



South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 23 2024-2025

10th March 2025

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 10.3.25

N- AM	ROBIN	3B	RHYS
N - PM	AARUHI	3H	ZAYAN
RR	HASSAN	4P	YASMINE
RS	ABIHA	4SH	IAM
1L	LOGAN	5A	TAHAR
1W	KIRA	5G	ILIANA + OLIVIA
2DM	LOIS	6F	KWABENA
2F	URI	6M	KOBBY



PLM EZRA

SPORTS STARS - JAMIE PLM + EMMA Y3

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 3.3.25

Best Attendance ☺ **1L 100%**

Best Punctuality ☺ **2F**

Class that needs to improve their attendance **RS 87.9%**

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

Overall School Attendance this year = 94.3%

WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS!

On Thursday 6th March we celebrated World Book Day in style, as South Grove know how to do.

Standing at the gate first thing and greeting all the book characters wander thorough was amazing, although the adults at the gate got some strange looks from the children and their parents. Perhaps Goldilocks and The High Witch, and on the other gate Burglar Bill and Baloo was a little much for everyone!

Our assembly truly celebrated the children's love of books and reading. I don't think we had ever seen so many Harry Potters in one assembly! Each Year Group shared with us the work they had been doing in class.

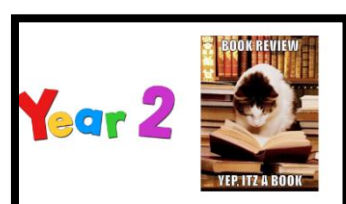
The Nursery started the assembly beautifully with their active rendition of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt.' Fabulous story telling!



Reception children had been reading the Gingerbread Man and decided that they would become very creative and change the end of the story. They showed how their drawing and writing skills are developing. Brilliant!



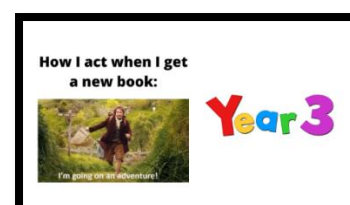
Year 1 shared their love of the Stick Man story by re-telling the story to us. A book which everyone loves....and a familiar sentence in the book....'Stick Man lives in the family tree with his stick lady love and their stick children three.'

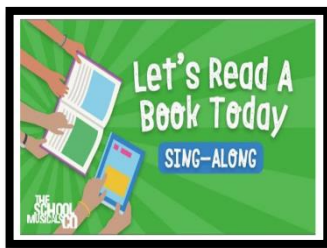


Year 2 expertly told us of their books that had been written for them by Year 5. Each one was personalised to a Year 2 child. Here is what Lila thought of her book:

"My book is called 'Lila and the Terrifying Life'. It is about a person giving Lila super powers. I liked the book it was really interesting and I gave it 5 stars!"

Year 3 shared with us their favourite book covers and the important work that illustrators do.





We had a break for a song which was ably supported by Ms Forbes and the Makaton Buddies. The first verse of the song really summed up the assembly....

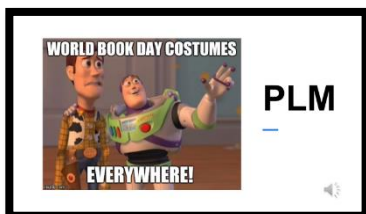
*'When you open up a book
You open up a door
Into a world of wonder
You've never seen before'*

A group of Year 4 children gave a lovely snippet of their acting skills by retelling part of the story of Charlotte Web. Well done to all!

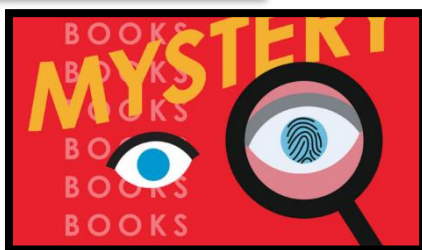


Year 5 did a great job in creating stories for children in Year 2. Not only did they write them they also personalized them to the children.

Year 6 shared the Play-in-a-day that they were going to experience on Friday 7th March, by re-creating the story of Romeo and Juliet as a play. They were really looking forward to this – you can read more about it in their Learning Gallery piece further down.

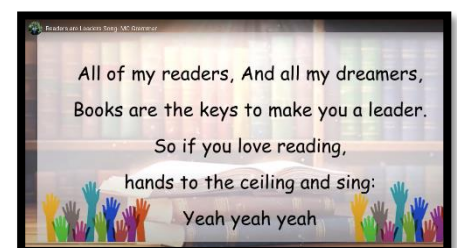
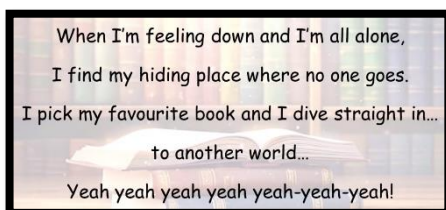


PLM children shared their World Book Day costumes dancing to 'Happy', which, just by watching them we could tell they certainly were!



