

GRASMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th November 2023

Dates for your Diary



12th Nov: Diwali

13th Nov: Odd Sock Day

14th Nov: Year 3 to Hackney School of Food

15th Nov: Y5 British Museum trip

17th Nov: Year 4 Cake Sale @15.30pm

20th – 24th Nov: Kench Hill for Year 6

22nd Nov: Aladdin Performance at Hackney Empire Yr. 2-5 @1.30pm- LATE RETURN TO SCHOOL

28th Nov: Year 6 Assembly @9.15am

30th Nov: Year 4 to Tower Bridge

6th December: Aladdin Performance at Hackney Empire Yr 6 @1.30pm- LATE RETURN TO SCHOOL

7th December: Christmas Lunch

8th Dec: Winter Fair @15.30-17.30pm

11th Dec: School of Noise workshop, whole school

12th Dec: EYFS and KS1 Nativity

15th Dec: EYFS & Year 1 to Little Angel Puppet Theatre

18th Dec: Carol Concert and music recital

21st Dec: End of term 1pm finish (last day of school)

22nd Dec-7th Jan: Christmas Holiday

8th Jan: Children Return

Star of the Week!



Week commencing 06.11.2023

London Eye Class	Devran and Cassie
William Morris Class	Maya and Ciaran
Kew Gardens Class	Marissa and Raph
St Paul's Class	Laith and Audrey
Big Ben Class	Nehir and Georgina
Tower Bridge Class	Charlie and Levi
Ally Pally Class	Henry H and Hughie
Globe Theatre Class	Cole and Unai

Message from Neela

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have had a lovely week. It has been so wonderful today to see the children in their cultural dress, or wearing clothing that has specific meaning for them. They look great!

We have a busy few weeks coming up so please do check the newsletter calendar so that you are prepared and have the dates booked in.

This weekend is Diwali, so I hope all our families celebrating have fun.

The teachers had some good computing training this week in their CPD session, and we are introducing the new micro bits that have arrived in school, look out to hear more from your children about that.

We received an incredible donation of laptops from a very kind parent this week. Thank you so much, they are going to be very well used, and we are hugely appreciative!

Choir and orchestra start next week. I am looking forward to hearing some of their work over the Christmas productions.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Neela

Something I noticed this week....

I walked around the school with a photographer this week, and yet again it was joyful to see the school in such calm as everyone was busying around and getting on with their learning. We even had some Autumn sunshine. You will see more of these photos soon, in the meantime here is a lovely one of some of the children on the climbing wall. The wall was installed and decorated during the Summer, and kindly funded by you as parents, through the fundraising activities of FROGs. Thank you so much!



Parent feedback....

From time to time parents will ask us how we use technology in school. As educators we are always reminded in training that we are teaching children for jobs that don't even exist yet when it comes to technology. In school we give them the skills, focusing on the strands of digital literacy, computer science and Information Technology. You can find out more here:

<https://www.barefootcomputing.org/curriculum>

In school we use a range of resources, our brand new micro: bits:

<https://microbit.org/>

and also a range of laptops, IPADS, Beebots and much more. We use the interactive whiteboard throughout the day to bring in a range of quality carefully chosen resources that enhance the children's learning.

Staff also focus very much on online safety and being safe on line, as well as keeping healthy and encouraging children to manage the amount of screen time and non-screen time they have at home.

How do we teach about...

Maths. The teaching of Maths has changed greatly over the last few years. At Grasmere we use White Rose for maths. This curriculum is inclusive in that it has an expectation that all children will learn and learn together. It also provides valuable moments for extra support and scaffolds as well as stretch and challenge.

The use of manipulatives is a positive thing, and involves children knowing how to use blocks, cubes, counters and more to support them in their mathematical understanding. That understanding is revisited frequently, and deepened through the use of problem solving.

News from the classes...

Nursery – London Eye class

London Eye class have been learning about Remembrance. We listen to the story of Poppy Day and painted our own beautiful poppies.



Reception – William Morris class

In William Morris class we have been learning about Remembrance Day. We watched a BBC animation which used beautiful imagery to signify War time and the significance of poppy fields. We then made beautiful pictures with images connected to Remembrance Day. The class really enjoyed doing their assembly and they are already learning some songs for the school Nativity in December.



