

South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 24 2024-2025

17th March 2025

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 17.3.25

N- AM	YEVGEN	3B	M. YUSUF
N - PM	SAFANA	3H	ANASTASHA
RR	AMAYA	4P	ALLA
RS	TAHLA	4SH	EMANUELLA
1L	ASMA	5A	JANAE
1W	DIAR	5G	AYDEN
2DM	SABRINA	6F	ROSIE
2F	WILLIAM	6M	TAHEEM
PLM EBRAHIM			
SPORTS STARS - DAWOOD PLM, LEVIT Y3			



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 10.3.25

Best Attendance ☺ **RR 99.3%**
 Special mention to 4SH 99.2%
 Best Punctuality ☺ **2F**

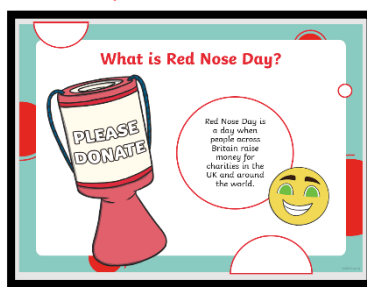
Class that needs to improve their attendance **6M 90%**

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

Overall School Attendance this year = 94.4%

COMIC RELIEF ASSEMBLY

On Friday 14th March the children learnt about Comic Relief Day and how the raising of funds supported the community both in this country and around the world.



The children loved looking at the history of red noses and all the different designs of over the years since we started celebrating Red Nose Day in 1988.



Comic Relief uses the power of laughter to involve people in fundraising. It's great to have fun while raising money and laughter is also good for our mental health and wellbeing.

On **Friday 21st March** we are encouraging everyone to wear red (no matter how big or small we all go with it) and bring in £1 to see how much we can raise to support really valuable causes. We gave the children ideas of how much money is needed for various projects.

The money raised will go towards supporting:

Homelessness, Families and individuals suffering domestic abuse, Mental health, Improving education
to name a few.



You can pay online using this link: [Comic Relief donations](#) – the link has been set up securely by ParentPay and goes directly to the charity you will be asked if you would like to apply gift aid and by ticking that box as a UK tax payer, the charity can claim an extra 25% of the value of your donation at no extra cost to you – it's a win win situation!

We will not have any noses but we will be selling a few left over Comic Relief items from previous years on Friday. We only have a limited amount so once they're gone we cannot get any more.

Let's see how much we can raise to support Red Nose Day!!





Careers Week

This week we are holding a Careers Week at South Grove in celebration of National Careers Week. The purpose of this is to have a fun week with the children exploring their aspirations and dreams. It helps to promote the idea of having a good career. We believe that promoting a good career will help children understand the link between subjects, their skills and the opportunities that can arise from that.

We had a great response from parents – to the point that we cannot actually fit everyone in this time but hopefully we will be calling on them in the future. Thank you all very much for the offer of your time.

Today we've had a Creative Director come in to the delight of the children in Year 6. We will let you know how the whole week goes in next week's newsletter.

Next Friday 28th March (as it is Red Nose Day this Friday) we will be having a Take Over Day when the children have the chance to 'take over' jobs around the school including Headteacher and many other positions. Those who want to, have been writing their applications for the jobs and will be waiting with anticipation to see who is successful - we have done this for the past few years and the children thoroughly enjoy it! On that day children can also come to school dressed to reflect a career they might like to do – start thinking...

**MAKATON
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OF THE WEEK:
CHOCOLATE**



Open Evening

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EVENING**

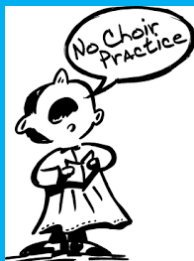
An email will come out this week to book for Parents Evening which will

take place on Thursday 3rd April.

Please ensure that you book a time to come and talk to your child's teacher.

NO CHOIR TOMORROW

Don't forget there will be no choir session tomorrow – Tuesday 18th March
It will be back on the following week



HOLIDAYS

Break up for Spring Holiday - 2.30pm Friday 4th April

Summer Term starts - Tuesday 22nd April

Break up for Half Term Holiday - 3.15pm Friday 23rd May

2nd Half of Summer Term starts - Monday 2nd June

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 5th May

Break up for Summer Holiday - 2.30pm Friday 18th July

The Book Fair's Last Day is Tuesday 18th (tomorrow!)

