

10th February 2025

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 10.2.25

N- AM	KAIRO	3B	TINA
N - PM	AMAYAH	3H	NATHANIEL
RR	ALEX	4P	AARON
RS	YUSUF	4SH	YACINE
1L	DOMINIC	5A	ISA
1W	MARYAM	5G	OLIVIA
2DM	KYRO	6F	UMAIMAH
2F	UMAIZAH	6M	SAFWAN

PLM AVA

MUSIC STARS - OLIVIA Y5 & JAMIE Y1

SPORTS STARS - OLIVIA Y5 & AWA Y1

RIGHTS RESPECTING STAR - TIMI Y5



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 3.2.25

Best Attendance ☺ **5A 97.8%**

Best Punctuality ☺ **1W**

Class that needs to improve their attendance **RS 85.3%**

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

Overall School Attendance this year = 94.3%

LUNAR NEW YEAR ASSEMBLY & 4SH POMPEII ASSEMBLY

Last week we were treated to not just one but two fabulous assemblies.

Firstly, on Thursday Ms Lee led the fabulous Lunar New Year Assembly to celebrate the Year of the Snake. This was led by Year 1 but there were some great contributions from other year groups. Children shared their artwork depicting the Year of the Snake then sang the song 'Gong Hey Fat Choy' to welcome in the New Year. The children explained how they had learnt the Chinese characters for numbers up to 10, how they had taken part in the traditional Dragon Dance and we all learnt about the delicious food that is eaten during the celebrations which made us all rather hungry!

The audience, both children and adults, thoroughly enjoyed the assembly – thank you to Ms Lee and all the staff who helped present such a joyful, celebratory assembly!

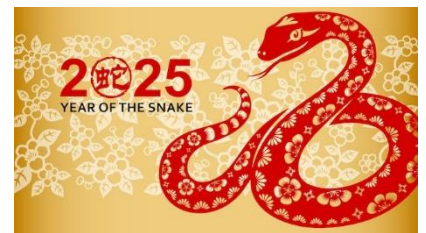
Here's what the parents had to say:

Great assembly as always – I learnt a lot!

Wonderful assembly. Colour, songs and brilliant performances. Well done South Grove!

Yet another wonderful performance.

Fantastic assembly! Kids did a great job



4SH ASSEMBLY - UP POMPEII!

Then on Friday, we were treated to the glitz and glamour of another class assembly. This week, 4SH, directed by the expertise of Mrs Sandhu Hanif, took to the boards to deliver an epic about Ancient Rome. We were transported back to Ancient Pompeii and discovered the horrors that befell that once glorious city at the hands of Mount Vesuvius.

It was a really enjoyable performance and the children spoke with clarity and confidence. What an explosively brilliant way to end the week! Thank you 4SH!

Here's what the parents had to say:

The assembly was amazing. Well done 4SH.
Explosively magnificent assembly. Perfect and excellency are not enough to describe this assembly.
Good and big applause to all 4SH children and especially Miss Sandhu.
So enjoyable and informative.



**Safer
Internet
Day 2025** | **Tuesday
11 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

Tomorrow, **Tuesday 11th February** schools and youth organisations across the UK would be celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2025**. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more to join together in helping to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in South Gove Primary School, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. Safer Internet Day encourages numerous debates and discussions in a whole class setting with their peers.

Here are some resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online:

- Advice for parents and carers from [Childnet](#)
- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- Advice from [NSPCC's online-safety](#)
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from [Common Sense Media](#)
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from [Internet Matters](#)
- Information and reporting of online grooming or abuse from [CEOP](#)



Online safety is an important issue which as a school we're committed to teaching our pupils about.

This Friday, 14th February at 9:00am there will be an Online Safety Presentation for parents and carers. All are welcome – it will be held in the mobile classroom

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher, Miss Marable or Ms Montgomery.

Cycling and Scooting in the School Grounds.

