



South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 13 2024-2025



9th December 2024

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 9.12.24

RR	CIARA	3H	EMA
RS	AZAAN	4P	EDIE
1L	FARIS	4SH	OISIN
1W	THEO	5A	YARA
2DM	ROWAN	5G	KAINAAT
2F	CARTER	6F	JOEL
3B	ALISHA	6M	ALAYSIAH-MAI
	PLM	DAWOOD	



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 2.12.24

Best Attendance ☺	5G 99.3%
Best Punctuality ☺	4P

Class that needs to improve their attendance **RS 83.5%**

Class that needs to improve their punctuality **RS**

Overall School Attendance this year = 95.4%

4P ASSEMBLY - DEM BONES DEM BONES

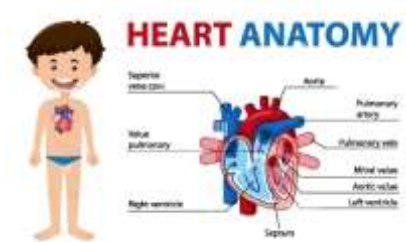
We were treated to an incredibly informative assembly last Friday when 4P explained all about how our bodies worked and what is inside all of us – not as gruesome as it sounds and at times was even HUMERUS! Well done 4P the whole school and the parents really loved it – here's what some of them had to say:

Ha ha! Very funny assembly well done 4P!

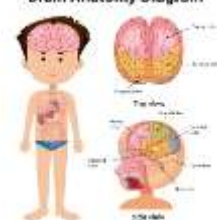
Fantastic! Enjoyed it and learnt a lot about the human body too. Well done 4P!

It was a brilliant performance. So much work must have gone into this.

Absolutely brilliant! Very funny and educational!



Brain Anatomy Diagram



HUMAN CIRCULATORY SYSTEM



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

We have been made aware of a couple of incidents recently where parents have expressed frustrations on social media. While we completely understand that situations may arise that feel challenging or unresolved, I want to take this opportunity to reassure you that South Grove is always here to support you.

Our primary focus is to ensure that your children are in a safe, protected, and nurturing educational environment. If you ever have concerns, questions, or frustrations, we encourage you to speak directly with the school. Whether it's with the head teacher, safeguarding lead, or your child's teacher, our staff are readily available to listen and work with you to find a resolution.

As a parent of children at South Grove myself, I know how accessible and approachable our team is. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about your child's wellbeing or education.

Here is a reminder of the email addresses you can use for contact:

senco@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk for Ms Johnson our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator
parents@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk this will get to Senior Leadership
dsl@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk DSL stands for Designated Safeguarding Lead ie Ms Montgomery
The year group emails are: yearn@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk yearr@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk
year1@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk year2@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk
year3@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk year4@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk
year5@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk year6@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk
plm@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk
musicbox@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in fostering a positive and collaborative community at South Grove.

Best regards,

Benjamin Pheloung

Chair of Governors

South Grove Primary School

**MAKATON
SIGN
OF THE WEEK:
HOLIDAY**



Don't Forget..
We close at the earlier
time of 2:30pm on
Thursday 19th December &
Wrap Crew finishes at
4:55pm **CLOSING
EARLY**

LOOK AT WHAT EDWIN HAS BEEN UP TO:

He had a busy week...



Tuesday December 3rd

After a long night looking round the school he decided to chill out with some pop corn and a film – it had to be 'Elf' of course!!



Wednesday December 4th

Enough of the chilling out – now down to some serious mischief! Mrs Hunter Leitch was certainly not impressed with the state of the library and several members of staff were caught short by the lack of loo roll in the toilets!



Thursday 5th December

He stole one of the eggs from Year 4's Science experiment – and regretted it immediately



Friday 6th December

How rude & disrespectful he was!! Poor Mr Combe was found gently weeping in a corner later. ☹



Monday 9th December

Today he was fearlessly riding a dinosaur – but giving Santa a rather bumpy ride behind him!





The Friends of South Grove are running our annual Christmas raffle to raise much needed funds for our school. Contrary to last week's newsletter, the draw will take place at the **Christmas Concert - 9:15am on Thursday 19th December**

Raffle tickets are 1 for 20p, 5 tickets for £1.00. There are lots of wonderful prizes, but we are still asking for even more donations to make this a bumper event!!!!



Festive Family Disco on Wednesday 18th December – 3.30 – 5.30pm.

Disco tickets are NOW SOLD OUT! Please remember Nursery and Reception children MUST be accompanied by an adult. Please note that accompanying adults must buy a ticket too.

Due to Health and Safety there are limited numbers for the disco tickets and there will be no entry without a ticket – so make sure you keep yours safe!

The tickets for the raffle are on sale in the office, the Key Stage 2 playground and children can buy tickets at break time too...



*Year 5
Anglo
Saxon /
Viking
Day*



*Tuesday 10th December
Come dressed in your
warmest Anglo Saxon
or Viking outfit!*

**Tuesday 10th December
2:45pm**

Year 5 parents and carers can view the year group's wonderful London Landmarks projects.