The Year 5 comperes led a quiz to see if the children could guess what teacher's favourite books were. Generally, the children were able to guess correctly!

We finished our assembly with a great song that everyone really enjoyed. Here are some of the words....



Thank you to Ms Grant and Ms Lee for organizing the assembly and all those who took part. Thanks to the very attentive and appreciative audience and a very big thank you to all parents and carers for kitting out your children so well in their world book day costumes. You did them all very proud!

Here's what the parents had to say:
World Book Day was absolutely brilliant!!
Wonderful assembly – I am going home to read a book!!
Thanks for putting on a great assembly
Such fun! And amazing costumes. Reading is the best!



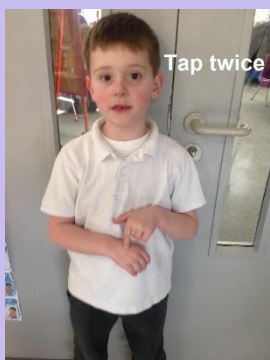


Throughout the day the school was filled with such wonderful characters from so many different books that it was very difficult, but a winner was chosen from each year group and a prize of a book, that they will choose, will be given to each of the following children for their World Book Day costumes. They all looked absolutely brilliant! Have a look on the website for more photos of all the wonderful outfits.

Well done to everyone who took part. Here are the winners from each year group from left to right: **Alaa (Y4), Aiyah (Y1), Lila (Rec), Akeem (pm N), Val (am N), Lyla (Y3), Elias (Y2), Sarah (Y5), Rayan (PLM), Samuel (Y6)**



**MAKATON
SIGN
OF THE WEEK:**
TIME



Help Needed on Sports Trips!



At South Grove, we are keen to get involved in as many sports experiences as possible and in doing so, expose as many of our children to these events. However, staffing these visits is becoming increasingly difficult. We are looking for a small group of 'Sports Trip Parents', who would accompany our staff members to events. This could be for any age group. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will be able to give you more information.

**YOU
CAN
HELP**

South Grove's Friday Market



As you are aware, every Friday we run a market. The idea of the market is to ensure that food waste from local food sources is limited and people can pick up the occasional treat for the price of a donation. We also distribute free delicious meals, which have been donated to the school. However, this is taking up a lot of staff time, so we are looking for a number of parents to volunteer to help the school continue the market.

We would ideally like someone to collect the food from the Hornbeam Cafe and drop it at the school by 2.30pm. If anyone could help with the running of the market between 3.00 and 3.30pm, that would also be fantastic. If you are interested and could help in any way, please email the office or speak to Mr Combe on the market on Friday.



Ramadan at South Grove on Friday 7th March by Taheem and Eesah Year 6

This first week of Ramadan we have been praying with fellow Muslims. We have also been reading out holy book which is called the Quran. Today we prayed a special prayer which has been prayed Fridays and that special prayer is called Jumm'ah and today a fellow Muslim named Ahmed led the prayer. Mrs Malek and Mrs Amber helped us and joined in



Year 4 Roman Day

To bring their topic of The Romans to life, Year 4 will take part in a Roman Day, including dressing up, on **Tuesday 1st April**. Remember, you don't have to buy an outfit – they are easily made at home with sheets and tea towels for togas and Cardboard and tin foil for helmets!

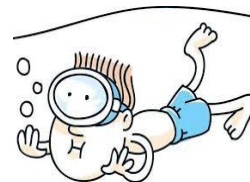


YEAR 4 SWIMMING

The swimming pool has sorted out their mistake and Year 4 started their swimming lessons again today.

The lessons will be every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings up to and including Monday 31st March i.e. 10th, 12th, 14th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 24th, 26th, 28th and 31st March.

4SH will leave at 9am and 4P will leave at 10am and they will be back in time for lunch.



The Book Fair is this week!

We will have a book fair in school this week from Thursday 13th – Tuesday 18th March in the Library. Click here or paste the link into your browser: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/parents> to get a taster of what is coming and to pre-order books or vouchers for the fair. The children will be able to use their World Book Day token as a discount on books over £2.99



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With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher

**HOPE TO SEE
YOU THERE**

SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

Last week in Nursery we have continued learning about the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. We also enjoyed looking at the ingredients needed to make pancakes together during circle time and we especially liked eating our pancakes with jam, honey or sugar.

In Maths, we have been creating faces using a variety of resources. We practiced counting how many eyes, ears, noses and mouths we used to create our faces.



