



South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 37 2023-2024

8th July 2024

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 8.7.24

N- AM	ARTHUR	3B	OISIN
N - PM	ALEX	3H	RAYAN
RR	DAWOOD	4P	KALIA-ANGEL
RS	FELICITY	4SH	SARAH
1A	ROWAN	5G	BITANIA
1L	LILA	5Y	ANAYA
2DM	STEPHANIE	6F	DAVID
2F	AMELIA	6M	ANDREI
PLM - ISMAEEL, CASEY, THEA, JACK, AMIR			
SPORTS STARS: ISMAEEL PLM			
RRS STARS: AYMAN REC, DENIZ Y3			

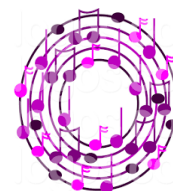


ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 1.7.24

Best Attendance ☺	1L 99.6%
<i>Special Mention to 4SH 99%</i>	
Best Punctuality ☺	3H & 5Y
Class that needs to improve their attendance	RR & 2DM 92%
Class that needs to improve their punctuality	4P
Overall School Attendance this year = 94.2%	

MUSIC ASSEMBLY

What an amazingly melodic assembly we were treated to on Friday brilliantly organised by Ms Forbes! The assembly opened with Oisin and Eisa confidently playing "I Got the Fiddle Blues" on the violin as the audience arrived. Following this, sisters Mamediarra and Awa welcomed the audience with a drumming demonstration, leading into a powerful performance of "High Hopes" by the drum club, who played some complex rhythms over a backing track.



The Key Stage 1 & 2 choir then premiered "A Million Dreams" from The Greatest Showman. Despite initial nerves, the choir soon moved the audience with a rousing chorus accompanied by Makaton signing. The performances was highlighted by Year 1 pupil Sasha's solo on the final line. Next, the largest recorder group in South Grove's history, consisting of the entire Year 2, performed a samba using the notes C and A. For many, it was their first time playing in front of an audience, and they made us proud.

The guitar and ukulele group sang and strummed "Brave" unsupported by adults demonstrating their dedication and practice. The assembly concluded with the premiere of Year 6's music video "Actions Speak Louder," a song written by Ms. Forbes to celebrate South Grove Primary as a candidate for a Gold Level Rights Respecting School. The video and song were recorded at Project Zero, a local youth service.

The children's high-standard performances evoked tears, laughter, and joy, uniting our school through music. Well done to all the children that took part and to Ms Forbes who worked incredibly hard with all of them – we are so proud of them all!

The parents and carers really loved the assembly and here's what they had to say:

Fantastic to have this amazing teaching here at South Grove
Absolutely brilliant! What skill and passion
Amazing assembly! I was so impressed by the talent on on display. Well done everyone
Wow! What an amazing musical assembly! I am so proud





Starting School September 2024

We gave out a starter pack to be completed and returned to school to help us administer a smooth start to the new term with you and your child. If you have not already done so please return these to the school office as soon as possible

A letter will be coming out to all new Reception Parents with a list of dates and times to include a **home visit** for our new families,

Clubs- last week

This is the last week for after school clubs
– no clubs next week

EXCEPT FOR:

Breakfast Club, WrapCrew & instrument lessons which will carry on until the end of term.

SEPTEMBER NURSERY

There are a few spaces left for September -
Don't miss out!!

If your child will be 3 by the end of August
apply at the school office now



At the end of this term we will give any items left in the lost property box or classes to charity

We will be laying all items out at Parents Evening on Thursday.

Please take time to come and check if your child is missing anything. The majority is unnamed but ranges from coats to socks!

Please ensure all your child's clothing is clearly labelled throughout the year (you will need to check and rename after several washes) so we can easily return it to it's rightful owner.