Just come to the school office or go straight to the dining room if the school gates are open.



Lost Property

We have lots of lost property which is un-named. Please ensure that you regularly check your child's name is still visible in their clothes so we can get them back to their rightful owner

Come and check the boxes if you've mislaid anything. Anything left at the end of term will go to charity or be resold as second hand



Applying for a Reception School Place

If your child will be 5 between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026 you have until **January 15th 2025** to apply to Waltham Forest Admission service for a Reception place. We still have a couple more tours of South Grove conducted by Ms Maltwood that you are welcome to attend on either:

11th December at 4:00pm and 9th January at 4:00pm



You must apply even if you have other children at South Grove or your child is in the Nursery – it is not automatic!

Class Christmas Parties

Nursery	Tuesday 17 th December	Nursery one in the morning + one in the afternoon
Year R	Tuesday 17 th December	
Year 1	Tuesday 17 th December	
Year 2	Tuesday 17 th December	
Year 3	Tuesday 17 th December	
Year 4	Monday 16 th December	
Year 5	Tuesday 17 th December	
Years 6	Friday 13 th December	
PLM	Wednesday 18 th December	



**Please send in 50p or £1
and the staff will buy the
food for the parties**

Children sending Christmas Cards to other children.

The Post Box are now up in the Library for children to post their cards to their friends. The children must put the child's name and class clearly on the envelope to ensure that it gets to the right person.



Christmas Lunch



On Wednesday, 18th December, there will be the celebration Christmas lunch for the children.

As always children who are normally packed lunches can change for the day to have this.

Please sign up at the office or email us by Friday so our cook knows how much to make.

Jolly Jumper Day

Wear a festive or bright jumper instead of your school sweatshirt next Wednesday 18th December and pay £1.00 towards this year's charity -



If your child doesn't have a Christmas Jumper, as with all dress up days – we do not expect you to buy anything new - the children can wear a jumper they already have at home

REMEMBER

**THIS IS THE
LAST WEEK OF
CLUBS**

**No clubs next
week except**

**Wrap Crew - Breakfast Club &
After School Club**



Christmas Concert

Thursday 19th December - 9.15am

**Whole School Christmas Concert
– whole school singing
with choir leading the performance
All very welcome to join!**



Reception, Year1 & Year 2 Nativity THIS WEEK

Thursday 12th December 2.15pm

**Friday 13th December
9.15am**



Although everyone is very welcome, please can we ask that you come to just **one** performance (they are both the same) to enable as many people as possible can see their child perform.

Thank you for your Christmas Spirit!

SCHOOL OPENS ON 6TH JANUARY 2025

With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher



SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

Last week in Nursery, we finished our journey on the magic train, but not before learning a bit more about space, and creating some out-of-this-world artwork! We then explored the delicious Land of Cakes, (in which we made our very own tasty cupcakes to take home!) and the magical Land of Fairies, complete with enchanted fruit to count and potions to make. Our final stop may have been the most exciting though, as we made our magic tickets and each visited a special land or world of our choice. We even came in dressed up for the land we chose!



Reception

Last week in Reception, we learnt about real life superheroes – the people who help us every day such as doctors, fire fighters and police officers. We looked at information books and watched information films about the different roles and professions and especially enjoyed finding out about the Mountain Rescue Team from Cumbria. We used this knowledge to act out some emergency scenarios, and pretended to be all the different emergency services needed to help a person who had hurt themselves or got into difficulty. We continued this theme in literacy, using some new red words and phonic sounds to write words and captions about the real-life superheroes.

We also explored different materials in order to make a parachute to help our hero land slowly and safely on the ground.