Please can we remind you not to ride your bikes or scooters (both children and adults) within the school grounds including the car park when dropping off or whilst waiting to pick up. Please dismount and walk. Thank you!



INCLUSION COFFEE MORNING MEET THE SENCOS

**Date: THIS Wednesday
12th February
Time: 9:00am – 10:00am
All parents/carers of
children with additional
needs welcome**



PROTECTION FROM
VIOLENCE



REST, PLAY,
CULTURE, ARTS

Article 19 (protection from violence, abuse and neglect): Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.

Article 31 (leisure, play and culture): Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

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MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK: DOCTOR



With index
finger and
thumb, mime
taking pulse

BOOKS NEEDED

The Friends of South Grove will be holding a second hand book sale on Friday 7th March. If you are having a clear out they would love you to donate any children's books in good condition to the office or to members of staff at the gates.



If you are entitled to Income Based Free School Meals you will receive a voucher to use over the half term. This should be with you by the end of the week.

If you think you may be entitled now please apply by clicking here: [Apply for free school meals](#)



**The next Parent
Forum Meeting
will be on:
Wednesday 26th
February at 9:00am
All welcome to
discuss draft Parent
Communication & Engagement
policy**

TRIPS COMING UP

Tuesday 11th Feb – Y1 to the Science Museum
Thursday 13th Feb – Y3/4 Girls Football (invited pupils)
Wednesday 26th Feb – 4SH Music trip to the LSO
Tuesday 11th March – Y1 to Discover Centre
Wednesday 12th March – Y5 to Royal Observatory
Thursday 13th March – Y2 to The Pumhouse Museum



**CLASS
TRIPS**

ASSEMBLIES — ALL FRIDAYS AT 9:15AM AND ALL FAMILIES WELCOME!

14th February - E-Safety Day led by Miss Marable
7th March - British Science Week led by Ms Winter
14th March - Red Nose Day
21st March - 2DM Class Assembly
28th March - EID Assembly
4th April - Spring Concert

With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher



We break up for half
term at 3:15pm this
Friday 14th February
and re-open on
Monday 24th February

Year 3's
Stone Age Day
Friday 14.2.25

Remember – **NO**
DANCE CLUB on the
1st Monday after Half
Term holiday - 24th
February

SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

In Nursery we have been learning about the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have been exploring the texture of porridge, partly in preparation for a cooking lesson we will be having! We have also been thinking about size, and comparing the sizes of different objects, including bowls of porridge as well as the bears themselves. Two of our children also took part in the Chinese New Year assembly last week, showing their friends in Nursery their fantastic traditional clothes!



Reception

Last week in Reception we continued learning about TRANSPORT.

We read the story of Mrs Armitage on Wheels and explored her journey and her decisions to add different things to her bike. *What this bike needs* she would exclaim before adding something else to her bike. The children loved finding out what would be next and they fell in love with her companion in the story, Breakspear, the dog.

The children decorated and designed their own bikes and used their phonics to label their designs. Some added a picnic basket in case they got hungry, binoculars to look at the birds, some wings to fly and a snake for protection! We used different materials to make gadgets for our bikes and even transformed some of the bicycles outside.



