



GRASMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Monday 11th December 2023

Dates for your Diary



12th Dec: EYFS and KS1 Nativity

- 9.30am for Nursery & Year 1 parents/carers
- 2.00pm for Reception & Year 2 parents/carers

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

18th Dec: Carol Concert and music recital @2pm in the school hall.

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

22nd Dec-7th Jan: Christmas Holiday

25th Dec: Christmas Day

1st Jan: New Year's Day

8th Jan: Children Return & Year 5 going to My Neighbour Totoro

Star of the Week!



Week commencing 04.12.2023

London Eye Class	Eymen and Liam
William Morris Class	Olivia B and Ayden
Kew Gardens Class	Cleo and Adam
St Paul's Class	Ediz and Kian
Big Ben Class	Marnie and Yusuf
Tower Bridge Class	Teddy and Emmanuel
Ally Pally Class	Alice and Caleb
Globe Theatre Class	Yves and Sienna

Message from Neela

Dear parents and carers,

The staff are getting ready to begin their marathon over the month of January! We can't wait to get started, and some have already begun practising. Remember that we are doing this to raise some money for valuable good tech across the school.

You can sponsor our amazing staff and governors here:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/grasmere-primary-N16?utm_term=3Wz7yBgGQ

From next newsletter we will have our dates for the Spring Term events, so look out for those. You will also be receiving a survey shortly, where you will also be able to request any workshops or events you would like us to provide for you in school

Thank you everyone,

Best wishes,

Neela

Something I noticed this week....



As head teacher I always have the privilege of walking around the classrooms every day to see the range of learning. It is incredible to witness the journey from the very young 3 year olds right up to Year 6 about to spread their wings and depart on their next learning journey into secondary school. The sophistication of a year 6 child's knowledge and skills and how they apply it is always interesting. Here we see it in their art work, taking in the art of a famous artist, and developing their own work. This work on display shows the confidence and skill our children have.

Parent feedback....

I was asked by a parent recently how we ensure continuity across the classes. Staff have weekly staff meetings and briefings, and this is where we information share as well as develop our professional knowledge. It's then up to our very skilled staff to interpret this in their classes. We ensure that the teaching across the school is quality first, whilst also allowing for the skill and the personality of the teaching staff to shine through. This all adds to the creative culture of our school.

How do we teach about...

Different religious festivals. At this time of year there are many key religious festivals including but not exclusive to: Advent, Christmas, Hannukah and Divali. Our job is to teach children so that they have religious knowledge and tolerance. This is learnt by learning about different religions and drawing on similarities across them all. The lessons are appropriate to all.

News from the classes...

Nursery – London Eye class

For Coding Week, we asked the children to think like a computer programmer. We made a maze on the floor and one child acted as the computer and one as the programmer. The programmer had to give instructions to help the blindfolded computer through the maze. We also used mazes on the whiteboard in the same way.



Reception – William Morris class

In William Morris class as part of Coding Week we looked at Tangrams. This linked to our Maths work on four sided shapes. We looked at how Coding and Algorithms are often a list of instructions that makes or produces something. We looked at the instructions we used for making shape pictures with the shapes from a Tangram. We cut up squares of origami paper and made shape pictures. We discussed the instructions we used and how sometimes we used the wrong instruction and needed to change them. We enjoyed making the shape pictures.



Year One – Kew Gardens Class

Kew Gardens Class really enjoyed their coding lesson this week. We used our knowledge of directions to help direct our pom-pom monster out of a maze. Then we used our knowledge of shapes to plot a new maze for our pom-pom monster and create lots of interesting obstacles! We showed fantastic teamwork as we worked together to solve the puzzle and set new challenges!



Year Two – St Paul's class

In St Paul's class this week we had an experience with coding and artificial intelligence in a safe and creative environment. This lesson was filled with moments of joy, where students use code to choreograph a dance spectacle of colour and movement using simple drag-and-drop coding blocks.



Year Three – Big Ben class

This week in Year 3, we've had a great time working on our coding skills in Computing. We used a program called Scratch to place and arrange blocks into scripts that we could then run by pressing the green flag icon. Great fun making our characters move around the screen!