Parents Evening

Thursday 11th July 3.30 – 8.30pm

It is important that you come to this as you will receive your child's report and targets. The link to book was sent as a text message on Friday. Please let the office know if you did not receive this and we will send it to you again in an email

Make sure you have requested an appointment with your child's teacher



South Grove Primary School is taking part in a programme to support children's speaking and listening skills (known as 'oracy'). Researchers from Ecorys are looking at what difference this programme makes. Please take 5 minutes to complete this short survey. We are really keen to get your views.

You can click on this link to complete the survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/rVP2YD9qju>

Lost Books

The Library is now closed for stocktaking and there are still many books missing from both the Library and classrooms. Please can you all have a good look at home for any class or library books that might be lurking under beds, at the back of a cupboard or the bottom of a bag. If you find a book that you've paid for because it was lost we will refund your money.



**MAKATON
BUDDIES**
word of the
week:
SEA



**YEAR 6 LEAVERS
ASSEMBLY**



9.15am
Friday 19th July
Bring your tissues – it will definitely be a
tearjerker!

Waiting lists

Admissions have now cleared all of this year's waiting lists so, if you have a child that was waiting for a space at South Grove you will need to re-apply now to get back on the list

JOIN OUR
WAITING LIST

1A Assembly

This Friday, 12th July
9.15am

All welcome!

TRANSITION MEETING FOR PARENTS
Final one...

Please come to learn about your child's new year group expectations.

Year 4 going into Year 5 – 9th July –
TOMORROW
3.20pm

Speech Therapy Parent Drop in Session

Friday 12th July

9.00 – 11.00am

If you have any concerns about your child's speech please come and have a chat with Cat Andrews our Speech Therapist



GOING FOR GOLD – accreditation day tomorrow!

As many of you will be aware, since 2016 we have been on a journey to embed the rights of children (as stated in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child or UNCRC) into the very fabric of South Grove, so that children's rights are respected and upheld by every member of our school community. We have been working with UNICEF UK to ensure that our school is a safe and inspiring place to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive. Our Rights Respecting Schools approach embeds these values in daily school life and gives children the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens. We combine this with the Sustainable Development Goals to see the big picture and enable the children to have a strong global perspective.



Rights Respecting Schools take a Child Rights based approach towards all that they do. At South Grove, the whole school community is taught, and learns, **about** rights through training, the school curriculum, assemblies, class charters and displays around school, and through focus on different rights from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, across the school year. By modelling rights-respecting language and attitudes, and by making strategic decisions that involve students, we teach and learn **through** rights. By being ambassadors **for** the rights of others, all members of the school community develop as rights respecting citizens.

Please read more about our journey on the school website by clicking the link here:

<https://www.southgrove.waltham.sch.uk/News/Rights-Respecting-Going-for-GOLD/>

With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher

July

**A child's right ...
to relax and play. (31)**

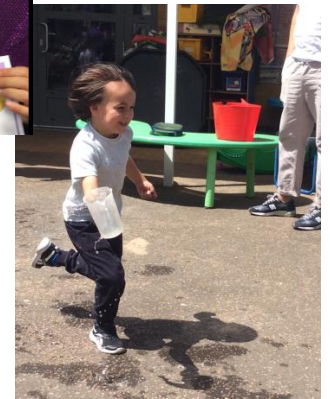


Responsibility

SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY

Nursery

Nursery had a fantastic week themed around 'Our right to be healthy', and took part in what will be for many children their very first Sports Day! They were all very excited and keen to take part and showed their skills in balancing, jumping through tires, hurdles, hoops, throwing and running. They used this equipment in their continuous provision across the year, to help build confidence, coordination and gross motor skills. The children cheered for each other and celebrated their achievements. Each child received a certificate and sticker for taking part. Before the day we talked about what it means to be a good sport and have a go. We practiced positive self-talk and cheers for other people. Well done Nursery!!



