



GRASMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th September 2023

Dates for your Diary



19th Sept: Year 5 Assembly @9.15am
20th Sept: Meet The Leadership Team @2.30pm
21st Sept: Speech and Language Therapy
Coffee Morning in the hall @9am
26th Sept: Year 4 assembly @9.15
27th Sept: Year 1 and 2 Phonics Parent
Workshop @9am
29th Sept: Year 6 Cake Sale @15.30pm and
Parents Garden Party @18:00-20.00pm
1-31st Oct: Black History Month
3rd Oct: Year 2 Out Am - Garden classroom &
Year 3 assembly @9.15am
4th Oct: Animal Welfare Day
7th Oct: Jumble Sale @10.30-12.30pm
10th Oct: Year 2 assembly @9.15am
13th Oct: Year 5 Cake Sale @15.30pm
16th Oct: Black History Month showcase
@14.00pm
17th Oct: Year 1 assembly @9.15am and Virtual
Parent Meeting (School Cloud)
18th Oct: Virtual Parent Meeting (School Cloud)
**30th Oct: Staff INSET Day (School closed for
pupils) Pupils return on Tuesday 31st
October.**
3rd Nov: Bonfire Night Disco @15.30-17.30pm
7th Nov: Reception Assembly @ 9am
12th Nov: Divali
13th Nov: Odd Sock Day
17th Nov: Year 4 Cake Sale @15.30pm
22nd Nov: Aladdin Performance at Hackney
Empire Yr. 2-6 @1.30pm
28th Nov: Year 6 Assembly @9.15am
8th Dec: Winter Fair @15.30-17.30pm
15th Dec: EYFS & Year 1 to Little Angel
Puppet Theatre
21st Dec: End of Term (Last Day of school)
22nd Dec-7th Jan: Christmas Holiday
8th Jan: Children Return

Star of the Week!



Week commencing 11.09.2023

London Eye Class	Hilda and Alba
William Morris Class	Henry and Omi
Kew Gardens Class	Pasha and Lavina
St Paul's Class	Clara and Rei
Big Ben Class	Kate and Rocky
Tower Bridge Class	Bell and Malachi
Ally Pally Class	Whole Class
Globe Theatre Class	Cressie and Omer

Message from Neela

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the new term!

We have had such a lovely start, the children have come back energised and enthusiastic. The atmosphere around the school is busy and fun, a perfect combination!

It was lovely to see plenty of parents at the Meet the Teacher. Today FROGs also hosted their first coffee morning, and next Wednesday we look forward to seeing more parents and carers at our Meet the Leadership Team meeting at 2.30pm.

Don't forget to check your school ping so you don't miss any events or information, and if you have any problems accessing anything please see Patsy or Burcu in the office who will be very happy to help.

Last week Hugo invited some musicians into school for our first day back and it really was fantastic. Don't forget to look us up on social media @GrasmerePrimary to keep up to date with what we are doing. We will shortly be moving to Instagram and Facebook so look out for more information on that.

Have a great weekend,

Neela

Nursery – London Eye class

The Nursery children are happy and have settled well. They are enjoying all the activities and making new friends.



Reception – William Morris class

In Reception class we have been learning about matching. We have been sorting objects and finding the matching object that was the same. We are working on using these key words to explain our understanding. We had a great start to school last week where a mysterious door appeared in the playground and we used it to create some imaginative ideas for stories. On Wednesday we had a lovely story time with some biscuits made by Maria in the kitchen we really enjoyed this special treat as we listened to some lovely stories about families which connects to our topic of Ourselves.



William Morris Class have had a fantastic second week, full of creativity.

We have just started learning our initial code in phonics and have been showing some great early writing skills. We have also been developing our sorting skills in our Maths lessons and have become very quick at spotting the odd one out. As part of our Topic for this term we are learning all about ourselves and the people who help us. We got creative thinking about all of our different families and why we love them.



Year One – Kew Gardens Class

Kew Gardens Class jumped straight into fantastic learning this week. They explored their new Science topic by identifying animals through puzzles, playdoh models and stickers. They really impressed their teachers with their knowledge of different animals and their descriptive vocabulary. Well done Year 1!