Year Four – Tower Bridge class

We had a fantastic week this week! The children loved the Christmas celebrations and had a wonderful hour of code with Sarah. We used Scratch to create our own animations and collaborated with our partners really well. Well done year 4!

Year Five – Ally Pally class

This week, Ally Pally class enjoyed participating in the hour of code by tackling the coding system to help Mario collecting coins! They worked well in their coding teams to identify any coding errors, and to debug them. Happy coding!



Year Six – Globe Theatre class

Year 6 have had a super week! We loved our trip to the panto on Wednesday, and Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner on Thursday. We also really enjoyed our Hour of Code this week! We used the new Microbits to programme a flashing heart, our names, and even a game of rock, paper, scissors.



Attendance

London Eye	90.7%
William Morris	96.3%
Kew Gardens	94.6%
St Paul's	92.5%
Big Ben	95.6%
Tower Bridge	94.2%
Ally Pally	93.6%
Globe Theatre Class	94.3%
Whole School	94.4%

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

Please sponsor us for our marathon!!

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Helpful phone numbers and contacts



YIELD N16 44-45 NEWINGTON GREEN

SAY GRASMERE!

YIELD

NATURAL WINE SHOP & BAR



Yield N16 is a local wine shop & bar serving not only natural, organic, honest wine, but also local craft beers, E5Bakehouse bread, Monmouth coffee, Natoora, and more since 2015.

Simply say "Grasmere" when shopping in-store, going there for a glass of wine, beer, charcuterie & cheese, or ordering online. Yield N16 will donate 5% of the total bill back to the school's charity on 20 January.

AVAILABLE FROM
1 DECEMBER 2023 TO
3 JANUARY 2024

TESCO STRONGER STARTS TOKENS

VOTE GRASMERE!

Help us raise money for new outdoor equipment, including basketball hoops, football goals and a giant chess set!

Make a purchase at any of the following Tesco stores to receive a token, then pop it in the Grasmere school box to make your vote count.

PARTICIPATING TESCO STORES:

MATTHIAS ROAD - N16 8LH
STOKE NEWINGTON - N16 8DR
EAST ROAD SHOREDITCH - N1 6AA
HACKNEY DALSTON LANE - E8 1LA
LOWER CLAPTON ROAD - E5 0QJ
HACKNEY UPPER CLAPTON - E5 9BU
HACKNEY MORNING LANE - E9 6ND

And please remember to tell all your friends and neighbours to vote for us!



The project with the highest number of votes will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000, and the third-placed project £500.

VOTING TAKES PLACE
FROM OCTOBER 2023
TO JANUARY 2024

Stronger
Starts.



WINTER HOLIDAYS CAMP 2nd-5th January 2024 - EARLY BIRD RATES EDITION

Hello, dear Parents and Carers.

'Tis the Season to be Jolly. Ozlem (Karli Coding) and I, Cecilia (OoberKidsRepublic/Kids with Brains) are very much looking forward to celebrating the Winter Season with our campers.

Yes; we are plotting another Science, Coding, Fun Finance Camp; packed with crazy experiments, crafts, coding adventures and finance education.

This Camp at a glance:

Where: *Grasmere Primary School, 92 Albion Road, N16 9PD*

When: *See you from 2nd-5th January, 9am-5pm*

What: *Science, Coding, Fun Finance, Tombola (2nd Jan), Friday Party and more.*

Full details here: <https://www.ooberkidsrepublic.com/camps>

The Deal: *Book by 14th December and land a Winter Holidays Deal starting from just over £36 a day. This deal applies to Childcare Vouchers too, just get in touch with Cecilia, if you want to use this form of payment.*

How to book? <https://www.ooberkidsrepublic.com/shop> *or contact Cecilia for voucher payments 07713627018 cecilia@oobber-k.com*

*Finally, and, by no meant least, **many thanks for your support and trust this year.***

Here's to a happy Season and 2024 for us all!

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Many thanks,
Cecilia