



# GRASMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Dates for your Diary



15<sup>th</sup> Nov: Year 2 trip to Hackney Museum

16<sup>th</sup> Nov: Cricket competition

21<sup>st</sup> Nov: BHM Music showcase @2.30pm

22<sup>nd</sup> Nov: Year 3 trip to Hackney Museum

28<sup>th</sup> Nov: Recital for KS2, details to follow

30<sup>th</sup> Nov: Open afternoon @3.30pm

6<sup>th</sup> Dec: EYFS and KS1 performance- for nursery and year 2 parents @9.30-10.30am

7<sup>th</sup> Dec: EYFS and KS1 performance- for Reception and Year 1 parents @9.30-10.30am

8<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

9<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Fair

13<sup>th</sup> Dec: year 4 at SOAS for music workshop @10-14.00pm

15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Carol Concert 2.30pm

### Star of the Week!



Week commencing 07.11.2022

Lin-Manuel Miranda Class	Jack and Gerard
Elvis Class	Sonny and Jewel
Dolly Parton Class	Rufus and Bruno
Otis Redding Class	Magnus and Annabelle
Nina Simone Class	Emmanuel and Lara
Jimmy Cliff Class	Feyza and Maya
Duke Ellington Class	Alice and Nell
Tracey Chapman Class	Miles & Eve, Tia, Tilda, Esra, Carmen, Natalia, Tugce, Frieda.

Message from Neela

Dear parents and carers,

Happy Friday everyone.

We have had a fantastic week! The school leaders did a review of maths in the school, and it was really positive. Children also had an opportunity to say how they felt about maths, what was going well and what we could make even better, so thank you children for your hard work!

Yesterday we had some visiting headteachers from Southend in school who were coming to find out a bit more about Grasmere. They really enjoyed their day and commented on how calm and hardworking the environment is here, and how polite the children are. They went away with lots of ideas to take to their own schools. Jess and Shannen gave excellent presentations that really impressed them and gave them plenty of food for thought.

Yesterday Emmy and a visiting teacher Lea were working hard on the songs for Christmas for KS2, I am sure you are going to be hearing them over the next few weeks. I know EYFS and KS1 are busy getting ready for their nativity, we can't wait!

Emmy is also busy planning a recital for KS2, please look out for a letter from her. If any of your children would like to perform in the recital please get practising at home, as Emmy will shortly be on the lookout.

Finally, thank you for all your support. Some parents have come forward to say they would like to help us with the library, and we have had other parents volunteering for trips and swimming. I can't begin to tell you how much these things help us with the smooth running of the school. Thank you very much. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week.

Neela

### Nursery – Lin-Manuel Miranda class

Lin-Manuel Miranda class made some fantastic rockets on Tuesday for National STEM Science day. They had great fun blowing through the straws and watching their rockets launch.



### Reception – Elvis class

STEAM week: In Reception we blew up balloons and let them go. We learned how the force of the air coming out of the balloons made them move forwards. We also made some fabulous firework paintings in art.



### Year one – Dolly Parton class

This week Dolly Class celebrated STEAM day! We decided to celebrate by 'engineering' paper aeroplanes and testing how far, high, and fast they can travel. The children were able to show off their creativity and problem-solving skills whilst discussing and demonstrating the basic forces of flight.



### Year two – Otis Redding class

For our STEM afternoon in year 2 we made house structures using a variety of materials including balsa wooden sticks, paper straws, salt dough and cardboard. We did this in groups working as a team. Everyone's results were very different. Afterwards we decided to see how flammable each house was. We took the structures to the garden and set light to each one in the fire pit. This also links to our history topic: The Great Fire of London.





### Year three – Nina Simone class

This week, Nina class used their problem-solving skills to build a bridge across their tables. We were given very few materials, and so we worked together to investigate how to strengthen our bridges. We found it useful to share our challenges and solutions as a class and were pleased when our bridges could hold different objects.



### Year four – Jimmy Cliff class

Year 4 had an absolutely fantastic day on Tuesday for National STEAM day. We created our own instruments to compose a soundtrack for a silent film, playing with pitch and volume for effect. We had a great time, check out the finished instruments.



### Year five – Duke Ellington class

For National STEAM Day, the challenge in Year 5 was to plan and construct a marble run. Each team had to delegate tasks, decide which pieces would go where to be most effective, and most importantly - work as a team!



## Year six – Tracey Chapman class

Year 6 had a great National STEAM day. We built structures out of sweeties and toothpicks. The aim was to make it strong enough to rest 5 books on it!



## Attendance

Lin-Manuel Miranda	84.8%
Elvis	96.9%
Dolly	95.8%
Otis Redding	99.0% 🍀 <i>well done year 2</i>
Nina Simone	98.6%
Jimmy Cliff	96.7%
Duke Ellington	97.7%
Tracey Chapman	97.1%
Whole School	96.6 %

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



## Girls Football

After weeks of after school commitment and dedication Year 5 and 6 girls finally got to show off their football skills at the Hackney School Football Tournament. They competed in 7 games and came 4th in the group stages. They played amazingly as a team, and all showed individual progress. We are very proud.



### **Order your Christmas tree now**

Every year [Christmas Trees for Schools](#) allows FROGS to buy top quality trees at discount prices, and we pass the discount on to you. The company we buy the trees from are members of the British Tree Growers Association who source all their trees from sustainable crops. The trees are available in a variety of sizes. FROGS is hoping to raise about £400 for the school with this scheme.

**[Please order your Christmas tree from our online shop](#) before the 18th November.** If you prefer to pay cash, please ask the office for a form. Trees will be available to collect from the **9 December** from the playground. Please note that the measurement of the trees is taken from the butt of the tree to the top to the spike. All trees will be delivered in nets, for easy handling.

**You will also find Santa's Grotto tickets, T-shirts and craft kits on [our online shop](#).**