We have the book fair in school for one last day tomorrow. The children will be able to use their World Book Day token as a discount on books over £2.99

You can pay in cash

OR by credit or debit card using the online payment link at www.travellingbooks.co.uk/pay

OR by using the QR code:

We do not have a card reader so please bring your card with you as you will need to enter the details after scanning the QR code



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Scan the QR code to pay for your books online or visit travellingbooks.co.uk/pay

Share Your Ramadan & Eid Moments for Our School Assembly!



As we prepare for our upcoming **Eid assembly on Thursday 3rd April at 9:15am** – which you **are all very welcome to** - we would love to showcase how our school community celebrated **Ramadan and Eid!** We kindly invite you to share **photos or short videos** of your family's special moments—whether it's Iftar gatherings, Eid outfits, decorations, prayers, or acts of kindness.

If you would like to contribute, please send your pictures/videos to: parents@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk by 2nd April 2025. We hope to include as many as possible in a slideshow during the assembly!

DO REMEMBER to come to the office or email us at parents@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk to let us know if your child(ren) will be taking the day to celebrate with family so we can authorise one day.



PARENTING COURSES

Please let the school office know if you would like to attend this course as it will be held at South Grove.

We will send you the full leaflet of courses in a separate email

Wednesday

Triple P
Age 0-12

7 May - 2 July

9.30am-11.30am
South Grove
Primary School
E17 8PW

Triple P 0-12

For parents of children aged up to 12

Promote your child's development and help prevent challenging behaviour.

Web: bit.ly/wftriplep **Phone:** 07586713368



Year 6 SATs are coming!

Next term Year 6 will take their **SATs in the week of 12th May – Monday to Thursday** ending with a fun park trip on the Friday to relax and celebrate!

Please do not make any medical or other appointments in this week

FLOWERS POTS NEEDED

If anyone has plant pots that **Gardening Club** can use for potting on our seeds, it would be very much appreciated. Any donations to Ms Montgomery at the office. Thank you!



Class Assembly this Friday 9:15am
2DM's Class Assembly - Transportation

Parents and Carers welcome – please come and support the children



Tuesday 1st April
Y4 Roman Day
Year 4 to immerse themselves in Roman life all day

TUESDAY 1ST APRIL
MUSIC RECITAL FOR PARENTS
WHOSE CHILDREN RECEIVE
LESSONS FROM WALTHAM
FOREST MUSIC SERVICE – MORE
INFO TO FOLLOW

Friday 4th April
9:15 Spring Music
Concert
All Welcome to watch

With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood

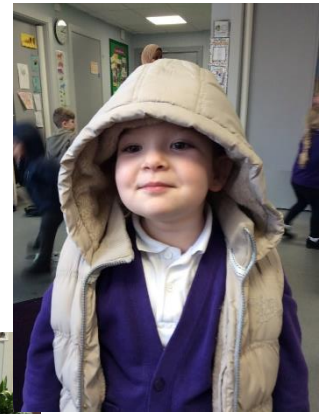
Julie Maltwood
Headteacher

keep reading

SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

As part of Science week, Nursery have been practicing the very important skill of putting on our coats independently. Over the week, we have been developing our independence with this skill. We learnt about the 'flip trick' where we put our coats on the floor, then place our arms in and lift our coats over our heads. We then began to do our zips with more independence, which we will continue to practice



Reception

We had a very busy week in Reception. It began by using information books to find out about pirates and we created our own information booklets. On Thursday we had a pirate dress up day, which began with a pirate parade, we showed our costumes and our pirate moves to each class, "Oh arghh!!" Afterwards we made props for role play, read clues to find treasure, sang pirate songs, listened to pirate stories and walked the plank!!

In maths, we learnt how to subtract a quantity of treasure. Pirate Pete was giving away his treasure to others and we needed to work out how much he would have left.

We also learnt about the Hindu festival of Holi and explored colour. We used powder paint and watched what happened and how it changed as it mixed with water on paper.