Year One – Kew Gardens Class

Kew Gardens class has a special visit from Zoolab this week to learn about senses in Science. We used our sense of touch to describe how different animals felt. The children really enjoyed getting up-close and personal with a variety of wonderful creatures and learning some very interesting facts about them!



Year Two – St Paul's class

We talked about the value of remembrance and the reasons November is such a big month for it in St. Paul's class. We have been studying Walter Tull in our history topic. Walter Tull was recommended for the military cross but never received one, so we decided to design medals in his honour since we have been studying such an incredibly heroic soldier.



Year Three – Big Ben class

This week we had one final session with Barley to complete our Ancient Greek Vases. This has been such a fun project, and we feel really proud to now see them on display around the school!



Year Four – Tower Bridge class

Year 4 had a brilliant week of lessons, a favourite being when we turned our classroom into a fancy restaurant and had Patrick the chef talk us through the specials menu.

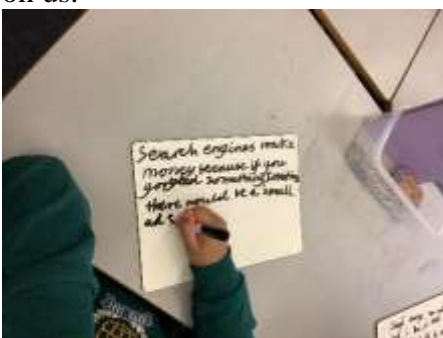
Year Five – Ally Pally class

Ally Pally took pride in discussing the values of the people who have provided a service during conflicts. We spoke about courage, bravery and selflessness.



Year Six – Globe Theatre class

Year 6 have had a busy week. We've been learning how to add and subtract fractions, considering the push and pull factors that lead to migration, and continuing our learning on search engines. We considered how search engines make money, and learnt about sponsorship and advertising, and the influence these can have on us.



Attendance

London Eye	90.0%
William Morris	95.7%
Kew Gardens	91.9%
St Paul's	95.2%
Big Ben	97.3%
Tower Bridge	92.9%
Ally Pally	99.5%
Globe Theatre Class	96.2%
Whole School	95.2%

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



Grasmere Lunch Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Main Dish 1</u>	Pasta Arabbata	Chicken Sausages	Beef Lasagne	Jerk Chicken Drumsticks	Homemade Haddock Goujons
<u>Main Dish 2</u>	Pasta Pesto	Vegetarian Sausages	Vegetarian Lasagne	Butternut Squash Risotto	Red Onion and Spinach Frittata
<u>Sides</u>	Soup of the Day Grasmere Garden Salad	Mash Gravy	Rocket	Rice Jollof Rice	Grasmere Wedges
<u>Vegetables</u>	Peas	Broccoli	Carrots	Plantain Peas	Sweetcorn
<u>Extras</u>	Soup of the Day Grasmere Garden Salad Fresh Bread	Soup of the Day Grasmere Garden Salad Fresh Bread	Soup of the Day Grasmere Garden Salad Fresh Bread	Soup of the Day Grasmere Garden Salad Grasmere Slaw/Bread	Soup of the Day Grasmere Garden Salad Tartare Sauce/Bread
<u>Dessert</u>	Fruit & Yogurt	Chef Patrick's Flapjack	Fruit & Yogurt	Apple Crumble	Fruit & Yogurt



Week 2



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This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**
we are holding

ODD SOCKS DAY on
MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2023



Come to school
wearing your odd
socks to celebrate
what makes us all
unique!

If you're worried about bullying you can speak to ...

#OddSocksDay
#AntiBullyingWeek
#MakeANoise



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6-WEEK GROUP OPEN TO ALL
PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING
CITY & HACKNEY PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Join practitioners from City & Hackney MHST for a series of in-person sessions to practice strategies and share experiences of supporting children with feelings of anxiety. The group will cover topics such as understanding your child's fears and worries, encouraging independence, taking a step-by-step approach to overcoming fears and worries, and addressing particular needs.

FRIDAY AFTERNOONS 2PM - 3.30PM

FOR 6 WEEKS FROM

10TH NOVEMBER - 15TH DECEMBER 2023

HOSTED AT JUBILEE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT
<https://tinyurl.com/MHSTanxietygroup>
TO REGISTER



If you have any questions, please speak to your
school's Education Mental Health Practitioner
or Designated Mental Health Lead.



AUTUMN TERM 2023

FROGS event calendar



For more on our Parent
Teacher Association, see
friendsofgrasmere.com