

GRASMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd November 2023

Dates for your Diary



3rd Nov: Bonfire Night Disco @15.00-17.30pm

7th Nov: Reception Assembly @ 9.15am

7th Nov: ZooLab workshop for Year 1

9th Nov: Divali lunch

10th Nov: Culture Day

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
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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 30.10.2023

London Eye Class	Alba and Bailey
William Morris Class	Olivia H and Johan
Kew Gardens Class	Sonny and Eleni-Rose
St Paul's Class	Cosima and Zariyan
Big Ben Class	Sonny A and Isabella
Tower Bridge Class	Ava and Antonia
Ally Pally Class	Vincent and William
Globe Theatre Class	Adam and Lucas

Message from Neela

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful half term. It is quite a relief today to have the weather more typical of an Autumn day, and the children have been able to enjoy their playtimes rain free! We have lots of exciting things happening this half term, so please check the dates in this newsletter and also your school ping for information from the class teachers.

One thing we are looking forward to is the end of term concerts. The Nativity is always a high point! We are hoping to have a stage again this year, if you think you may be able to help us loan one we would be very appreciative, just let us know.

We are looking forward to the Bonfire Disco this evening. If you and your family are out this weekend enjoying fireworks I hope you have fun. There is a leaflet attached to this newsletter about staying safe. I will be at home with my dogs and some classical music playing to keep them calm!

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Neela

Something I noticed this week....

I am very lucky to walk around the school every day and see the children learning so well. This week the teachers were very busy updating their displays after school and I saw this beautiful painting on the wall.



Parent feedback....

From time to time parents ask us about homework and what it looks like at Grasmere. At Grasmere you will receive homework weekly, and your child's class teacher will tell you in their curriculum letter when they would like books handed in. There will always be some reading, and some number work. You might sometimes receive a longer project. As the children get older they will receive homework that will take them a little longer to complete, and this will match their expected concentration levels. However, we also don't want to give too much homework as we also know that Grasmere children are very busy with activities outside of school, and parents are very busy working. At Grasmere we don't give out levelled homework, as primarily homework is a way of you knowing what your child is learning, and an opportunity for you to work together. We understand from some of you that you would like some opportunities to go beyond the set homework, so the teachers are thinking about this now, and will be sending you a bank of activities that you can go to should you wish to.

How do we teach about...

Most recently we have been asked by some parents how we talk to children about the current conflict in Israel and Gaza. We know that our community is deeply affected by the tragic events and loss of life and for some of you this involves your community or family members. We will always offer and source support to our families if you need it, so never hesitate to talk to us if you need to.

In school we have to carefully present any news with neutrality and impartiality, if you would like to know more about this you can read here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/political-impartiality-in-schools/political-impartiality-in-schools>

We also have to make sure that anything we do is appropriate to the age of our children. Hackney will send us resources, here is one that is particularly good for our age range, when dealing with upset, worries or stress:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M63E7qnGagk>

We talk a lot in school about the Grasmere values, and especially at times like this when the news is so worrying, to be kind and thoughtful towards each other. As you can imagine, our children do this brilliantly.

In next week's newsletter you will find out more about how we use good tech in school.

Some exciting news for Years 3-6...

As you know once children get into the Juniors they do not have an afternoon playtime. This week during our staff training, the teachers decided that it would be very beneficial for the Junior children to have a short break time so that they can get some extra fresh air in the main playground and garden half way through the afternoon. We are going to trial it from next week!

News from the classes...

Nursery – London Eye class

This week we have been learning about how to stay safe on Bonfire Night. The children produced some amazing firework pictures using a programme on the computer and also with collage.



Reception – William Morris class

In William Morris class we have been revising and revisiting the numbers 1,2,3. We can recognise different representations of these numbers and say how many are in a group without needing to counting each individual part of the group. We enjoyed using dominoes to find groups of 1,2,3 and we could then use the stem sentence to say how that number was made. We have also been practicing for our Assembly which is Tuesday and working on using our big voices.



Year One – Kew Gardens Class

Kew Gardens class have had an excellent week back at school. We were exploring addition in maths and creating our own First, Then Now stories. We also finished our African inspired landscape drawing - don't look fantastic! We really enjoyed creating them.