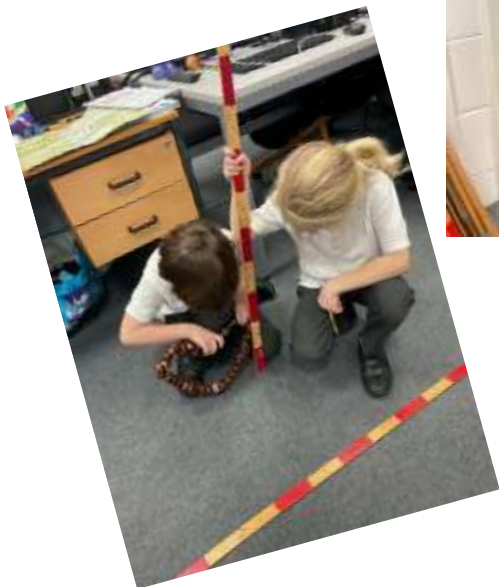
Year 1

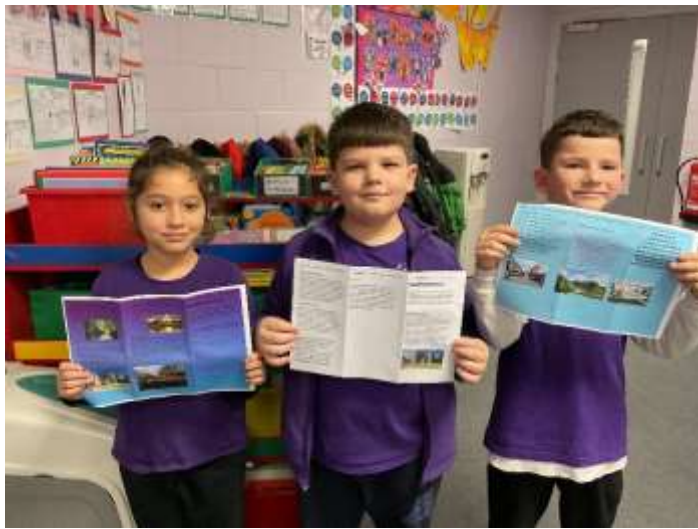
Year 1 visited St Saviour's Church last week, to embed their learning about a Place of Worship which is important to Christians. Father Salvador was very impressed with Year 1's knowledge about the sacred artefacts they would find in a Church, and also their behaviour in an important place. They really were ambassadors for showing respectful attitude. Well done Year 1. Year 1 also got to experience what singing in a Church would feel like, as they performed their Christmas song to Father Salvador.



Year 2

In Year 2, in Art we have been looking at the artist - Patrick Caulfield and drew his artwork of a 'Bowl and Fruit 1979'. In Maths, we have been looking at measurements identifying objects longer and shorter than a metre stick.





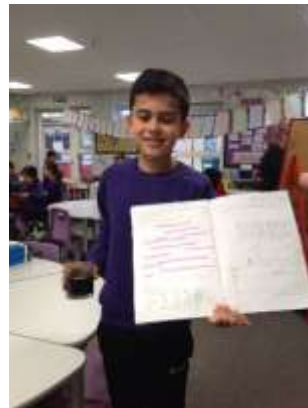
Year 3

After weeks of hard work, we are so excited to announce that we've finally finished our amazing Walthamstow leaflets!

Everyone in Year 3 put so much effort into writing about the exciting places to explore and now our leaflets have come to life. Using the iPads, we turned them into real digital leaflets, full of bright colours, fun facts and creative designs. The best part? They're now proudly on display for everyone to see! We're so proud of what we've created and can't wait to share them with you. Come take a look and explore Walthamstow through our eyes!

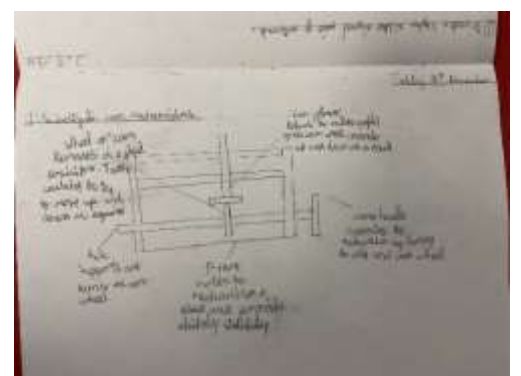
Year 4

Last week, Year 4 conducted an *eggcellent* experiment. The plan was to investigate how different can drinks affect our teeth; however, since (thanks to the prohibition of corporal punishment in 1986) we aren't allowed to remove children's teeth, we used boiled eggs! Eggshells possess a very similar chemical composition to teeth, you see. So far, the eggs seem to be reacting to the different liquids; releasing some rather interesting smells! We'll keep you updated.



Year 5

To prepare for our Anglo Saxon/Viking Day we have been looking at cam toys in Design and Technology. A cam toy uses hand-powered mechanisms to create cyclical motions that animate a scene. We have designed Anglo Saxon/Viking character/scenes to go on top of our toy. We looked at the different parts of the toy to understand how it moves where it turns rotary movements into linear motion and we have also looked at different cam shapes to help us decide which of our scenes will move. Stayed tuned for the next week's edition of the newsletter to see how our toys turned out



Year 6

During our Maths lessons, Year 6 have been focusing on Area and Perimeter. At the end of the week, the children took part in an active Maths activity where they went on a 'Treasure hunt' solving a range of reasoning problems. They really enjoyed this way of learning and are looking forward to the next active Maths lesson.



PLM

Circle time



PLM NEWSLETTER

FREE EDITION
DECEMBER 2024
TOPNEWS

What is circle time?

Circle time is taken place on a Friday afternoon and the children in PLM choose a friend from their mainstream class and participate in game taking activities such as duck duck goose, fruit salad, parachute (like pictured), who stole the cookie from the cookie jar game and more. The children in mainstream always enjoy playing the games as well as the PLM children.

AEROBBEAN
KITCHEN

AEROBBEAN KITCHEN PRESENTS CHILDREN'S EVENT

WINTER JAM



CRATE
35 ST JAMES STREET
E17 7FY

12-6PM
SUNDAY
15.12.24

**FUN, FOOD, GAMES, HENNA, FACE PAINTING, COMPETITIONS, RAFFLE,
TOMBOLA, KARAOKE, WORKSHOPS, PRIZES PLUS MORE**

FREE TICKETS ON EVENTBRITE