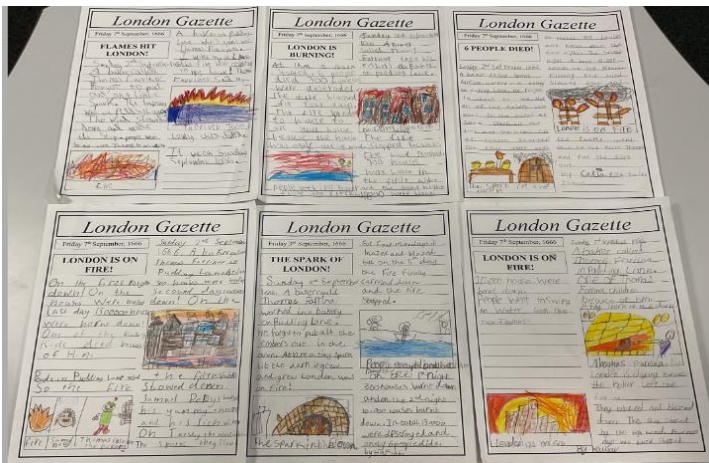
Year 1

Well, last week we were treated by Ms Lee and her wonderful representatives to a fantastic New Lunar Year Assembly. 1L and 1W were proud to sing and sign their New Lunar Year Song, singing in Mandarin. We also read a new focus story called 'The Robot and the Blue Bird' by David Lucas which we found very moving as the robot uses his final reserves of energy to save a migrating bird. We have also been learning about where waste goes and looking at bread as it begins to mould.



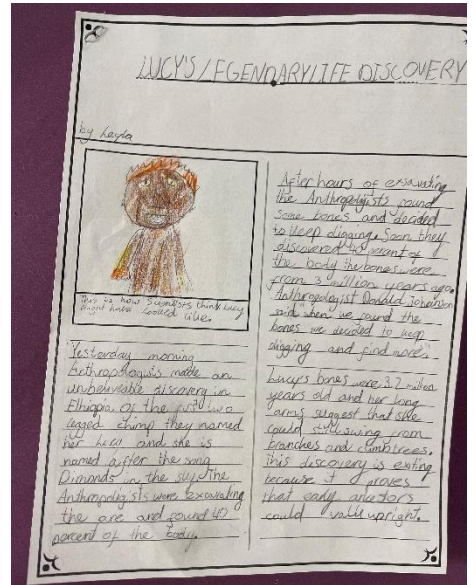
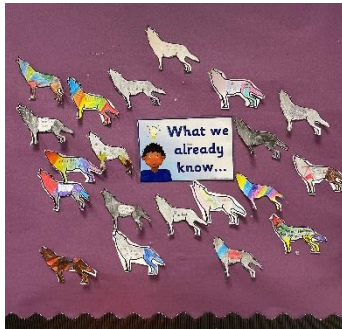
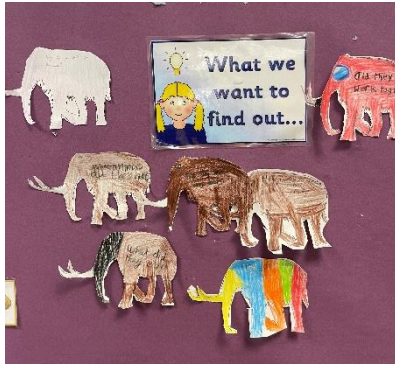
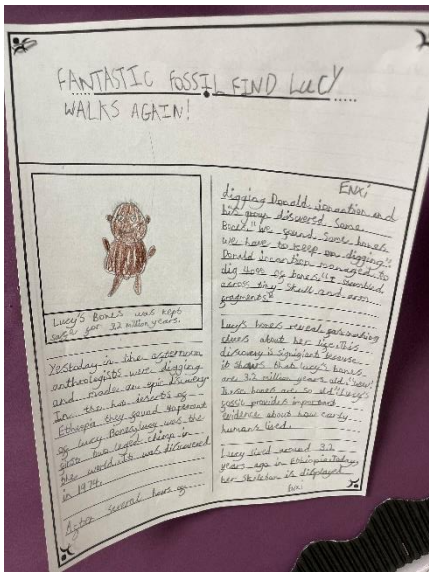
Year 2

Year 2 have thoroughly loved learning about 'The Great Fire of London'. In English we wrote a newspaper report. In PE we created a dance showing how the fire started. In topic we shared everything that we have learnt about 'The Great Fire of London'.



Year 3

In Year 3 we have been enjoying our topic on the Stone Age and have written newspaper articles about Lucy - the first up-right chimp. We are very much looking forward to our Stone Age Day this Friday!



