



South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 38 2023-2024

15th July 2024

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 15.7.24

N- AM RAFA	3B ALYA
N - PM MIKALEA	3H ROBIN
RR JAYA	4P SAWAAD
RS KIRA	4SH ILIANA
1A AMELIA	5G ALL OF 5G
1L SAMULE	5Y JOEL
2DM EDIZ	6F MUSA
2F HEBE	6M ISAAC

PLM - TIMMY
SPORTS STAR: ALESHA Y4
MUSIC STAR: ZAKARI Y2



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 15.7.24

Best Attendance ☺ **3H 98.4%**
Special Mention to 4SH 99%

Best Punctuality ☺ **1L**

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

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

Overall School Attendance this year = 94.2%

AND NOW, THE END IS NEAR

I cannot believe we are in the last week of our Summer Term and our academic year! We have a packed few days with the children, including meeting their new teachers; I am also sure that Year Groups will have their own celebrations for the end of the year with their children. Expectations are that children continue to attend until Friday. End of year goodbyes (even for the Summer break) and transitions are very important for the children so please ensure that they finish the last school week with children and staff.



Goodbye & Good Luck Year 6



We break up at 2:30pm on Friday and have our Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9:15am. I'm afraid due to restrictions on the amount of people we can have in the hall, only parents of Year 6 children can attend although we will have a live stream. Please register your interest by using this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/Y6LEAVERS24> before Friday so you can be sent the link if you cannot attend but would like to watch. We want wish all our Year 6 children Good Luck on their journey to their new secondary schools where I'm sure they

will fly.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

It is always difficult at the end of an academic year to say goodbye to staff, and this one is no exception.....

TANYA SPAIN

As you will be aware, from our Chair of Governors thankyou message in 1st July's newsletter, Ms Spain is leaving South Grove at the end of the term.

I just wanted to take the opportunity to reflect on her time at South Grove and celebrate her time here. Ms Spain joined the school in September 2012, at the same time as myself, to become a newly formed Senior Leadership Team for the school. Over this time she has shown such commitment and passion for the role, making significant contributions in various areas of the school, and support the school to move from requires improvement to Outstanding for the second time.



Ms Spain has been very much a part of the South Grove community, bringing with her a wealth of experience to ensure that the school focussed on growing children's achievements, not only academic, but the well-being and pastoral side of the children in our care. Her Resilience Project is testament to this, supporting children each year to develop character, emotional strength and adaptability.

She has been instrumental, as part of the Senior Leadership Team, to ensure that the ambition for the school community, children and parents were raised. Her leadership style has been reflected in her ability to inspire and create ambitious children, to have a desire and love of learning, as well as developing their personal qualities, independence and awareness of how they can make changes within the world.



Her leadership style ensures she has engaged, inspired both children and staff during her time. This has enabled the school community to develop a culture of collaborative learning, mutual respect and tolerance.

Whilst we know that we will miss Ms Spain, we are so pleased for her that in moving to her new school she will find new challenges and work for the benefit of a new community. We have no doubt that she will be very soon influencing and nurturing another group of children in her care. They will be very lucky to have her!



Her legacy and influence will continue to be reflected in the South Grove school community and inspire us to ensure that the 'children will always be the very best that they can be.'



Good luck Ms Spain – you and your Book Day outfits, from the Gingerbread Man (sorry no photo!) to Pippy Longstockings on a bike. (the police stopped her as they weren't sure what to make of the figure cycling in full costume to school – bent plaits waving in the wind!!) will be much missed - you are golden!



ASHLEY TOMLIN

Miss Tomlin accelerated into South Grove's Early Years team as a mere slip of a girl in 2013 and it is hard to believe that 11 years have passed since then! She started in the Nursery where she has mainly been based over the years but she



has also worked in Reception and in both areas has been an important member, helping to form the minds of our youngest pupils with a constantly cheery disposition. She is leaving us to become a bus driver – (ding ding! Any more fares?) We want to say a huge thank you for all she put into South Grove and wish her the best of luck in her career change – we will miss her and I know the children and parents will too.



1A ASSEMBLY - FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD -REPORT BY MS SPAIN



Last Friday we were so lucky to see Year 1A 's assembly.. What a treat it was!! It all started with their own version of Handa's Surprise called Inayah's Surprise, adapted to our school in London, instead of fruits from Africa as in the original story. The children then showed where the fruits are found on the map of the world. Mr Andrews is certainly improving our mapping skills!

They then sang the Vegetable Dance - an amazing song that was full of movement and rhythm. Everyone loved it and the challenge is to sing this song next time you are grocery shopping. 😊



Then, following this, the children showed their Science learning with parents tasting different flavours of drink. Sweet, Salty and Sour were a few words used to describe and some of their expressions were priceless!!

