

GRASMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 21st December 2023

Dates for your Diary



22nd Dec-7th Jan: Christmas Holiday

25th Dec: Christmas Day

1st Jan: New Year's Day

8th Jan: Children Return

8th Jan: Year 5 going to My Neighbour Totoro

11th Jan: Open classroom- parents to collect their children from the classroom and see their hard work!

12th Jan: surprise visit from the Kingdom of Arendelle

16th Jan: Cross country- Year 5 and 6 group of children

23rd Jan: Year 6 Assembly @9.10am

26th Jan: Evening dinner for parents and carers

30th Jan: Year 5 Assembly @9.10am

31st Jan: Parent Workshop @9am- Helping with English skills, run by Emmy and Shannen

5th-9th Feb: Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

6th Feb: Safer Internet Day

6th Feb: - Cross country

12th – 16th Feb: Half-Term (School closed)

19th Feb: Staff INSET Day

20th Feb: Children Return

Star of the Week!



Week commencing 11.12.2023

London Eye Class	Arda and Ottoline
William Morris Class	Finn and Hugo
Kew Gardens Class	Olivia C and Hugo
St Paul's Class	Malique and Emir
Big Ben Class	Magnus and Lily
Tower Bridge Class	Elif and Michael
Ally Pally Class	William and Finn
Globe Theatre Class	Tomas and Terry

Message from Neela

Dear parents and carers,

The last two weeks have been full of festive cheer. This week the recital was an uplifting blend of carols as well as children's performances. It was a very proud moment for many of us I think! Thank you to all of you that have completed the parent and carer questionnaire. Your feedback will help us shape the next two terms, and beyond. You still have until tomorrow lunchtime to complete it. The dates for next half term are on this newsletter. You will also be receiving a separate document with the dates for the whole term so that you can forward plan. We have some exciting events coming up! Dates are also updated on the website by the office staff. Don't forget that we will be beginning our sponsored marathon in January. More details in the newsletter. Finally, I hope you all enjoy a well-earned break over the festive period. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8th January.

Best wishes,

Neela





Can you sponsor us?

The Story

The staff at Grasmere work very hard to make sure that the children have a high quality, engaging and memorable primary education. To take us to the next level we need to raise some money to invest in technology that reflects the fast moving world they live in. In the world as it is now, children should be able to draw on technology at any time to further enhance their brilliant learning.

We know that we need interactive whiteboards, laptops, tablets, beebots, and other technology that allows our children to be both challenged and supported. We would also like to invest in adaptive technology so that any child, regardless of need, can use it in their learning to achieve more. We want technology that is fun, so our children can make special memories together. Our children deserve it!

During a cold November evening staff meeting some Grasmere staff had a great idea to raise money and lots of the staff are going to join in.

Sharon, Emmy, Chef Patrick, Neela, Jen, Sinead, Meryem, Hugo, Megan, Jess, Shannen, Radhia, Barley, Debbie, Fiona, Jenn our Chair of Governors, Darnell, Kryselles, Julie and Sarah are going to complete a Marathon each during the month of January. We will be running, swimming, walking and cycling to achieve our goals. Some families are also going to join in with us which is very, very exciting!

Can you donate to the school and help us reach our goal?



Help raise £15000 to invest in new technology for our brilliant children!

We're raising money to invest in new technology for our brilliant children! Support this Just Giving Crowdfunding Page.

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



Scan Me



Something I noticed this week...

We were very sorry to hear of the passing of Benjamin Zephaniah. As a staff team many of us had very special memories of his work, his poetry, and of his sheer personality. The children had a day of learning more about the poetry of Benjamin Zephaniah. These children came to perform their poem to me, it was fantastic!



Parent feedback....

This week we had the recital, and once again many parents were very positive about the music provision in the school. It is something I am also very proud of. Ken and Emmy have real vision for the subject, and what I like the most is anyone can have ago, and everyone feels like a musician after a few minutes with Ken!

Some of you will know that we have invested in some music interventions for our children with additional needs, or children who might benefit from some teamwork, or some confidence building. Lea, one of our visiting music professionals has been working on this with Eve. We have had some good results so far, and very positive feedback from parents and children. It is another offer that keeps Grasmere on it's unique path.

News from the classes...

Nursery – London Eye class

Well Done to Nursery (London Eye Class) for being fantastic 'Stable Animals' during the Infant Nativity Play on Tuesday. You are all amazing performers ☆👏👏👏👏👏👏



Reception – William Morris class

What a wonderful week of festive activities we have had in William Morris Class. Huge congratulations to everyone for their fantastic Nativity! We have also been busy making festive decorations to decorate our homes and celebrated the incredible poetry from Benjamin Zephaniah. You can admire our wall of people we need to go with the poem People Need People.



Year One – Kew Gardens Class

Kew Gardens Class have been learning all about the poet Benjamin Zephaniah. We have really enjoyed listening to some of his wonderful poems. We learned the poem 'People Need People' and thought about the people in our lives who are important to us. We created paper doll chains to show how we are connected and why we need each other.