Year 4

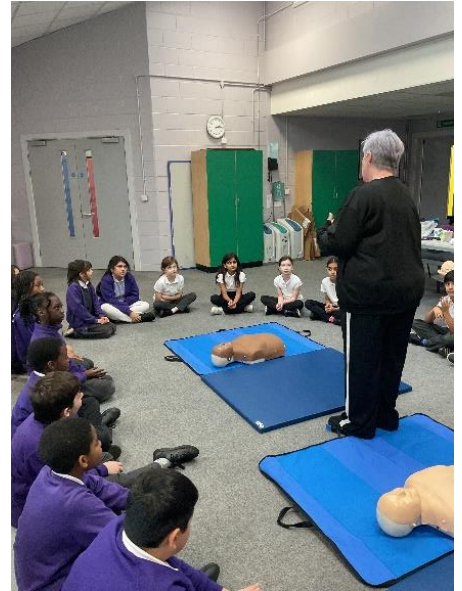
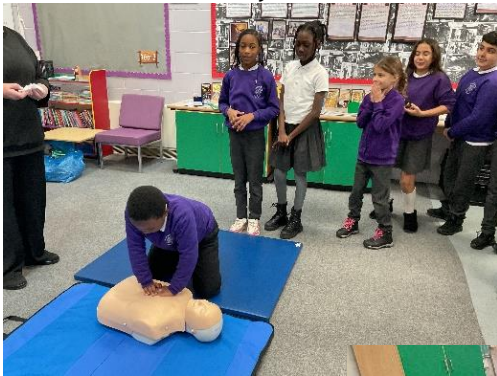
Last week, Year 4 had an *explosive* time in class as they *erupted* with excitement while showcasing their model volcanoes! The kids carefully crafted their own *lava-ly* creations, and watched in awe as they *bubbled* to life, simulating real volcanic eruptions. It was a *hot* topic in class; I'm sure these future geologists will *rock* the world!



Year 5

Last week, our children had an invaluable lesson on CPR using the Dr ABC method. They were guided through the steps of Danger, Response, Airway, Breathing, and Circulation, helping them understand how to react in an emergency.

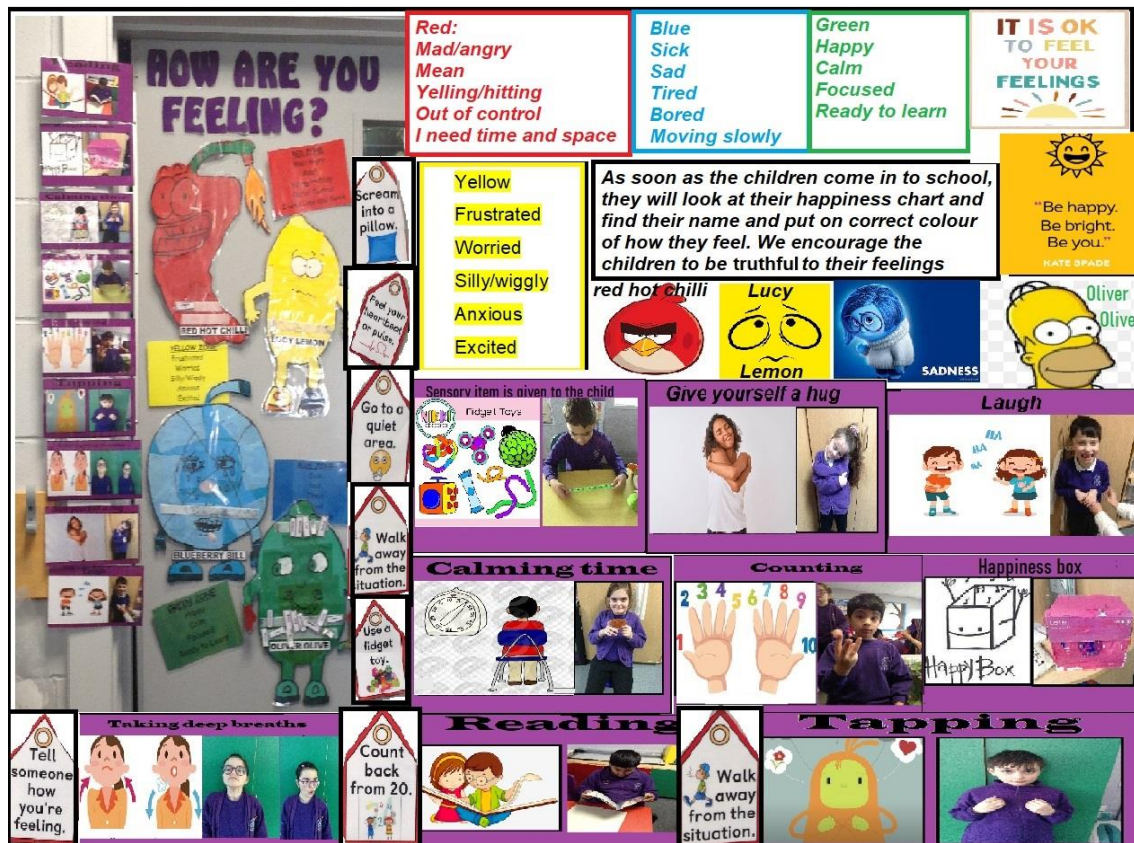
A special session with Ms Hunter-Leitch focused on resuscitation techniques, where the children had the opportunity to practise chest compressions and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on dummies. This hands-on experience gave them a real insight into the importance of quick thinking and taking action in emergencies. Well done to all our young lifesavers!