Throughout the week, we also completed a science challenge. This involved placing a ball onto a racket and progressing through a range of steps as we tried to analyse what we could do in order to balance the ball as we walked, and moved in different ways.



Year 1

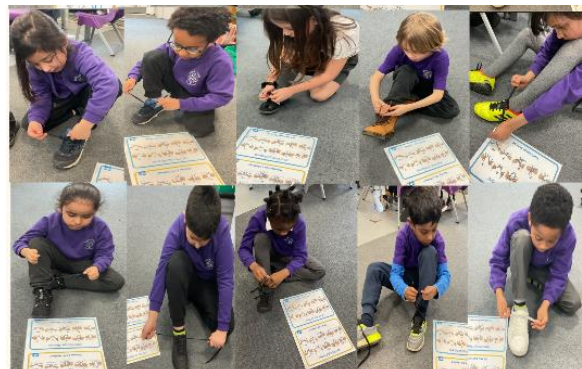
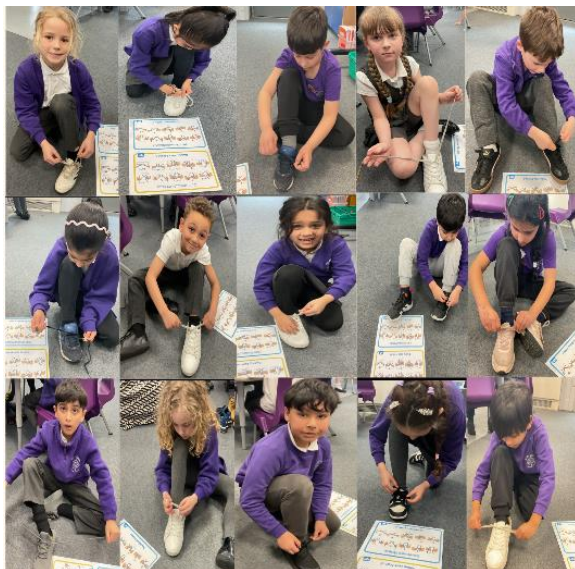
Year 1 had a fantastic and very scientific week last week. Taking part in Science Week and seeing how they could improve their skills in skipping, and then also testing out different materials to see which would have the property of being waterproof to make a good umbrella. The children were all given different tasks as part of their experiment and they managed to do this by working collaboratively as a team. The children found different ways of testing in a fair way, agreeing that they should use the same amount of water to test each material, and also by applying the water in the same way, using a pipette.



Year 2

In Year 2 we have been reading the story 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson. We are now retelling the story in our own words. After, we will write our own stories, changing the characters and the storyline.

Also, SCIENCE WEEK in Year 2 was great fun! We all practised and used lots of resilience in learning to tie our shoelaces.

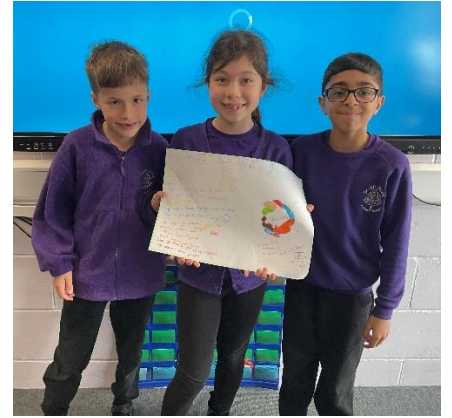
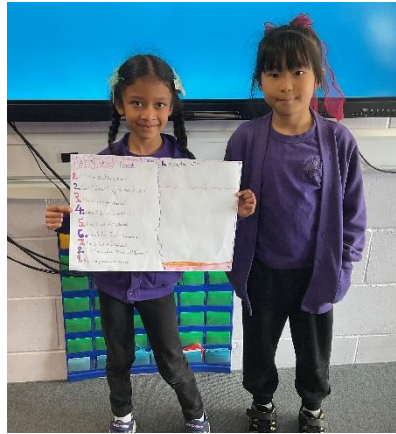
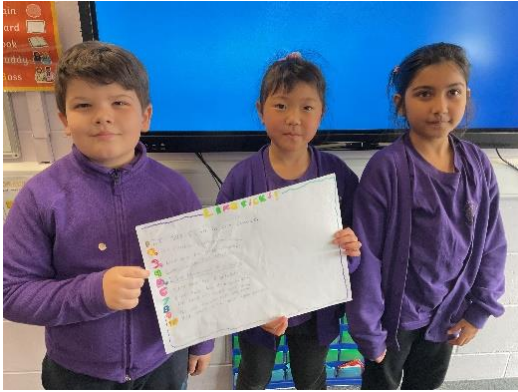


Year 3

Last week in our English lesson, we had an exciting time exploring the art of writing limericks!