The children showed their fabulous Home Learning Projects. We were so impressed with how they had created such lovely, researched and colourful work. They also shared what they had been learning in Maths and a video was shown where the children were finding out what South Grove's favourite fruit is.

They then ended with a song about looking after the ocean - (Rights Respecting School). Children came up to me all day talking about this song and how much they liked it
Way to go 1A! You were all fabulous.

Here's what the parents had to say:

Spectacular! 1A put a huge amount of work into the assembly. It was a joy to watch!

Better than Cats!

Fantastic 1A! Informative, fun and joyful!



Last minute reminders!

Please clear any arrears for anything this week
- especially if your child is in Year 6!

Please return any library or class books you may have
hiding at home.

Please feel free to donate any uniform
your child has grown out of.

**If your child is having their
ears pierced – do it at the
beginning of the holidays
not at the end so they have
time to heal before term starts.**

THANK
YOU!

Summer Reading Challenge

Get involved at your local Library with this great reading
challenge to keep children reading over the holidays.



Uniform Pop Up Shop

For all your back to school needs!
Please remember – the shops in the
market are not our suppliers, the quality
is not as good and they are in fact more
expensive.

**Friday 6th September
3.00 pm – for approx. 1 hour**

This will be in the dining room



Waltham Forest Summer Season

Click the link below for a series of free or low cost events in Waltham
Forest this Summer.

[Holiday Activities Waltham Forest](#)



Year 6 Pizza Party tomorrow 16th July 3.45 till 5.30pm

**They will all walk home by themselves unless you specifically let us
know that you will collect them**



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



9.15am
Friday 19th July

Bring your tissues – it will definitely be a tearjerker! Due to Health & Safety restrictions on the amount of people we can have in the hall we ask that only the parents of Y6 children attend. Everyone else – click the link to register your interest in the live link:
<https://tinyurl.com/Y6LEAVERS24>

**YEAR 6 LEAVERS
ASSEMBLY**



Autumn Term 24
Year 1 - Year 6 start Wednesday 4th
September

Nursery & Reception will be given
individual dates

Go swimming in the holidays

The Summer Holidays are a great time to gain water confidence by using the local pools. Waltham Forest offers free swimming for under 18s once you have registered for £6 at your local pool. Get water confident – it could save your life



FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL CONTINUES IN SEPTEMBER



In September the entire school (except Nursery) will continue to benefit from another year of Free School Meals from the Mayor London to help with the cost of living crisis. .

However **WE REALLY NEED YOU** to still apply for income based Free School Meals by ctrl+clicking this link: [Apply for Free School Meals](#) as this will bring in extra money for your child and the school. If you are eligible you could get the holiday food vouchers. If you would like help with this just ask at the school office where Ms McLean will be happy to help you complete the online form. You can, of course, still provide a packed lunch for your child if you wish.

Lost Property

Please check if you have lost anything as we will give anything we have left at the end of the term to charity or sell it for £1.00 as nearly new in September



Quadkid results are in!

742 children took part in KS2 Quadkids and a further 339 children from KS1, which totals 1,081 children taking part in Athletics: the biggest event so far this year! 136 sports leaders from 5 different secondary schools were used to support the events.

Sadly, our KS1 teams didn't place within the top three teams.
South Grove's Year 3 team came 7th out of 22 teams
South Grove's Year 4 team came 8th out of 24 teams
South Grove's Year 5 team came 10th out of 25 teams
South Grove's Year 6 team came 8th out of 23 teams

HYMB

On Monday 1st - Wednesday 3rd July, all of the children in Year 5 & 6 (including PLM), took part in outdoor and adventurous activities at Hertfordshire Young Mariners Base (HYMB) in Cheshunt.

The children were beautifully behaved and loved each session they attended: even when they were getting soaking wet in the rain!



Intensive Swimming 2024-2025 – new Year 5 and 6

Emails have already been sent to parents of children who have been invited to attend the UKS2 intensive catch up swimming sessions for the next academic year (September 16th - September 27th).

Photos of all the events will be loaded to the sporting area of the website ASAP.