Year 6

Last week, Year 6 were working on their dance unit in PE. The children were divided into groups and had to choreograph a routine to the first forty seconds of 'Fix You' by Coldplay. The groups had to consider how they moved together; the different levels of their shapes and movements and how they interacted with each other throughout the piece. They worked exceptionally well together and collaborated to construct a range of unique performances. What was really impressive was the way they were constantly editing and improving throughout.





EXTRA NEWS!!



You may have noticed at the beginning of this newsletter that Olivia in Y5 was awarded not 1, not 2 but 3 certificates in Assembly today! Amazing Olivia – keep up the brilliant work and attitude!



Year 2 are now considerably shorter than they were after they wore their legs off by successfully climbing all 311 steps up (and back down again) at The Monument last Thursday. They all received a certificate to commemorate their achievement!

Well done all!



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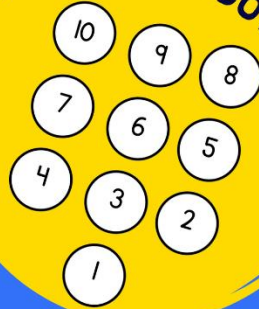
FUN FACT

Researchers believe there are 27 or even more, emotions. What emotion are you feeling right now?

HEY!

I'm BILLY BARRACUDA! Remember, you're strong, brave, and never alone! Keep shining bright!

MINDFUL DOTS



BREATHING

Place your finger on the 10, take a deep breath and slowly release it. Move your finger to the 9 and continue to slowly count down to 1. Don't forget to take a slow deep breath with each dot.

MIND MAZE!



DID YOU KNOW...

- Your brain is like a supercomputer - it sends messages faster than a race car!
- Your brain never sleeps! Even when you're dreaming, it's busy making memories and learning.
- Music makes your brain happy! Listening to your favourite songs can help improve your mood.
- Your brain loves energy! It uses about 20% of your body's energy, even though it's small!
- Your brain controls laughter! When you giggle at a joke, your brain is working super fast!

ASK A FRIEND?

HAD A GOOD DAY?
What did they say?

WHAT DO YOU LOVE?
What did they say?

WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY?
What did they say?

WHAT MAKES YOU SAD?
What did they say?



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