

# GRASMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## Dates for your Diary



20<sup>th</sup> Sept: Year 6 assembly  
@9am

21<sup>st</sup> Sept: Year 4 trip- NHM

22<sup>nd</sup> September- open afternoon

27<sup>th</sup> Sept: Year 5 trip

29<sup>th</sup> Sept: Year 3 and 4 family  
learning morning @9.00-10.30

3<sup>rd</sup> October: Year 6 to Kench Hill

4<sup>th</sup> Oct: Year 4 assembly @9am

6<sup>th</sup> Oct: Year 1 and 2 family  
learning morning @9.00-  
10.30pm

11<sup>th</sup> Oct: Year 3 assembly @9am

13<sup>th</sup> Oct@ Year 5 and 6 family  
learning morning @9.00-  
10.30am

17<sup>th</sup> October: Virtual parent  
meetings all week

18<sup>th</sup> Oct: Year 2 Assembly @9am

20<sup>th</sup> Oct: EYFS family learning  
morning @9.00-10.30am

## Star of the Week!



Week commencing 12.09.2022

Lin-Manuel Miranda Class	Jack and Olivia B
Elvis Class	Marissa and Fatmir
Dolly Parton Class	Max and Sahar
Otis Redding Class	Isabella and Marnie
Nina Simone Class	Dylan and Ava
Jimmy Cliff Class	Maya and Sam
Duke Ellington Class	Cole and Jasmine
Tracey Chapman Class	Natalia and Eren

### Message from Neela

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a busy two weeks in school. Thank you all of you for coming to the Meet the Teacher meetings, the attendance was fantastic. I hope you all enjoyed finding out more about your child's year ahead. Don't forget that next Thursday we have open afternoon, where you will collect your children from the classroom then they can show you all their wonderful learning so far.

We began our literary festival today with a workshop for Years 3 and 4, this was with the author Jasmine Richards. We are pleased about our collaboration with Stoke Newington Literary Festival, and there are lots of exciting plans for this year.

Music and Spanish lessons began this week, the corridors were filled with the wonderful sounds of both! I particularly enjoyed seeing Year 3 in their Ukelele lesson with Hugo. I know Emmy has shared some of her plans for music this year, and I hope over the coming weeks you will also meet Raquel, our new Spanish teacher.

Well done Year 4 for organising the Pakistan Floods fundraiser. Lots of people dressed in green and learnt a little more about the current issues.

The countdown to Kench Hill has begun for Year 6, and we are also exploring the possibility of a school journey next Summer for Year 5, Year 5 parents please look out for a message from Mel our business manager.

Swimming begins again next week for Year 5 (Tuesday) and Year 6 (Wednesday). Finally, during this time of mourning for Queen Elizabeth II we are collating a book of condolences which families are welcome to contribute to.

We will be closed in line with national guidance on Monday 19th September: the day of the Queen's state funeral. We will reopen on Tuesday 20th September.

Thank you everyone, I hope you all have a peaceful weekend,  
Best wishes,

Neela

### Nursery – Lin-Manuel Miranda class

Lin-Manuel Miranda class have really settled into the Nursery Class Routine. This is amazing as they have only been in School one full week!

We started Music Lessons with Emmy and learnt the song "If you're happy and you know it".



### Reception – Elvis class

In Reception class we have been looking at mark making and drew butterflies to music as part of the Write dance programme. We also made self-portraits with Barley, working on mixing the right paint colour and using a variety of materials to add texture to our pictures. We are now going to put them on display in school.



### Year one – Dolly Parton class

Last week Dolly Class received a very special invitation to a Royal Ball. Everybody arrived on Monday looking very smart in their finest clothes. We spent the morning learning how to do the waltz and eating a feast. Unfortunately, the Prince and Princess weren't able to make it but that didn't stop it from being a fantastic event!



### Year two – Otis Redding class

In year 2 we started reading *The Tiger Who Came To Tea*. Finding a tiger in our classroom with cookies and milk made for a fantastic day for the hook lesson. Before finding out which book we would be reading, we made predictions about what the narrative might be about. We practised using our time connectives to help us remember specific events throughout the week.



### Year three – Nina Simone class

Year 3 were excited to be visited by Jasmine Richards who is an author of some of our favourite stories! She has inspired us to be creative with our writing and to not be afraid to explore our imaginations. We created and shared our own superheroes!





### Year four – Jimmy Cliff class

Year 4 have had an excellent week of learning, our highlights being an incredible music lesson with Emmy where we learnt 'We will rock you' and our Pakistan fundraising day. Well done to the children for bringing all the energy and enthusiasm. I am so glad to be your teacher again!



### Year five – Duke Ellington class

Year 5 have had a brilliant start to the new year. We created 'All About Me' hoodies to show all of our varied interests. It turns out that lots of Year 5 share a love of pizza!




### Year six – Tracey Chapman class

Year 6 have had a lovely week. We used clues we found during a treasure hunt in the garden to make predictions about our latest Talk for Writing text: The Heart and the Bottle.



## Attendance

Lin-Manuel Miranda	100%  well done Nursery
Elvis	98.3%
Dolly	83.2%
Otis Redding	97.7%
Nina Simone	92.1%
Jimmy Cliff	74.3%
Duke Ellington	98.5%
Tracey Chapman	95.7%
Whole School	92.6%

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Or email: [absencehotline@grasmere.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:absencehotline@grasmere.hackney.sch.uk)

Grasmere is pleased to welcome Pippa Jones to the school as our allocated Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP). Pippa will be coming from City & Hackney's Mental Health Support Team (MHST) to work in Grasmere one afternoon a week and her role will complement the existing mental health and wellbeing provision already in place at the school. Pippa will be working alongside Debbie Ashton, our Mental Health Lead in school and Dr Ellen Presser our WAMHS worker to support a 'whole school approach' to mental health and wellbeing.



Pippa will be able to offer:

- 1:1 Guided self-help for parents/carers who have children with mild to moderate anxiety or challenging behaviour.
- Group work with parents to support their child's emotional wellbeing
- Group work with children (e.g. Managing Emotions)
- Workshops for parents/carers and children (e.g. Transition to secondary school)

If you feel that you or your child may benefit from support, please discuss this with child's class teacher or Debbie our Mental Health Lead.

## **Introducing our CAMHS Worker in School**

Dr Ellen Presser (Counselling Psychologist) is part of the Wellbeing and Mental Health in Schools Project (WAMHS) and she is working closely with Grasmere School to better support our children and their emotional wellbeing. The Wellbeing and Mental Health in Schools Project (WAMHS) seeks to ensure that schools are settings where children and young people are helped to develop resilience and wellbeing in all areas of their lives, not only academically, but also socially and emotionally. Ellen's role is to help Grasmere School to increase awareness and knowledge in identifying and supporting their student's emotional health. Ellen also advises and supports staff around issues related to wellbeing and behaviour. Ellen has been the CAMHS Worker (CWIS) based at Grasmere School since October 2020 and she is on site at Grasmere every Thursday.



Some of the ways that Ellen provides support to the school are:

- Offering consultation to school staff via one to one drop in slots, reflective practice groups and staff training.
- Providing drop in slots for parents where they can discuss any concerns they have in relation to their child's wellbeing.
- Providing targeted groups and whole class workshops for pupils.
- Working closely with the senior leadership team to implement whole school approaches to mental health and well-being.
- Helping the school to make appropriate referrals to CAMHS services in City and Hackney.

If you would like to speak with Ellen please contact the school's designated mental health lead (DMHL), Debbie Ashton.