Any questions, please email: sport@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk

Aspire to be the very best that you can be! Miss Young

Friday 19th July

9:15am Year 6 Leavers Assembly – tissues required!
School Breaks up for Summer – 2:30pm

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Wednesday 4th September

Years 1 – 6 start Autumn Term 8:45am

Friday 6th September

3.00pm School Uniform Pop UP Shop in Dining Room

Tuesday 11th September

Returning Nursery start from today

Wednesday 12th September

New Reception staggered start from today (letters to follow)

New Nursery children staggered start from today (letters to follow)

Monday 16th September

All Reception children in full time from today

Autumn Term 2024

Term:	Monday 2 nd September – Thursday 19 th December 2024
	SCHOOL STARTS FOR YEARS 1 – 6 PUPILS WEDNESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2024
	<i>New Reception and Nursery start a staggered entrance from 11th September</i>
School closed to pupils on:	
Staff Training Days:	Monday 2 nd September, Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
Half Term:	Monday 21 st October – Friday 25 th October 2024 (inclusive)
Winter Holiday:	Friday 20 th December 2024 – Friday 3 rd January 2025 (inclusive)
	School finishes for pupils on Thursday 19th December 2024 at 2:30pm

Spring Term 2025

Term:	Monday 6 th January – Friday 4 th April 2025
	SCHOOL STARTS FOR PUPILS MONDAY 6th JANUARY 2025
School closed to pupils on:	
Half Term:	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February 2025 (inclusive)
Spring Holiday:	Monday 7 th April – Monday 21 st April 2025 (inclusive)
	School finishes for pupils on Friday 4th April 2025 at 2:30pm

Summer Term 2025

Term:	Tuesday 22 nd April – Wednesday 23 rd July 2025
	SCHOOL STARTS FOR PUPILS TUESDAY 22nd APRIL 2025
School closed to pupils on:	
Staff Training Days:	Monday 21 st July, Tuesday 22 nd July, Wednesday 23 rd July 2025
Public Holiday:	May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 5 th May 2025
Half Term:	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May 2025 (inclusive)
	School finishes for pupils on Friday 18th July 2025 at 2:30pm

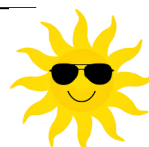
With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher



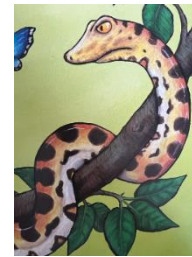
Have a wonderful
restful Summer
See you all in the Autumn



SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY

Nursery

Last week's book was *Monkey Puzzle* by Julia Donaldson. We were excited to find other books written by the same author so we listened to some of those too. *Monkey Puzzle* is about a monkey helped to find its mum by a butterfly, when it is lost. The monkey describes what its mum looks like but the clues send the butterfly in the wrong direction. The children remembered the life-cycle of a butterfly and how the baby animals look different to the adult. Then the children ordered the animals in the book and also matched animals to their parents, learning the word for the baby animal too. We also created our art this week linked to the animals in the story including these spiders which we chose which material would make good legs and learned a new skill in punching holes to attach pipe-cleaners.



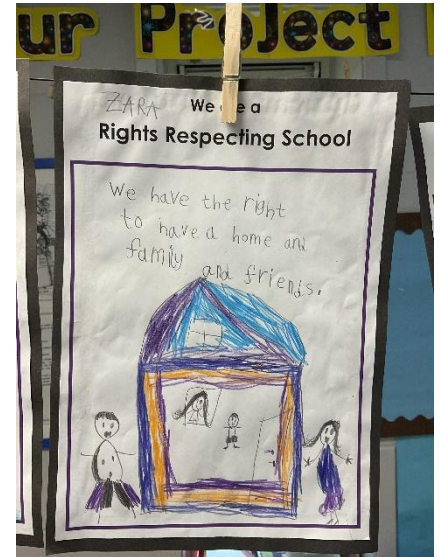
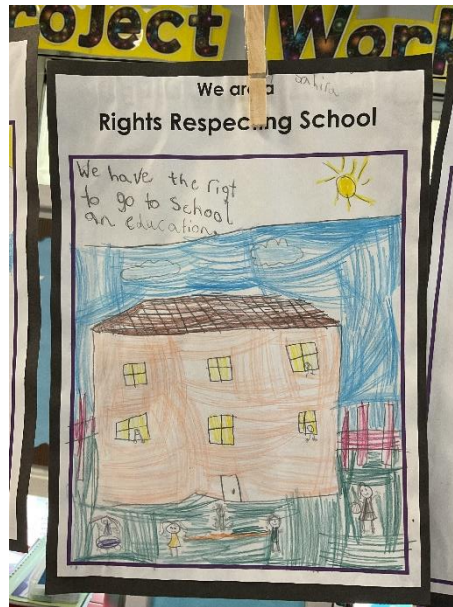
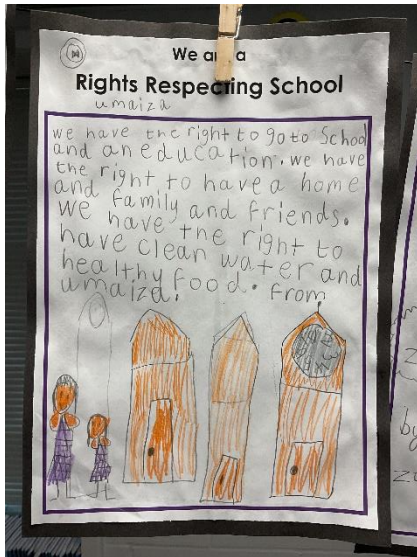
Reception