Reception

Last week in Reception we completed our topic of mini beasts and became mini beast observers and went on a mini beast hunt! It was so much fun, we found lots of different mini beasts and demonstrated how we need to take care of them and their habitats. We recorded what we observed on a tick sheet and were super excited to see a dragon fly! Now we are learning about Fairy Tales for our topic 'Let's Pretend'. We have been learning about the features of a fairy story. A fairy tale has different characters, some good and some bad; they are often set in a forest or far away land and happen long, long ago. Also, they usually contain a problem that needs to be solved before the characters live happily ever after. Some of us wrote about our favourite one. We learnt the song 'There was a princess long ago' and acted it out in a role play scenario to help us learn the story.



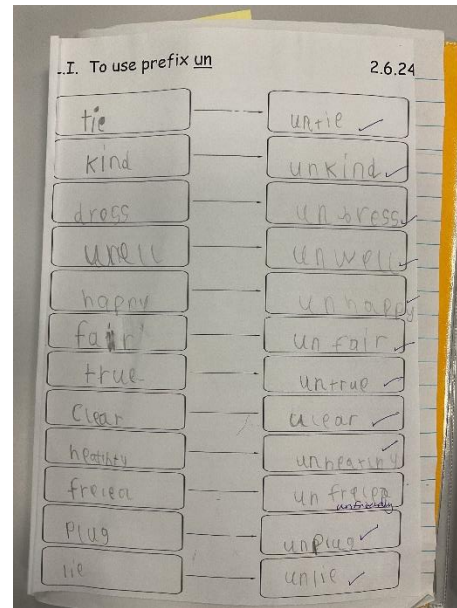
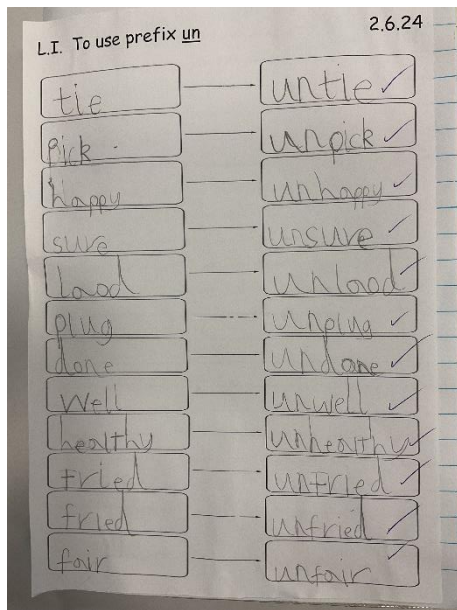
Then we became story tellers ourselves; making a storyboard to organise the beginning middle and end of our stories before creating our own books. We drew some beautiful princesses and our baddies were very evil ha ha ha! In continuous provision we have been building lots of castles and palaces out of different construction resources; Lego, foam bricks, plastic shapes. Just look at how creative we can be!



Year 1

Year 1 have been focusing on language development by exploring the prefix "un-" and how it changes the meaning of root words. The children have enjoyed discovering new words and their meanings, and they have been practicing using these words in sentences. This activity has not only expanded their vocabulary but also enhanced their understanding of word structure.

In Mathematics, we have been consolidating our arithmetic skills. The children have been practicing addition and subtraction, and we have introduced new strategies to help them solve problems more efficiently. Additionally, we have been learning about the rights children have both in school and outside. This important topic has sparked thoughtful discussions and helped the children understand the concept of rights and responsibilities. They are becoming more and more able to appreciate the importance of being respectful and kind to one another, as well as understanding their own rights.



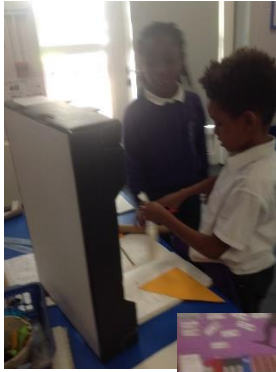
Year 2

Last week in Year 2 we have been enjoying using the programme 'Get set 4 PE' and developing our fitness skills. In Art we used oil pastels to create a beach picture.



