



South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 5 2024-2025

7th October 2024

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 7.10.24

N-AM	NANXI	3B	BARAKAH
N - PM	ORIANA	3H	IRA
RR	ZADIE	4P	MUSA
RS	CHRISTOPHER	4SH	LEO
1L	MAYA	5A	SAWAAD
1W	AREEJ	5G	MATTIAS
2DM	SOFIA	6F	SAM
2F	KAYSON	6M	KHIARA
	PLM	EZRA	

SPORT STAR: ISA Y5



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 30.9.24

Best Attendance 😊 **1L & 5A 98.6%**

Best Punctuality 😊 **2DM, 2F & 4P**

Class that needs to improve their attendance **PLM 85.3%**

Class that needs to improve their punctuality **5A**

Overall School Attendance this year = 94.5%

HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS

On Friday we celebrated Harvest Festival with the children, staff and our families. We were joined by our special friends David and Julie from the Salvation Army.

We began our assembly with a lively dance from Year 1 to the song The Bollywood Vegetable song!



We talked about when the Harvest Festival was and why we celebrate Harvest. The children discussed the Rights of the Child Articles 6 and 27 with it being every child's right to have food, clothing and a safe home and also to survive and thrive.



The children learned how today, we use the opportunity of harvest to help support those that might need it, giving them the comparison of the need for foodbanks, as now in the UK, there are 1700 food banks, which provide food to families that need some help. In 2021 there were 1300.

Generous Donations!

The hall was packed with lots of different types of food and goods that could be stored in a food bank, including toiletries to share with families in need.

Julie from the Salvation Army asked the children tough questions

about what they would be prepared to share (which they were happy to share) or their toothbrush (which they obviously weren't happy to!)



Our final Harvest Song had to be the Harvest Samba which everyone really enjoyed with Makaton being used by the Choir.

David and Julie were really blown away by the generosity of the South Grove Community. With the support of Year 6 and their



muscles the Harvest donation was packed in to the Salvation Army van ready to be stored to be used as part of their food bank.

Thank you once again for your generosity of gifts for the Harvest Celebration. It really was a thanks giving morning. Thank you too for all the parents that attended. It made it really special for the children.



**MAKATON
SIGN
OF THE WEEK:**

TO EAT



TOMORROW - 8.10.24

**INDIVIDUAL
PHOTOS**

*Children - bring your
smiliest faces.*

*Parents - if it is your child's PE day
ensure they have a jumper, cardigan or
fleece to wear over their kit.*



Trips this Half Term

Monday 7th October

Wednesday 9th October

Friday 11th October

Monday 14th October

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Tuesday 15th October

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3H to Wetlands Centre

Year 2 to National Portrait Gallery

Year 4 to British Museum

Year 6 to Victoria & Albert Museum

3B to Wetlands Centre

Year 1 to Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood

Nature Park Group to Natural History Museum



NEW!

Please remember – if you want a packed lunch from the school you **MUST** complete the packed lunch Google Form at least 3 days before the trip. If not you must provide one from home – we cannot accept orders the day before or on the day. Thank you for your understanding.

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

We look forward to meeting you at our Parents Consultation Evening next Thursday 17th October. The link to book an appointment will be sent to you this week. We have picked an early date for these meetings so that parents will know how their children are settling into their new Year Groups, how they can support their children and understand what their next steps in their learning are.

**Please remember that there will be no after school clubs on this day
except for Wrap Crew.**

Parents of children in Class 5A only

5A parents will receive a separate link offering them the chance to meet Mr Andrews, 5A's teacher, on **Wednesday 16th October** or **Friday 18th October** after school as he will be unavailable on the 17th. We do hope they will take the opportunity to do so.

**PLEASE
NOTE**

Parents of children in Nursery

Nursery Parents will be invited to meet the Nursery staff later on in the term once the children are more settled.

