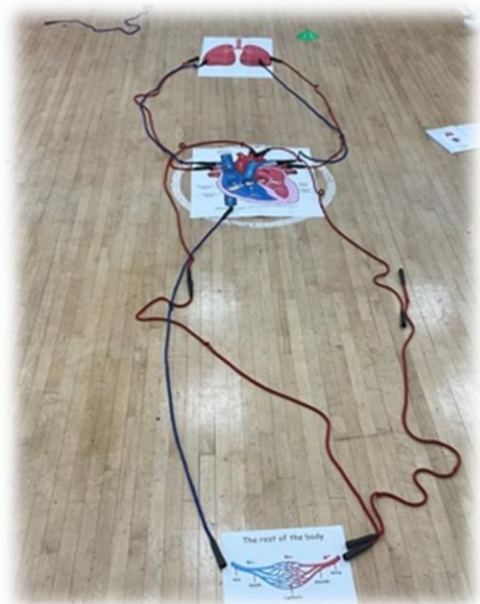
Year 6

This term we have been enjoying the extra responsibilities that come with being in year 6. We each have a 'duty day' where we help at lunchtime and we have also shared out jobs such as librarian, after school sports leaders and reading for pleasure advocates.

Part of this half-term has been about selecting our House Captains and Vice Captains. The class had to write a speech and then present this to their specific houses. Key Stage 2 children then voted who they wanted to be House Captains.

This week we have completed the first session of the Staffordshire Police Junior Cadets Programme. Over the next few weeks, we'll be working with PCSO Andrea Horsnall to complete the following units:

- community values, the law and police ethics.
- communication and using the NATO phonetic alphabet.
- anti-social behaviour and its impact on the community.
- bullying.
- knife crime.
- harmful relationships.



Our science lessons have been a real highlight so far this year. In our unit 'animals including humans', we have had the opportunity to explore the circulatory system. So far, we have created a giant circulatory system which we walked around acting as oxygenated and deoxygenated blood;

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We have made our very own blood exploring different components and blood types (don't worry it was only strawberries, marshmallows, sprinkles and pineapple juice).



....and finally the most exciting part of the topic was dissecting a real pig's heart. We had a fantastic morning, and I am incredibly proud of how brave, sensible and inquisitive the children were!



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GREYSBROOKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

2023 Autumn Term - Parent / Carer Calendar

AUTUMN TERM 2023	
Mon 23rd- Fri 27 th Oct	Harvest Donations weeks
Tues 24 th Oct	Reception & Y6 - NHS height & weight checks
Tues 24 th Oct	Workshare 3.30-4.30pm
Tues 24 th Oct	Online booking for Parents evening opens at 6pm
Friday 27 th Oct	Online booking for Parents evening closes at 10am
Mon 30 th Oct - Fri 3 rd Nov	Half term
Tues 31 st Oct	Y6 parents note: Closing date for secondary school applications
Tues 7 th Nov	Parents evenings 3.30 to 6.30pm
Thurs 9 th Nov	Parents evening 3.30 to 6.30pm
Fri 10 th Nov	Academy Photos
Mon 13 th November	NHS Flu vaccination programme
Mon 13 th - Thurs 12 th Nov	Scholastic Book Fayre 3.14 - 4.15 daily.
Fri 17 th Nov	Y1/Y4 Library visit
Fri 17 th Nov	Children in Need - non uniform day
Tues 21 st Nov	School tours for reception 2024
Fri 24 th Nov	Y5 Library visit
Thurs 30 th Nov	Last instalment for France 2024
Thurs 30 th Nov	Instalment 2 for Laches Wood 2024
Thurs 30 th Nov	1 st Instalment due for Ingestre Hall 2024
Fri 1 st Dec	Inset Day
Thurs 21 st Dec	School closes for Christmas Break
Fri 22 nd Dec	Inset Day



Lichfield & Rugeley Music Centre

Rehearsals and Concerts 2023/24

Centre Manager: johanna.owens@entrust-ed.co.uk

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www.themusicpartnership.org.uk



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WHAT'S ON?

