



South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 30 2023-2024

13th May 2024

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 13.5.24

N- AM	MARYAM	3B	DAISY
N - PM	ARTHUR	3H	HARIS
RR	AROOSA	4P	
RS	MAISARAH	4SH	STANLEY
1A	LOIS	5G	IFRA
1L	KHADIJA	5Y	MARIAM
2DM	AMELIE	6F	FAIZAN
2F	ZARA	6M	LABIHA

PLM - CASEY

SPORTS STARS - RADHIA Y3



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 6.5.24

Best Attendance ☺

PLM 99.2%

Special Mention to 1L 99.1%

Best Punctuality ☺

RS & 5Y

Class that needs to improve their attendance

6F 88.8%

Class that needs to improve their punctuality

RR

Overall School Attendance this year = 94.4%

RECEPTION ASSEMBLY

We arrived in assembly on Friday to find a very excitable group of Reception children all dressed up for Summer and very keen and eager to share their learning this term!



The children got straight into things with a lively rendition of 'The Seed Song' using Makaton to help them sing the song. We had some very enthusiastic singers amongst the group!

The children retold the story of Jim and the Beanstalk in a very amusing way with large glasses, a massive set of teeth and a wig for the giant. Our budding actors re-enacted the story extremely confidently, with all of the children using their Talk for Writing techniques to help remember and re-tell the story. It had our large audience of children, staff and parents very amused.

A few children confidently read out their thank you letters to the giant to say thank you for the golden coin and to tell us what they spent their golden coin money on and they had lots of brilliant ideas!

A group of children treated us to a show of their appreciation of music using colourful scarves to wave in time with the music of Tchaikovsky. Ms Forbes our new Music and Performing Arts Lead has been working with the children to expose them to different types of music and developing their listening, movement and appreciation skills. She introduced Waltz of the Flowers by Tchaikovsky to the audience and the children clearly enjoyed this.

The children shared their experiences of learning in the classroom, planting seeds and growing through their photographs. A grand finale shared their very detailed and colourful paintings of flowers.

It is wonderful to see the children grow in confidence over the course of the year to be able to perform so well and most importantly have so much fun.

Thank you to the fantastic audience of parents and carers. This always helps the children enjoy the experience even more. Thank you. Here is what they had to say.....

It was flowertastic!

Amazing, beautiful assembly. Super duper, cool atmosphere in the hot weather. Well done to all Reception teachers and children.

A joy to watch.

Great to see all the children involved.





PARENT FORUM - WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE - 9:00AM

Our next meeting will be to look at a draft Communication and Parent Engagement Survey to send out to parents and to use this information to develop a school policy ready to implement during the Autumn Term.

Everyone is very welcome to attend or if unable to do so to send ideas into school via the parents email: parents@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk

YEAR 6 SATS WEEK

The Year 6 SATS continue each day this week until Thursday 16th May followed by a relaxing morning in the park on Friday to just have fun!



Please support your child this week by encouraging a little revision after school each day, ready for next the next day's test. This needs to be followed by a little relaxation and early to bed so that they feel refreshed and ready to go for the next day. As always we have tried to organise the tests so that the children feel as comfortable as possible and familiar with the adults that have supported them all year.

Remember that we are offering the Year 6 children a free breakfast in school each morning at 8:00am. This will help to settle them for the day and be an opportunity for staff to spend time with them. If they do not come then please ensure that they are in school by 8:30am so they have time to settle to their day before they take their tests. If there are any concerns please contact your child's class teacher, Ms Spain or Ms Maltwood.

**MAKATON
BUDDIES**

word of the week:

MUSIC



SATs Reminder – Gate Closed

Monday - Thursday this week the gate in Ringwood Road will be closed between 8:50 – 3:05 so that Year 6 are not disturbed. Please go down the alley to the right of the school bungalow and the gate in Camden Road will be open



3B ASSEMBLY
This Friday 9:15am
All welcome



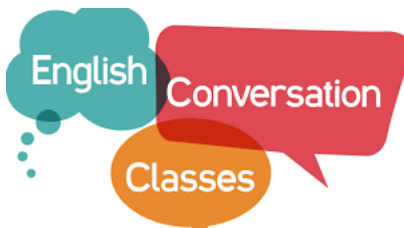
World War 2 Day
Year 3

This Friday, to embed their topic work, Year 3 will immerse themselves in all things WWII

Gentle reminder

NO cough sweets or lozenges are allowed in school due to the choking hazard they can present.

Any medication that comes into school must have a prescription label or written guidance by a doctor or medical professional, even over the counter remedies and should not be in children's bags



FREE!!