School Website App

explains how to download the app or use this link to the app: <https://tinyurl.com/SGAPP2024>

We hope you enjoy it! If you have any technical issues please contact:
homelearning@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk



Empowered to Explore

Inspired to Learn

FRIENDS OF SOUTH GROVE

The Friends of South Grove is a group of parents and staff who come together to fundraise and organise events like the school summer fair. This year, we are raising money to create a new science lab for the children. We need support from parents in all year groups, however big or small - maybe you could help out at an event, or bake a cake or maybe you have an idea for a fundraising activity?

Scan the QR code or click on the link below to join the WhatsApp group and support our school!

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Sweet Potato and Spinach Curry
served with Coconut Rice and Coriander (ve)
Macaroni Cheese (v)
Chicken Jollof Rice
Mini Corn on the Cob (ve)
Fried Plantain (ve)
Mixed Salad (ve)
Mango Upside Down Cake (v)
served with Custard (v) (ve)
Tropical Fruit Salad (ve)
Organic Fruit Yogurt (v)
Honey Bread (v)



Coffee Drop In

BE KIND TO YOUR MIND

Parents of children on the CAMHS waiting list, join us for an Inclusive Coffee Morning on Thursday 10th October 9.30am - 10.30am at Mission Grove Primary School, Buxton Road, E17 7EJ

Connect with CAMHS Representative and meet a member of the Early Help Team

Ask questions and get support around other services in Waltham Forest

Don't miss this opportunity to receive valuable information and support!



Girls Football

Last Friday, we sent a squad of ten to compete in the Year 5 and 6 girls' football tournament arranged by the borough. We were drawn in a really tough group. In our first fixture, we were still finding our feet but managed to squeeze past Newport with a 1-0 win. This was followed by a 0-0 draw with Yardley, which we should have won and a 4-0 thumping of Selwyn. This meant that we had to put in a colossal performance to beat Handsworth 2-1 with a last minute goal from Mamediarra. In our last group fixture we drew 0-0 with Barclay to seal our progression to the quarter final. In the quarters we ran riot, winning 3-1, with Janae running riot and causing them chaos up front, while Aiza continued to be our rock at the back. In the semi-final we came up against a very physical and well organised Ainslie Wood side and in a really tight contest we were edged out 1-0. However, the girls should be incredibly proud of their performances throughout the tournament as they played as a team and battled to the very last - showing true South Grove spirit!



With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher

SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

As we settle our new friends into Nursery, we have been busy exploring sounds in our learning environment. Here are some of the children playing instruments and finding out about the sounds different instruments make. We have also explored the different marks we can make such as zig zags or curves. Here are some of the children exploring stories and books with friends too. Can you play any instruments? What songs can you sing? Can you teach a friend?



Reception

In Reception we continue our topic of Friends and Family. Previously we have completed self-portraits and portraits of our friends. Last week, we continued the portrait theme by using mixed media to make a portrait of our family. We brought a family photograph into school and we shared this with our classes. We practised our oracy skills to present our family photographs talking about who is in our family. We then used the photograph as a reference in order to make our family portraits.

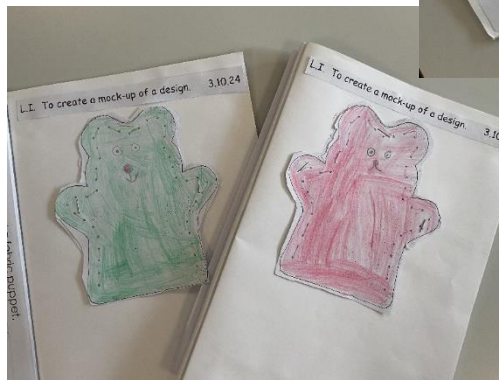
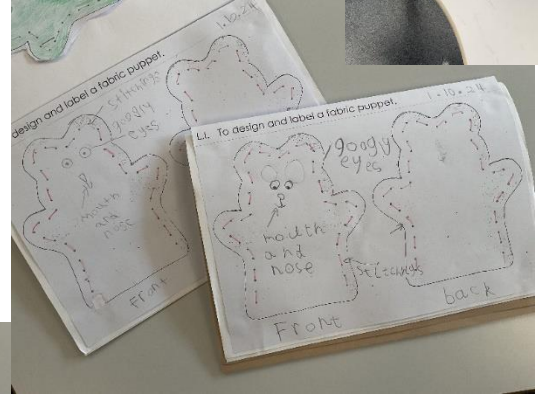
We have also been thinking about acts of kindness. We talked about kind and unkind behaviours and made a kindness box in which to keep our kind thoughts and we put examples of unkind behaviour in the bin!