Lichfield & Rugeley Music Centre

Venue: King Edward VI School, Lichfield, WS14 9EE

When: Monday weekly and Saturday fortnightly rehearsals



Monday weekly rehearsals

East Staffordshire Stomp

Time: 16:20-17:20
Level: All welcome
Tutor: Mrs Cooke/Mr Revell

Lichfield Training Wind Band

Time: 17:00-18:00
Level: Grade 1 to Grade 2
Tutor: Mrs Miller

Lichfield Wind Band

Time: 17:00-18:15
Level: Grade 3 and above
Tutor: Mrs Owens

Rock Band

Time: 17:45-18:45
Level: Grade 3 and above
Tutor: Mr Walters

Lichfield 'Launch Pad'

Time: 16:30-17:30
Level: Beginners to Grade 2
Tutor: Mr Walters

Lichfield Stringers

Time: 17:00-18:00
Level: Beginners to Grade 2
Tutor: Mrs Allen

Lichfield Beginner Wind Band

Time: 17:30-18:30
Level: Beginners and improvers
Tutor: Mrs Smith/Mrs Walters

Staffordshire Jazz East

Time: 18:45-19:45
Level: Grade 4 and above
Tutor: Mr Bennett/Mrs Miller

Dates

September 18, 25 October 2, 9, 16, 23 November 6, 13, 20, 27 (24 Concert Only - Jazz) December 2 (Concert only)
January 15, 22, 29 February 5, 19, 26 March 4, 11, 18 April 15, 22, 29 May 13, 20 June 3, 10, 15 (Concert only)

Saturday fortnightly rehearsals

Staffordshire String Ensemble

Time: 10:00-11:00
Level: Grade 3 and above
Tutor: Mr Galley

Staffordshire Orchestra

Time: 11:15-13:30
Level: Grade 3 and above
Tutor: Mrs Owens/Mr Galley

Dates

September 23 October 7, 21 November 11, 25 December 5 (Concert Only - Cathedral)
January 20 February 3 March 2, 9, 16 April 13, 27 May 11 June 8, 15 (Concert only)

How to book

It's super fast and easy to book!



1. Go ONLINE and book through our website:
www.progressive-sports.co.uk

2. Or Call 01889 343120

Act quickly as spaces are limited!

Discounts

The earlier you book the bigger the discount you will receive.
Scan our QR code and visit our website for more details.



Terms and conditions: 1. All applications must be accompanied by payment in full for the appropriate course. 2. Any cancellations made 7 days prior to the course starting are non-refundable. 3. Any cancellations made before the 7 days prior to the course starting will carry a £10.00 admin fee. 4. For the avoidance of doubt, no refund is permitted for any failure to attend the course. 5. In the event that a participant needs medical attention during any course then you agree to us arranging for any appropriate and necessary treatment. 6. We do not accept responsibility for any death, personal injury or loss of or damage to property other than to the extent that it results from our negligence. 7. The cost of any damage caused by you or any participant you have booked on the course to any property or facilities will be passed on to you. 8. These terms and conditions and your booking shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with English law and shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

Progressive Active Camps

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30th October - 3rd November
8.30am-5.30pm
For Children 4-13 years old



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You'll find early and late drop off facilities for parents who need the extra childcare.

Here's what your child will be up to this week:

Memorable Monday! | Tremendous Tuesday! | Wacky Wednesday! | Thrilling Thursday! | Fancy Dress Friday!

Registration and chance to hang out with friends before the day starts

	Handball	Basketball	Sports Challenges	Nerf Wars	Netball
Activity One					
Activity Two	Frisbee	VX Sports	Obstacle Courses	Tri Golf	Cricket
Activity Three	Tennis	Boxing	Orienteering	Archery	Athletics Afternoon
Activity Four	Boulders	Tag Rugby	Couch Challenges	Football	Athletics Afternoon

Collection time for the children

Please note this is an example timetable if you visit our website you will be able to see the exact timetable for each venue.

"Fantastic service, staff are friendly, approachable and my children absolutely love going there and its excellent value for money"
Stephanie Wilkinson

For ages
4-13
years

Locations

Date	Venue	Address	Price
30th October - 3rd November	Chase Terrace Academy	Bridge Cross Road, Burntwood, WS7 2DB	From £20 per day and £88 per week (£3 per early drop off and late pick up)
30th October - 3rd November	The Hart School	Penkridge Bank Road, Rugeley, WS15 2UE	From £20 per day and £88 per week (£3 per early drop off and late pick up)
30th October - 3rd November	Picknalls First School	Oldfields Road, Uttoxeter, ST14 7QL	From £20 per day and £88 per week (£3 per early drop off and late pick up)
30th October - 3rd November	St Stephen's Primary School	Church Lane, Fradley, WS13 8NL	From £20 per day and £88 per week (£3 per early drop off and late pick up)

What your child will need...
Please can you make sure children have a **packed lunch, drinks** and **appropriate clothing** for sport.