ESOL Speaking English Sessions

After the half term holidays we will be holding English speaking sessions in school. This is a chance to improve your spoken English and does not involve any writing or exams.

Everyone is welcome – you don't have to be a parent or carer here - extended family members or friends who you think would benefit from this are also welcome.

Just sign up at the school office.

With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher

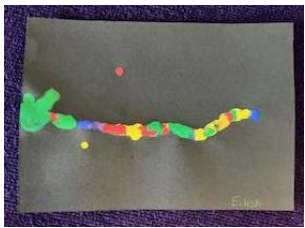
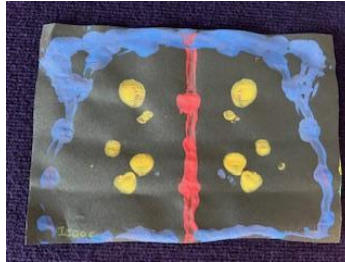


Remember – with the gate open all day in Camden Road this week, it would be wise to lock bikes and scooters at the bottom of the car park for safety's sake

SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY

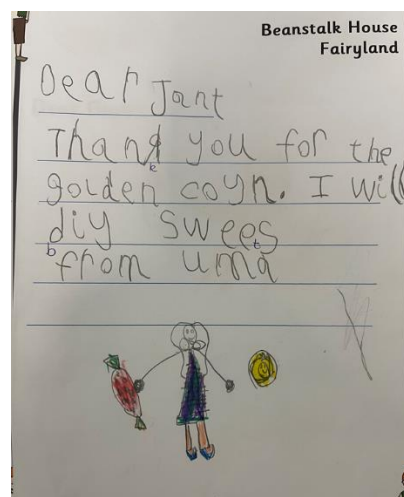
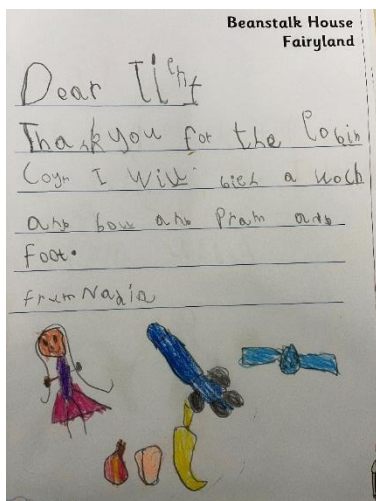
Nursery

Nursery loved last week's art focus which was using our fingers to paint in different ways. We built on what we learned the week before about printing, by folding the paper and pressing to create the same image on the other side. First we explored choosing and changing our colours and printing using our finger tips to create caterpillars, and we used our fingers again to create butterflies. We're excited to see how our very own caterpillars develop too as they have grown enormously since we started looking after them. Watch this space!



Reception

Last week we prepared for our assembly, which is based on our topic of Flowers, Plants and Growing ready to perform to our parents, carers and school on Friday morning. We have been learning the story of a giant beanstalk and a boy called Jim. We used Talk 4 Writing to learn and retell the story and looked at similarities and differences between that story and the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk. Among the differences the children felt that Jack took things away and Jim gave things to the giant. At the end of the story the giant gave Jim a golden coin. We wrote letters to the giant to say what we would buy with a golden coin.

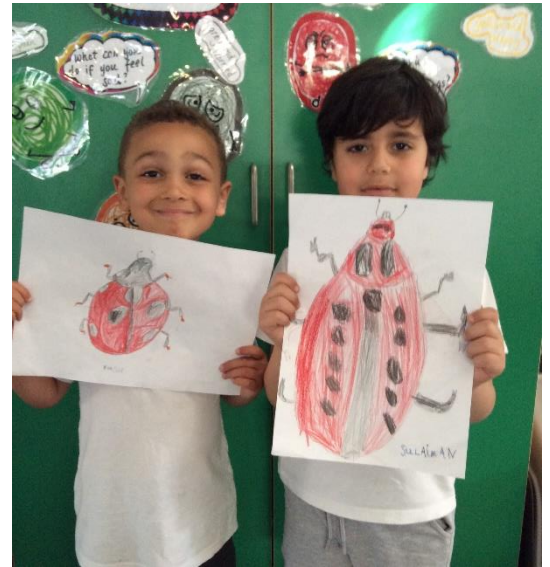


Year 1

Our little scientists have embarked on a fascinating journey in the world of botany by growing cress in the classroom. Each pupil has taken on the role of a scientific observer, tracking the growth stages of their cress from seed to sprout. This hands-on project not only teaches them about plant life cycles but also the importance of care and observation in scientific studies.

In maths, the children have learned to divide by sharing, using objects to make the concept more tangible and relatable.