Year Two – St Paul's class

This week in St Paul's class, we learned the poem 'People Need People' by Benjamin Zephaniah. We had some fantastic conversations about this poem and the individuals in our lives who we appreciate. We created a story map and memorised it through activities.



Year Three – Big Ben class

This week in Year 3, we had a very exciting and interactive workshop with the School of Noise. We conducted a series of experiments to learn more about sound, how it is produced and how we can alter it. Great fun!



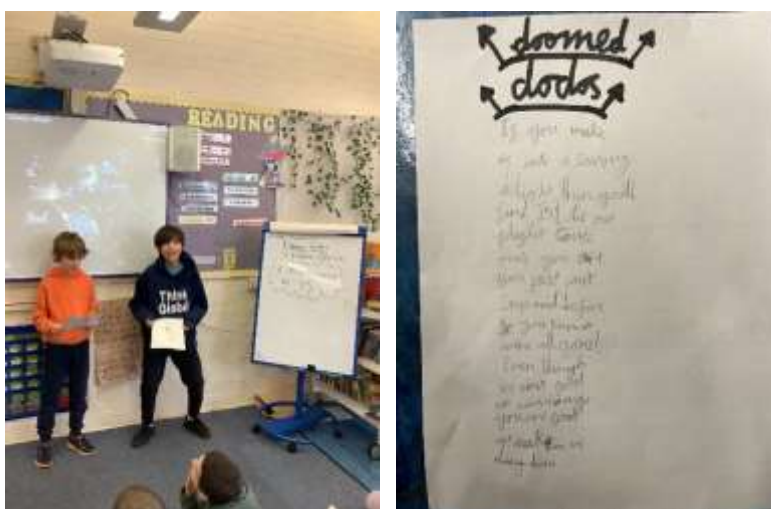
Year Four – Tower Bridge class

We had a fantastic time with Dan from School of Noise, learning about the science of sound and electricity with these fab resources. It was a great experience!



Year Five – Ally Pally class

This week, Ally Pally Class celebrated the brilliant literature that Benjamin Zephaniah wrote. We performed his famous poem, 'Talking Turkeys' and reflected on the messages that he was delivering. We also had a go at writing our own poems!



Year Six – Globe Theatre class

This week, Year 6 remembered Benjamin Zephaniah by performing the poem 'Talkin' Turkeys' in small groups together. We really enjoyed the experience of exploring how poems should be read aloud, and how Benjamin Zephaniah did it best!



Winter Holiday Camps available to book via link below:

<https://www.ooberkidsrepublic.com/shop>

Attendance

London Eye	91.5%
William Morris	95.6%
Kew Gardens	94.4%
St Paul's	92.2%
Big Ben	95.6%
Tower Bridge	94.2%
Ally Pally	93.6%
Globe Theatre Class	94.1%
Whole School	94.2%

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

Helpful phone numbers and contacts



Grasmere Primary School

The Council will be introducing a School Street zone (SS52) at Grasmere Primary School on Monday 22 January 2024

School Street at Grasmere Primary School (SS52)

A School Street is where the road(s) outside of a school temporarily becomes a Pedestrian and Cycle Zone during school opening and closing times, helping pupils walk and cycle to school safely. The scheme prioritises the safety of pupils by reducing congestion and improving road safety and air quality directly outside of the school gates.

The School Street SS52 scheme at Grasmere Primary School will make a section of Church Walk, from the junction of Albion Road to no. 120 Church Walk, a timed Pedestrian and Cycle Zone. The zone will operate between 8:30-9:30am and 3:00-4:00pm, Monday to Friday during school term time only.



Pedestrian and Cycle Zone signs will be erected at the entry point to the zone. Vehicles that have not been granted an exemption and contravene the traffic restrictions will be subject to receiving a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN).

In order to ensure the School Street delivers its objectives to improve pupil road safety and local air quality and encourage more sustainable travel to school, we ask parents to consider their mode of travel to school and to walk, cycle and use public transport wherever possible.

Exemptions

Vehicles of parents/carers and school staff are not exempt from the School Street restriction, unless they have been granted a special exemption. A special exemption must be applied for, and is available in circumstances where doorstep access to the school is required, for example if the pupil/parent/carer/staff member is a Blue Badge holder.

For more information about exemption eligibility, and to apply for a special exemption to the School Street SS52 zone, please visit the 'Exemptions' section of Hackney's School Streets web page at: <https://hackney.gov.uk/school-streets>.

Additional Information for Parents: PDF Postcard

Additional information about the School Street will be provided in the form of an electronic School Streets postcard. The postcard provides more information on the scheme, outlines the restrictions, details how to apply for an exemption and explains how you can have your say about the scheme. The postcard will be distributed virtually to parents in due course.

For more information on Hackney's School Streets programme please visit:
<https://hackney.gov.uk/school-streets/>

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.