On Friday Reception children celebrated their topic of Let's Pretend with a dress up day to enhance our learning and get into character and role from a favourite story. We enjoyed reading stories, role play, putting repeating jewelled patterns on crowns and making props and puppets. We also enjoyed practising football skills ready for the big match on Sunday.



Year 1

Last week, the children were focusing on subtraction by counting back. They were encouraged to use a range of strategies to support their learning, including cubes, Numicon, number lines, and number squares. During English 1L concentrated on enhancing their punctuation skills. They practiced using full stops, capital letters, question marks, and exclamation marks to improve their writing clarity and accuracy. Meanwhile, Class 1A focused on speaking clearly and confidently in preparation for their assembly. In Geography, we reviewed the continents and discussed where different foods come from. The children enjoyed learning about various countries and their produce, helping them understand the global origins of the food they eat. This activity was a great way to integrate our ongoing theme of "We Are What We Eat." Finally, thank you to the parents who participated in 1A's assembly, the children really enjoyed your contribution and it gave them a great opportunity to enhance their speaking and listening skills.



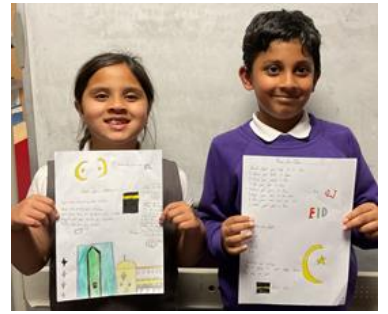
Year 2

Last week we were all Going for Gold as a Rights Respecting School! We made posters about The Rights of the Child and Year 2 won the trophy for being the Classroom Charter Winner! We were very proud.



Year 3

As part of our RE learning, we are able to learn about different religions, traditions and worldviews. We know that it is our right to develop respect for others beliefs and religions as well as appreciating and celebrating the diverse world we live in. In our current unit, we have looked at 'Why do people pray'. We have been able to identify different religious and spiritual ways of life about prayer. These include: words, symbols and the significance of prayer.



Year 4

Last week Year 4 created the torches to be proverbially passed-on to the next year group. A fitting final newsletter entry since this year group has been a light in my life; they will be missed dearly! Ok, I'll try to lighten up...



Year 5

In Year 5, we have been taking part in Adopt-A-Chef programme and we have finished up our final two sessions with Chef Tessa. In our third session we partook in bread making measuring out ingredients and more to create a small dough to split and take home and cook. Those of us that did said it was delicious especially when it was still warm with butter. Our final session we role played out a restaurant. We acted out parts such as the customer, chef, waiters and more. We found out working in the restaurant industry isn't an easy business to be in. Perfect material for when we are in year 6 writing out a letter of complaint to a restaurant.



Year 6

Last week Year 6 debuted their hit single "Actions Speak Louder Than Words" to the whole school during our Going for Gold assembly. We showed everybody how hard we worked on the lyrics and music to make it as catchy as possible. It certainly worked as we have heard staff and students singing it all week!



PLM Design Technology

In Design Technology this week, the children have finished their lighthouses. They put the tops on and added bulbs so that their lighthouses would light up.



Excellent work children!



CODING CLUB

“Every child born this century should learn to code!”

- Bill Gates

ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR YOUR FUTURE

LIMITED PLACES

Innovation Pod will be running its award-winning Coding Club at South Grove Primary School.

YEARS 1-6 - TUESDAY

Children in our club will be learning our stimulating Coding in Space and Coding with Animals.

In our 'Coding with Animals' module, children learn coding in an engaging and rewarding environment that utilises gaming elements to teach programming concepts. Some of the activities also teach text-based coding so children learn to program like a real developer.

Our new, exciting 'Coding in Space' module takes place on various websites where children continue to learn the fundamentals of coding in a space-themed environment. Pupils will complete space missions involving stars and rockets using various coding skills such as loops, events and conditionals.

Sign up using this link: <https://www.innovationpod.co.uk/signupv2>

Classes will start straight after school and finish at 4:30pm. Clubs cost £7 (inc. VAT) per session. Payment is for the full term via a one-off Direct Debit. This is NOT a recurring payment.

Clubs will begin on 24th September till 10th December excluding half term.

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