We also reminded ourselves of the ways we can keep safe and be happy in reception and we made hand and thumb prints to sign our agreement to this and we will use them to make our classroom charter display.



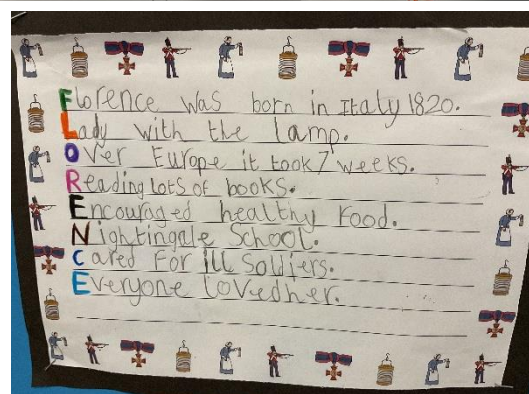
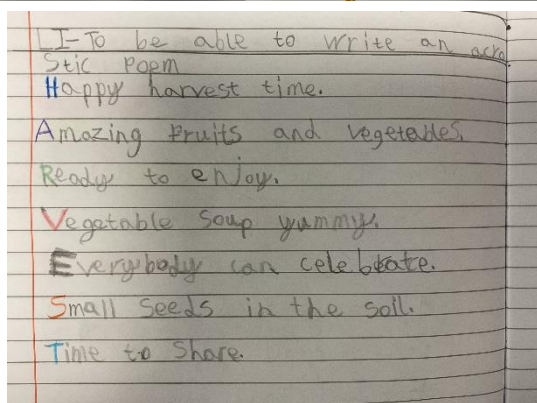
Year 1

In Year 1 we have been busy designing our hand puppets we will use in our Talk for Writing Book which begins next week. We have also been working practically to create number sentences comparing different amounts and numbers. We have begun using symbols $<$ $>$ and $=$ to show our understanding of different amounts and values of numerals.



Year 2

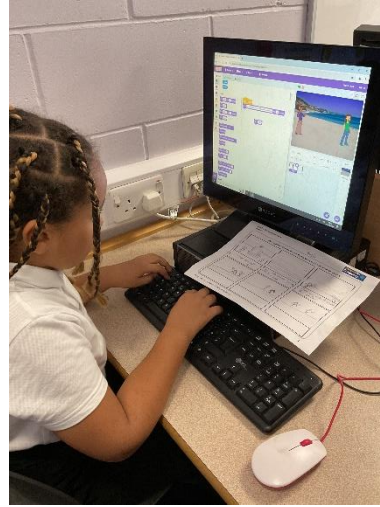
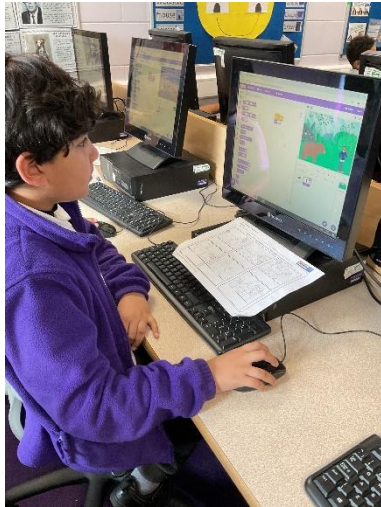
In Year 2 for ICT, we have been planning original drawings of planets and space crafts to create in 'ScratchJr'. In English we have been writing acrostic poems



Year 3

As part of our unit 'We are programmers' in Computing, we have been learning to use the programme scratch. In our lesson last week, we were creating characters and dialogue for our animation. We learned the keyword 'decomposition', which is when you break a big task into a series of smaller tasks.