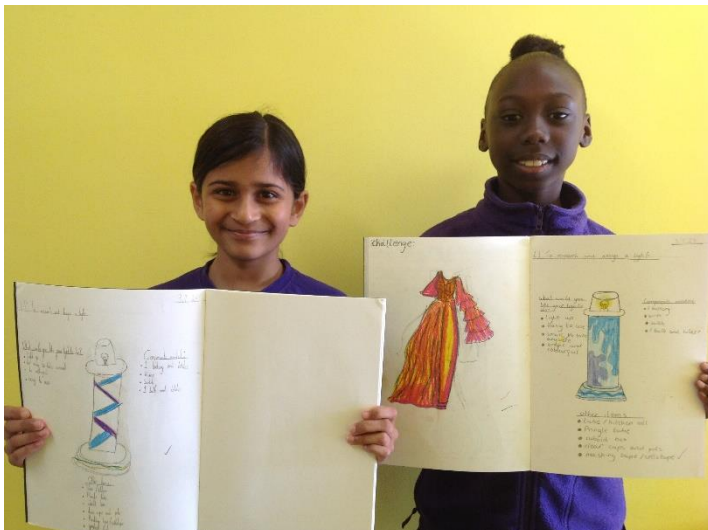
Year 3

In Year 3, we finished designing our marble runs. We are now making our marble runs using junk modelling. It is important that we explore joining techniques to keep our structures sturdy.



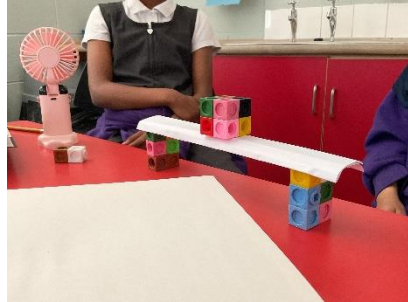
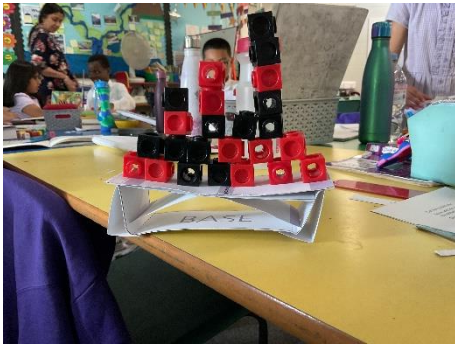
Year 4

Last week, Year 4 designed torches with children as the target audience. I thought they had some great ideas... but it could have just been the light bulbs.



Year 5

After an intense week with our trip to HYMB, along with assessments and more. We were due a relaxing afternoon. We have been looking at bridges and what makes them work. The structure of a bridge making sure it was strong and sturdy and be able to hold up items. We tried to make the longest bridge could make using only one sheet of A4 paper. Then we followed a design brief to make a beam bridge to test how many cubes the bridge would hold. Was a very tense in seeing just how many cubes could make it on top of of the bridges before they would collapse!



Year 6

Year 6 went on their exciting end of year trip to Herts Young Marine Base (HYMB)! We took part in a range of activities which were Bell Boating, Archery, Caving and Raft Building. We had so much fun!

Raft Building was a fantastic learning experience as we were taught how to tie complicated knots and build a raft ready for the water. Although, some did fall apart and we ended up in the lake!

After this, we paddled our bell boat along the river (with some singing along the way) and then climbed in the water ready to play some games. Once the water sports had ended, we tested our skills in Archery and some of us were able to shoot right in the middle of the target. Others unfortunately, weren't so lucky and shot the grass or over the fence!

Overall it was an amazing trip! We all had such a great time!

Take a look at our photos!

Quinn and Daisy



The Art Club revealed what/who they had been working on this term – a fabulous scarecrow to ward off the birds from eating the wheat that gardening club is growing to (hopefully) make bread in the Autumn term! He will take up his position, and mission, in the Secret Garden when we return after the summer break. Well done all!