Year Two – St Paul's class

In St Paul's class we have been working on our number bonds. We are securing our knowledge in fact families. We had a lot of fun whilst learning with manipulatives.



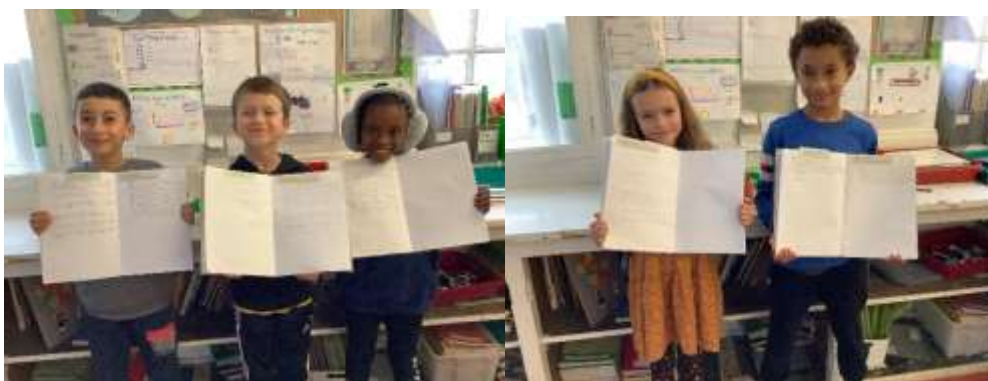
Year Three – Big Ben class

We have been putting the finishing touches to our ancient Greek vases in Art with Barley. We painted the images in blue and yellow watercolours for a really authentic looking vase!



Year Four – Tower Bridge class

I'm so proud of this year 4 class! Their writing this week has been outstanding, everyone has met their potential and beyond. It has been an absolute delight to read their wishing tales and I can't wait to see what is to come.



Year Five – Ally Pally class

This week, Ally Pally class researched the strengths and weaknesses of the many kings during the Anglo-Saxon and Viking eras. We were impressed and shocked by some of their decisions!



Year Six – Globe Theatre class

Year 6 have been learning about Kimberly Bryant, the founder of Black Girls Code, who launched the company in San Francisco in 2011, as a result of her daughter's interest in computer programming. We used Scratch to show the story of Kimberly and Black Girls Code.