Reception

Last week in Reception we continued learning about TREASURE. We looked at a different type of treasure, which is also considered precious and has sentimental value. Some objects are treasured because they are old, precious and rare, we learned about **fossils**!

We found out how fossils were made a long, long time ago and that a palaeontologist's job is to find and preserve them. We also made our own fossils, by making an in-print into salt dough. We found gigantic footprints outside and counted how many children would fit inside each one.

On Tuesday it was Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday), we learnt about why Christians celebrate Pancake Day, we made pancakes, had pancake races and some of us learnt to 'flip' a pancake then learnt about instruction writing. It has been a very busy week!

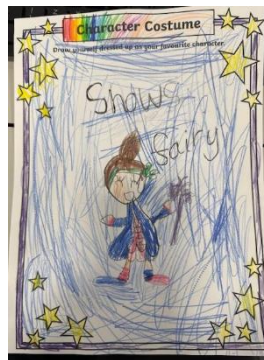
Finally on Thursday we celebrated World Book Day. The children had opportunities to speak about, read, re-enact, and rewrite their favourite stories. We all dressed up as our favourite characters from a book and we read some of them too!



Year 1

Year 1 had a brilliant Thursday celebrating our love of books and reading with the whole school. Everyone made such an effort to link their character to a book and even brought the books that had inspired their choice. There was a real buzz around the school and lots of acting out their characters in the playground!

Year 1 drew themselves as characters and designed their own book marks for when they begin reading chapter books. Hattie was even inspired to write her own book about the character she created. We have some budding authors in Year 1!!



Year 2

Year 2 loved World Book Day! The children in Year 5 wrote individual books for us. We wrote book reviews about them and gave their book a star rating!



Year 3

In Year 3, we designed posters for World Book Day, each showcasing the cover of our favourite books. We added colourful drawings, characters, and fun details that represent the stories we love the most! We had lots of fun bringing to life our favourite characters when we dressed up on the day.



Year 4

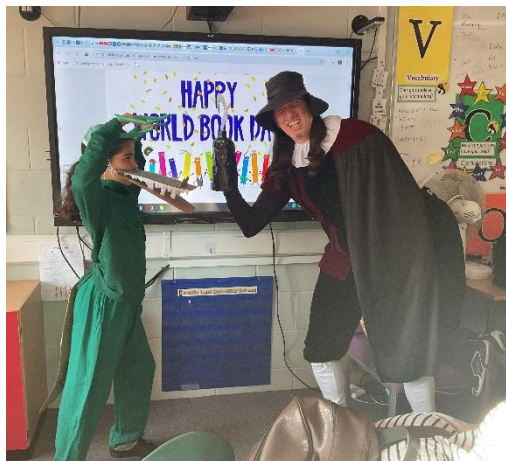
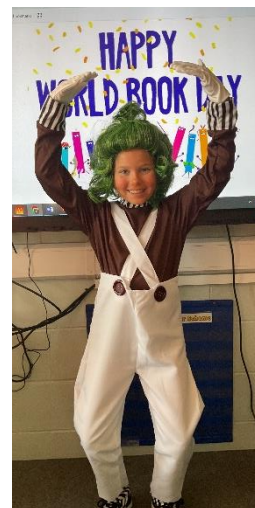
Last week, Year 4 went wild looking at various animals and their habitats. They thoroughly enjoyed using their vast knowledge of animal classification to decide which animals would be found in each habitat, and how they had adapted to survive in it. They enjoyed it so much that they made rather a lot of noise—I don't mind this once in a while, but we won't be making a habitat of it!



Year 5

It was an exciting week in Year 5 as we celebrated **World Book Day** with a range of fun and engaging activities. The children joined thousands of pupils across the UK for a special BBC Live Lesson. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate reading together with so many other primary schools from different parts of the country! Our Year 5 stars also took to the spotlight during our **World Book Day Assembly**. They performed brilliantly, showcasing their creativity and confidence in front of the school.

As part of their home learning, we're excited to announce that the children have been given the chance to enter a **Creative Writing Competition**! This is a wonderful opportunity for them to let their imaginations run wild and craft their own stories. Full details, including the theme and an example piece, have been sent home with your child. We can't wait to read their amazing entries - and who knows, perhaps we have some future authors in Year 5!



Year 6

Last week, Year 6 had the exciting opportunity to work with a company called SPLATS to learn and perform Shakespeare's classic play, *Romeo and Juliet*. In just one day, the students worked hard to master their lines, stage directions, and characters, bringing the famous story to life in a truly impressive performance!

The students showcased their talents in front of Years 4 and 5, as well as their proud parents. It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved, and the Year 6 students did an amazing job, demonstrating teamwork, creativity and confidence. Well done to all the performers and a big thank you to SPLATS for making this experience so memorable.



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