We can't wait to share with you our finished animation.



Year 4

Last week, Year 4 researched the many gods of Ancient Egypt. There Ma'at be more but we only had so long!

Name of god: Isis

Describe the god's appearance (how it looks):
Isis was the queen, she was a throne on her head

What is special about your god?
She was protector, mother, nurse, the most powerful magician and healer

What party trick can your god show to the audience?
She can magic a throne

Why are gods important to ordinary Egyptian people?
Because without gods we wouldn't have a good explanation

Draw a picture

Name of god: Ma'at

Describe the god's appearance (how it looks):
she has wings she has yellow skin she has white skirt and black hair and yellow pony tails

What is special about your god?
she has wings she has a grey skirt and the other girl has a wand.

What party trick can your god show to the audience?
she has super powers she can fly run really fast jump so high and a wand.

Draw a picture

Name of god: Anubis

Describe the god's appearance (how it looks):
Has jackal head he has a head as a jackal and he has brown skin.

What is special about your god?
He takes the head out of our human bodies

What party trick can your god show to the audience?
a double back flip

Draw a picture

Name of god: Ma'at

Describe the god's appearance (how it looks):
Ma'at has wings and she's a female. Ma'at weighs her feather and a dead person's heart.

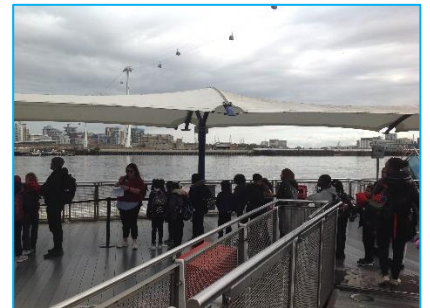
What is special about your god?
She sends you to the underworld or afterlife

What party trick can your god show to the audience?
Ma'at can send someone to the after life.

Draw a picture

Year 5

It is that time of the year the annual trip to North Greenwich to get Uber boat to Westminster to take in all the sites of London from the River Thames. All excited and ready to go Year 5 set off on their journey from Walthamstow to Stratford to North Greenwich to Westminster! The children (and adults) thoroughly enjoyed their riverboat ride taking in all the incredible landmarks that London has. The weather was well and truly on our side as we arrived at Westminster and made the journey across Westminster Bridge past the London Eye, and having lunch in Jubilee Gardens. When lunch was all done we made our way to South Bank Centre for a toilet break, then to Waterloo station and made the journey back to Walthamstow! It was a very enjoyable day, thank you so much to the parents that helped us with the trip too!



Year 6

Last week Year 6 recreated the origins of London's favourite race, the Marathon! We learnt how the heroic Pheidippides ran an entire 25 miles from Marathon to the city of Sparta to inform the soldiers of their victory in the Peloponnesian War - almost as long as the walk from the mobile classrooms to assembly! We created a range of freeze frames and actions that matched the narration that was read aloud to us to improve our speaking and listening skills. Our favourite part was re-enacting Pheidippides' incredibly dramatic death following his announcement! After this, we then heard about the evil deeds of King Xerxes of Persia and how he failed at winning war against the Greeks.





PLM

Due to the rain, PLM did not go for a walk. Instead the children did 2 fun activities! Firstly they made playdough from scratch.



Wow!
What
amazing
stirring!



Then they made a jam sandwich and practised how to spread the jam and butter.



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