Year Two – St Paul's class

This week in St Paul's class we walked into our classroom only to find that a tiger knocked out all the chairs and tables whilst helping itself to our cookies. We then realised that this was related to our writing topic. This term we will be reading *The Tiger Who Came to tea*.



Year Three – Big Ben class

Year 3 have made a brilliant start to the new year. Presentation will be a big focus this term, and we've made a great start with our handwriting.



Year Four – Tower Bridge class

Year 4 have been excellent this week! Some highlights including cooking delicious salads with School Food Matters and a dandelion treasure hunt. Well done everyone, it has been a joyful week.



Year Five – Ally Pally class

This week, Ally Pally class have been predicting and discovering what our new book will be in writing. We enjoyed digging into the sack and delving into our imaginations!



Year Six – Globe Theatre class

Year 6 have had a great start! We have started our reading book 'Roof toppers', which we're loving so far. We've been learning how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000 and we've learnt why WWII began and the events leading up to the Blitz in 1940. Well done, Year 6!



Attendance

London Eye	100%
William Morris	94.3%
Kew Gardens	96.3%
St Paul's	98.1%
Big Ben	93.3%
Tower Bridge	97.9%
Ally Pally	99.0%
Globe Theatre Class	99.2%
Whole School	96.8%

Call 020 7249 7278 to report your child's absence or late attendance.
Or email: absencehotline@grasmere.hackney.sch.uk

Speech and Language Therapy Coffee Morning in the hall

You are warmly invited to a Speech and Language Coffee Morning at 9am on Thursday 21st September, in the hall. Anna Sowerbutts (Speech and Language Therapist) will talk about what the Speech and Language Therapist does in school and offer ideas or advice for supporting your child's communication. Come and meet other parents. If you are planning to attend, please look for the slip sent home in your child's book bag and return the slip to school.



Children's Integrated Speech and Language Therapy Service for Hackney and the City



Dear Parents/Carers,

You are warmly invited to a Speech and Language Therapy coffee morning.



When? Thursday 21st September, 9am



Where? Grasmere school hall



Who? Anna Sowerbutts (Speech and Language Therapist)



Why? To hear about what the Speech and Language Therapist does in school, get ideas or advice for supporting your child's communication, and meet other parents who may have a child with communication difficulties.

If you plan to come, it would be helpful if you could return this slip to the SENCo Debbie Ashton.

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Name of child:..... Year group:.....

☐ Yes, I plan to attend the coffee morning

☐ I cannot attend on this occasion, but I would be interested in coming to another session.

I would be interested in coming to a future parent session on the following topics (please circle):

Bilingualism (speaking more than one language)

Communication and screen time

Developing children's vocabulary

Other (please write):

Well-being and Mental Health in Schools (WAMHS) programme 2023-2024

We have 2 WAMHS practitioners attached to Grasmere Primary. Please contact Debbie Ashton if you would like to make an appointment to see either Emma or Pippa – dashton@grasmere.hackney.sch.uk. Here is some information about what services they can offer:

Emma Fitzgerald – CAMHS Worker in School



Kia ora (hello)!

My name is Emma Fitzgerald and I am the new CWIS (CAMHS Worker in School) for Grasmere.

I am part of the WAMHS project (Wellbeing and Mental Health in Schools) and I work alongside Debbie Aston (Mental Health Lead) and Pippa Jones (Mental Health practitioner) to provide a 'whole school approach' to mental health and wellbeing within Grasmere.

You may have met my predecessor, Sorcha Odea – if that helps place who I am!

I am a Clinical Psychologist working for First Steps Community CAMHS. I can provide all kinds of support for Grasmere. I do not meet with students directly, working instead with staff and parents.

I will be in Grasmere every second Thursday (from the 12th of October). Please come and introduce yourself! I am keen to learn how I can be most helpful for the school community.

With warmth, Emma

Our Education Mental Health Practitioner

Grasmere is pleased to welcome back Pippa Jones to the school as our allocated Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP).

Pippa comes 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 Emma Fitzgerald, our CAMHS 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 Ashton – dashton@grasmere.hackney.sch.uk.