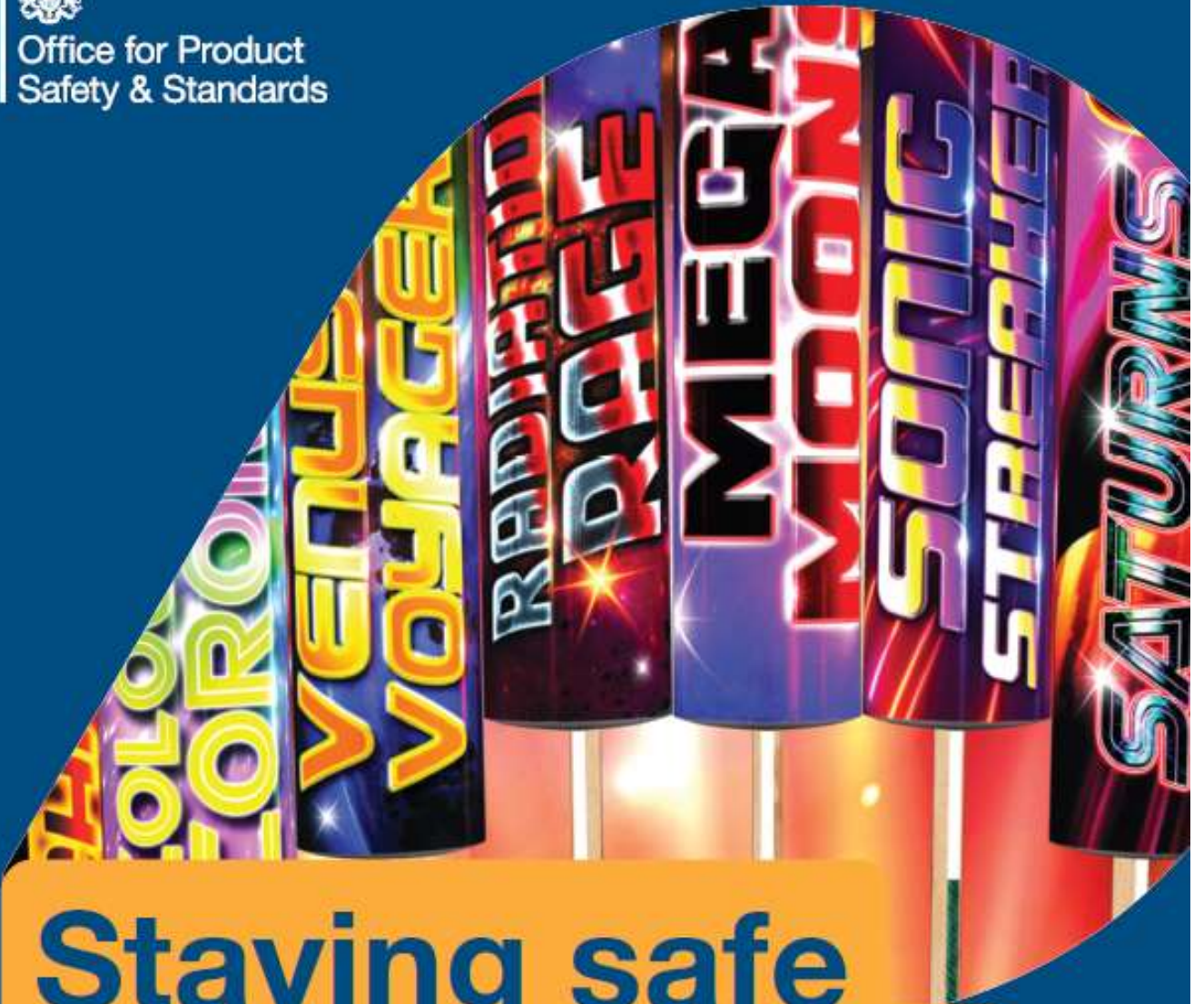
Attendance

<i>London Eye</i>	<i>98.4%</i>
<i>William Morris</i>	<i>97.9%</i>
<i>Kew Gardens</i>	<i>93.5%</i>
<i>St Paul's</i>	<i>97.7%</i>
<i>Big Ben</i>	<i>95.8%</i>
<i>Tower Bridge</i>	<i>96.9%</i>
<i>Ally Pally</i>	<i>98.8%</i>
<i>Globe Theatre Class</i>	<i>95.7%</i>
<i>Whole School</i>	<i>96.6%</i>

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



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Staying safe with fireworks

**As the fireworks season approaches,
the night sky will be lit up with
firework displays.**

With all the sparkle, it's easy to forget that fireworks can be dangerous if not used correctly and responsibly. This advice will help everyone to stay safe while celebrating.

Please join us on 3 November for FROGS' Bonfire Night disco. Everyone welcome! Please buy your ticket [on the FROGS shop](#) to skip the queue on the day, and help us pay for the professional DJ. And please volunteer if you can, we need help: <https://volunteersignup.org/AACBK>.



Bonfire Night

DISCO



Friday 3 November
3.30 – 6pm

DJ DANCEMASTERS

3-3.30pm Schooltime session for early years
3.30-5pm Everyone welcome on the dance floor

Tuck shop & candy floss
Firepit & marshmallows

£2

Buy your tickets on
friendsofgrasmere.com/shop

Please note: Kids have to be accompanied by an adult (1 adult : 4 kids)

Our FROGS shop is now open, and you can order your Disco and Santa's grotto tickets, your Christmas tree, as well a whole range of made-to-measure Grasmere tops, including T-shirts and hoodies (for kids but also for adults!). Here's the link to the shop: <https://www.friendsofgrasmere.com/shop>.



Made to Order Younger Kids T-shirt (2-8)

£12.00



Made to Order Older Kids T-shirt (8-12)

from £12.00



Made to Order Younger Kids Long-Sleeved Top (2-8)

£14.00



Made to Order Older Kids Long-Sleeved Top (10-12)

£14.00



Made to Order Kids Crewneck Sweater (3-14)

£22.00



Made to Order Hoodie (3-14)

£25.00



Made to Order Women's T-Shirt

£12.00



Made to Order Men's T-Shirt

£12.00



Made to Order Adult Crewneck Sweater

£28.00

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FROGS event calendar



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