

# GRASMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

## Dates for your Diary



**Tuesday 7th December**- Infant  
Nativity, online

**Thursday 9th December** – Christmas  
lunch

**Thursday 9th December** –Christmas  
lunch and (Carol Concert )

**Friday 10th December** –  
Christmas/Winter Jumper Day/Winter  
Fair

**Tuesday 14th December** – Winter  
Production, online

**Thursday 16th December** – End of  
Term Parties

**Friday 17th December** – End of Term,  
1pm Close

This week Anna Pavlova class have been celebrating Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights. We learnt about the Maccabees and the 8 candles on the Menorah and made stars and dreidels.



## Star of the Week!



Week commencing 29/11/2021

<i>Pavlova class</i>	<i>Olivia and Lavinia</i>
<i>Sky Brown class</i>	<i>Oscar and Xanthe</i>
<i>Rosen class</i>	<i>Sienna and Elliot</i>
<i>Simone Biles class</i>	<i>Nancy and Aran</i>
<i>Rashford Class</i>	<i>Vincent and Griffin</i>
<i>Malala class</i>	<i>Terry and Maimuna</i>
<i>Kadeena Cox class</i>	<i>Camilla and Berat</i>
<i>Sir Captain Tom Moore class</i>	<i>Bryan and Mollie-Mae</i>

## Message from Neela

Hello parents and carers,

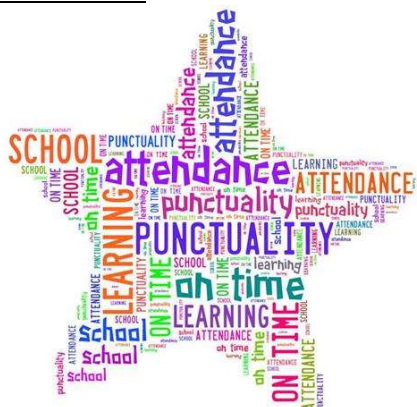
Today a number of our school community attended the funeral of our Chair of Governors, Vincent Cassidy. The room was full of people who knew Vincent, and we all learned more about his life, his unique and special qualities, and all the people who had been touched by his humour, wisdom and infinite kindness. The celebrant spoke about how anyone who knew Vincent would have a place for him in their hearts. At Grasmere, we will always have a place for Vincent in our hearts, and we will make sure that the hopes and dreams he had for our school are realised. We will never forget him.

We are looking forward to the various festivities and activities happening over the next two weeks. Please see the final page of the newsletter regarding some changes about the whole school production.

Have a peaceful and enjoyable weekend,

Neela

## ATTENDANCE



## Week beginning 29/11/21

Pavlova	86.14%
Sky Brown	87.24%
Rosen	85.30%
<b>Simone</b>	<b>90.00%</b>
Rashford	87.80%
Malala	86.40%
Kadeena	88.60%
Sir Tom	79.20%
Whole School	95.90%

Well done Simone Class!



### Reception – Sky Brown Class

We have been enjoying learning Christmas songs in preparation for our Nativity next week. Nursery and Reception have been working incredibly hard to learn their lines and to remember all the songs and the actions. Acting out the Nativity is helping us learn about the Christmas story and the very first Christmas. We look forward to sharing the Nativity with you soon.

### Year One – Rosen Class

*Year 1 have been enjoying their new R.E. unit which is all about the story of the Nativity. We practiced sequencing the story this week and started using some of the key vocabulary to help us understand the story.*



### Year Two – Simone Biles Class

In Simone Biles class we made some festive decorations for the class celebrating all festivals. We made 'friendship chains' to hang up in class writing our friends names on the links. We also made menorahs for Hanukkah and we are making colourful candles to represent all the festivals at this time of year to decorate our classroom.



### Year Three – Rashford Class

The year 3s have had an exciting week with their first trip. A highlight has to be the level of engagement and excitement with our new book: The Ice Palace. The children have been making such interesting suggestions that show their using skills in deep thinking and problem solving.



## **Year Four - Malala Class**

Year 4 have been answering the question, "Did the Maya play football like us?" and found out that the Maya had a ballgame that played a very important role in their society and which had religious significance for them, too. We had a go and found it very tricky but very good fun!



## **Year Five – Kadeena Cox Class**

Year 5 had an amazing time at the British Museum yesterday! We visited exhibitions about the Anglo Saxons, Benin and the Islamic world - all topics we have been learning about this term. A great experience to be able to see some of these special objects and outfits up close.



## **Year Six – Sir Captain Tom Moore Class**

In Year 6, we have been celebrating the start of December by creating our own paper-based decorations. We chose what colours and pattern we wanted to use, arranged them so and then personalised them in our own individual way.





### Whole School production- Jack and the Beanstalk

Lisa and Julie have been working very hard on this production, and we are really looking forward to showcasing it to you.

Unfortunately, over the last few weeks we have had a high number of absences, meaning that rehearsals have been somewhat delayed. I also know many parents, especially Year 6 where it is their final year, had been hoping to see the performance live.

We have now rescheduled the performance to the end of the Spring Term. We hope by then attendance will have improved and settled down, and even better, that we can get families in to see the production. It will also be a very cheerful focus for the Spring Term!

The Infant Nativity will be recorded next week by our friends at Stoke Newington School, and the carol concert will go ahead, outdoors, as planned.