We started by working together as a group to create a colourful and informative poster outlining the key rules of limericks. This helped us understand the structure and rhythm that make limericks so playful and catchy. Once we had a solid understanding of the rules, we took it a step further by editing an existing limerick, carefully refining the wording and rhythm to make it even more engaging.

Finally, the most exciting part — we created our very own original limericks! It was so much fun coming up with clever rhymes and playful stories.



Year 4

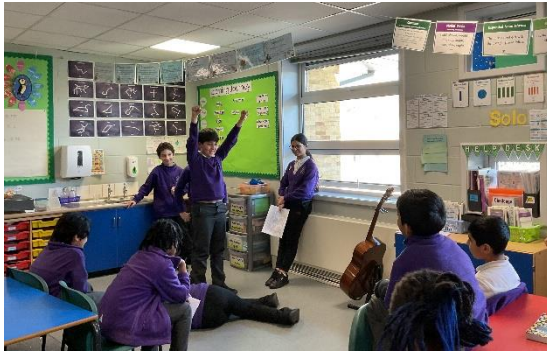
Year 4's had a pretty busy week last week! Firstly, they began their swimming lessons which, after last week's hiccup, went *swimmingly*. The kids' confidence has increased tenfold in the three sessions we've had, and I can't wait to see them develop further. *Water* they going to do next? Additionally, this week was Science Week, and the theme was adaptation. Our job was to learn the triple jump, adapting each time in hopes to improve our distance. We got some great action (blurry) shots of the first attempt here, but we're yet to make our final one...



Year 5

Our highlight, last week, was our trip to Greenwich Observatory and Planetarium, where we watched an incredible show about satellites. We learned how these amazing pieces of technology help humans gather important information about our planet, from tracking climate change to searching for signs of life on distant worlds. It was a truly eye-opening experience that left us all feeling inspired about space and science! Back in the classroom, we proudly completed our biographies on Katherine Johnson. Through our research, we discovered how her incredible mathematical skills helped NASA send astronauts to space. Her determination and brilliance made her a true inspiration, and we loved learning about her life and achievements.

In RE, we explored the theme of forgiveness by acting out different scenarios that required different levels of understanding and empathy. We had thought-provoking discussions about how difficult it can be to forgive in certain situations, such as when a friend accidentally upsets us compared to when a school bully causes harm. It helped us reflect on the importance of forgiveness and how it can impact our relationships.



Year 6

Last week Year 6 continued their work on the Human Body by exploring how exercise affects our bodies. We began by learning how exercise impacts our heart, muscles, and lungs in the long run. Then we learnt about the difference between cardio and strength training - particularly focusing on what parts of the body are impacted. We then put our new knowledge to the test and explored whether running or skipping raised our heart rate more. Most of us predicted that running would raise our heart rate more but we discovered that skipping raised our pulses more as we had to move both our arms and legs. Many of us also think that it raises our heart rates more as we run more often than we skip!





FRIDAY 21 MARCH
PLM Edition

We have been preparing for Comic Relief in PLM













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DON'T MISS THE TOY LIBRARY OPEN DAYS!

**Heard about the Toy Library, but never been?
Discover the fun at Our Open Days!**

**Bring your family and explore what we're all about!
Don't miss this chance to connect, have fun,
and experience something new.**

Leytonstone Toy Library
Monday, 17th March 2025
1 - 2:30pm
Langthorne Park, Birch Grove
E11 4YG

Walthamstow Toy Library
Thursday, 20th March 2025
1:30 - 3pm
William Morris Hall, 6 Somers Rd
E17 6RX

FREE ENTRY!

Join us for -
Activities for 0 - 5 years old
Refreshments & snacks
Meet our team
Learn more about what we do!