Our geography lessons have been particularly vibrant, thanks to the children's show and tell presentations. We have started to look at continents by examining different countries from across the world!



Year 2

In Year 2 we built our 'Bug Hotels' and thoroughly enjoyed building them. In ICT we took some photos and copied them on a document and wrote a caption about them.



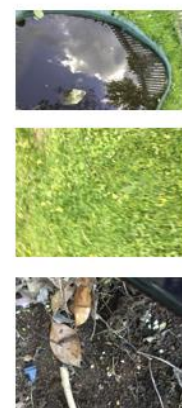
2DM Bug Hunt



We found 20 snails. They love shady places.

2DM Bug Hunt

WE FOUND CUTE LITTLE TADPOLES IN THE POND THEY LIKE SWIMMING.



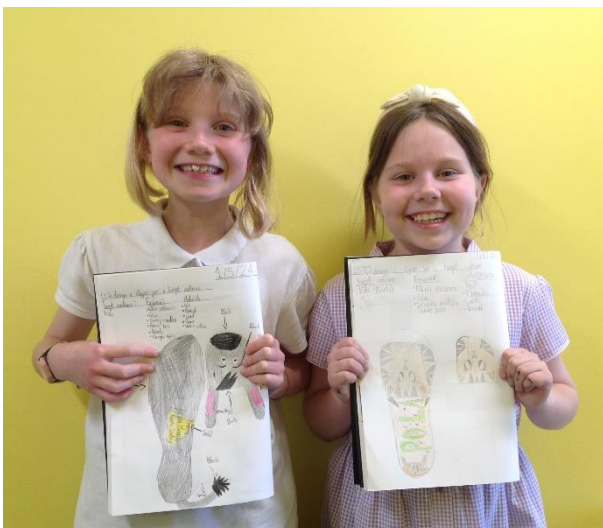
Year 3

Year 3 have started printing their silhouettes of buildings on top of the sky backgrounds they have painted. This art work is based upon the Blitz.



Year 4

Last week, Year 4 designed and began to make their own felt slippers! They began by looking at different examples of slippers and saying what they liked about them. Then, they each drew around their foot and sketched a design on the template. 4P began cutting the felt today but it's in no fit state for photographs! Keep an eye out for the finished products. Don't let this slipper your mind!



Year 5

Year 5 are taking part in a special program over the summer term. 'Adopt a Chef' is a charity based program run by the Royal Academy of Culinary Arts, which helps children to develop healthy eating habits and encourages an enthusiasm and interest in food, cooking, food provenance and sustainability, as well as giving an insight into the hospitality industry. So far each class has completed two sessions with Chef Tessa. She has taught us a few things already and we are very keen for the future lessons to happen.

In our first session we had a variety of food to taste test (honey, chicory, rhubarb, lemon, samphire, bread and tomato). We used our senses to help work out if a food was bitter, sour, sweet, salty or umami. Do you know what umami is? We marked this on a image of a tongue to show where we felt these tastes. Some items were liked better than others.

Our second session we took to the practical room and it was knives out! We had some salad products (lettuce, pepper, radish, celery and cucumber) and learnt how to correctly cut these items using the claw and bridge method of chopping. Keep your eyes peeled in future newsletters to see what else we get up to in our next few sessions.



Year 6

Last week in Year 6 computing we continued our new unit 'We are Toymakers' where we learned how to programme our Microbits to be able to sense magnetic forces via the devices 'magnetometer.' First we wrote the code on our computers and then we downloaded this onto the devices - we even got to choose our own icons that would flash every time the magnet came near to it!





Sent to Year 6 last week

Dear Year 6 children,

Next week you will be sitting your SATs tests for maths, reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling. We know how hard you have worked but there is something very important you need to know:

The SATs test does not assess all of what makes each of you special and unique. The people who create these tests do not know each of you the way that we do and certainly not in the way that your families do.

They do not know that some of you speak two languages or that you love to sing or draw. They have not seen your natural talent for dancing or playing a musical instrument. They do not know that your friends can count on you to be there for them; that your laughter can brighten the darkest day or that your face turns red when you feel shy. They do not know that you participate in sports, wonder about the future, or sometimes help your little brother or sister after school. They do not know that you are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful and that every day you try to be your very best.

The scores you will get on the test will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything. There are many ways of being smart. You are smart! So while you are preparing for the test and in the midst of it all, remember there is no way to 'test' all the amazing and awesome things that make you, YOU!

You have all worked incredibly hard this year and we are very proud of you.

Miss Marable, Miss Fontenoy, Mrs Rawat, Mrs Hussain, Mr Sill, Ms Maltwood and Ms Spain

PLM

PLM Newsletter

St James Park



Maths - Learning about measuring

