

14th October 2024

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 14.10.24

N-AM	MILENA	3B	UMME RUMAN
N - PM	YU XIN	3H	CLARENCE
RR	ERIC	4P	LAAIBAH
RS	MARYAM	4SH	RADHIA
1L	HIRA	5A	ROSIE
1W	ZACARRI	5G	CEZAR
2DM	CELIA	6F	BITANIA
2F	AMELIA	6M	SAMEER
	PLM		DAISY



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 7.10.24

Best Attendance ☺	2F 98.2%
Best Punctuality ☺	1L 2F & 3H
Class that needs to improve their attendance	RS 86.4%
Class that needs to improve their punctuality	RS
Overall School Attendance this year = 94.5%	

I cannot believe that we are nearly at Half-Term already! It has been a really busy and packed first half-term, with much of the time spent welcoming new families particularly in the Early Years Nursery and Reception. They have begun to settle down really well as part of the South Grove community.



Can I encourage parents to have regular dialogue with their child's class teacher if there are any queries around any part of their life at South Grove, particularly our new families. Your children will be made aware of their new topics for the next half-term, so please support them to do some research around these. A new topic plan will be put on the website for parents to view.

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

I look forward to meeting you at our **Parents Consultation Evening** this **Thursday 17th October**. If parents have not booked an appointment yet please book via this link: <https://bit.ly/SGPEVEOCT2024>.

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

Ms Forbes will be available in the Music Studio from 4:00 to 6:00pm on Thursday to discuss your child's musical journey. While we've outlined some suggested times below, feel free to drop by whenever it's convenient for you to have a chat.

Recorder 15.30 - 16.00;
Drumming 16.00 - 16.30;
Keyboard 16.30 - 17.00;
Ukulele & recorder 17.00 - 17.30;
Choir 17.30 - 18.00;
Class music 18.00 - 19.00



BLACK HISTORY MONTH ASSEMBLY - RECLAIMING OUR STORIES

Black History Month Reclaiming Narratives

Mr Andrews produced a thought provoking and interesting assembly on Friday to celebrate Black History Month.

The stage is set with a backdrop of significant historical moments. On one side is a Caribbean dock to represent the Windrush, on the other, a battlefield from WWI, and in the middle, a court, representing a royal setting. A spotlight shone on each character as they speak.

The narrator guided us through a series of stories.... 'Welcome to a journey through time, where we meet those who were once forgotten, but today, we reclaim their stories. These stories tell of strength, courage, and resilience.'

The children shared stories of the first Briton **Cheddar Man**, who lived over 9,000 years ago. A trumpeter for King Henry VII and Henry VIII, **John Blanke**, a black man in Tudor England, serving the crown, a story hidden in history for centuries. The Forgotten Heroine, **Mary Seacole**, a healer, a nurse and a daughter of Jamaica. Next was **Walter Tull**, one of the first black professional footballers in Britain, playing for Tottenham Hotspur and a soldier, rising to the rank of officer. A global fighter for freedom, **Nelson Mandela**, who fought to end apartheid and was imprisoned for 27 years because of this. But he never gave up and, in the end, justice won. Finally, a **Windrush Generation** member, came to Britain in 1948 on the ship Windrush, to help rebuild the country after the Second World War. But when they arrived, faced racism and hardship. For many years the story was ignored but now it is being told.

The message at the end of the assembly was poignant:

The stories will not be forgotten. We are part of history. We are part of the future.

The narrator finished the assembly by saying 'And so, as we remember, let's continue to learn and celebrate the truth of our shared history.'

Thank you to Mr Andrews and all the children that took part.



Here's what the parents had to say:

Wonderful – I loved it thanks

Amazing performance – well done to you all!

Really enjoyed the assembly. Very informative. Well done!

What a lovely assembly. It was great to learn all about black history. Well done!

**MAKATON
SIGN
OF THE WEEK:**

PAPER



**PLEASE DO JOIN US AT OUR NEXT
FRIENDS OF SOUTH GROVE MEETING –
THIS FRIDAY
18th OCTOBER 8:45AM**





IMPORTANT INFORMATION Applying for Secondary School

If your child is in Year 6 you only have until
Thursday, 31st October 2024
to apply to Waltham Forest Admission service for
a Secondary School place.



Free swimming

If you live in Waltham Forest, you may be entitled to swim for free at our local Better pools. Under 18s, can swim for free in school holidays. You can register for £6.30 at your local leisure centre.

Please take time out during holidays to get your children swimming from an early age. We need to remember that this is a life skill and so important that the children have these skills. It really does develop confidence too!



Year 4 will be starting their 2 week intensive swimming course in March so if they have never been swimming before it will be a great help for them to try it out in the holiday.

HALF TERM CYCLING SCHOOL

21-25 October 2024

LOCATIONS:

LEYTON JUBILEE PARK, E10
HAWKSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL, E4

COURSE OPTIONS:

LEARN TO RIDE (LTR) - THIS COURSE IS 90 MINUTES FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE DAYS. IT'S FOR CHILDREN THAT CANNOT RIDE A BIKE AND WOULD LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO. FOR CHILDREN AGE 5 - 15.

LEVEL 1 - THIS COURSE IS 90 MINUTES FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE DAYS. IT'S FOR CHILDREN THAT CAN RIDE A BIKE BUT NEED MORE PRACTICE BEFORE CYCLING ON THE ROAD, FOR CHILDREN AGE 7 - 15.

BOOK NOW!!

THESE COURSES ARE FREE TO ATTEND AND BIKES CAN BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST (BOOKING FORM).

TO SIGN UP PLEASE USE THE LINK BELOW AND COMPLETE THE BOOKING FORM

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/WF-CHILDREN](https://bit.ly/wf-children)



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HALF TERM

We break up for half term this Friday 18th October at 3.15pm

We return to school on Monday 28th October at 8.45am

With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher

**Don't forget – clocks go back 1 hour
2am Sunday 27th October**

SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

Last week in Nursery we were continuing to explore our current topic book - Titch. We have made brilliant mini-kites, after colouring and joining them ourselves. We also explored how to compare sizes of people or objects by looking at and talking about the characters in the story. At this early stage, one of our key focusses is on developing the fine-motor control to hold writing implements like pens and pencils, so we have been continuing to take every opportunity we can to mark make! We also had lots of conversations about family - who our families consist of and what families do for one another. We even had some brave children tell us about their families at the front of the class as we looked at a family picture on the big screen - thank you to everyone who sent one in!

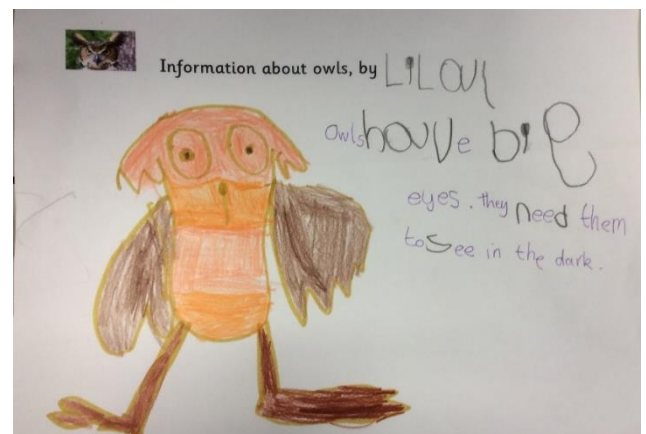
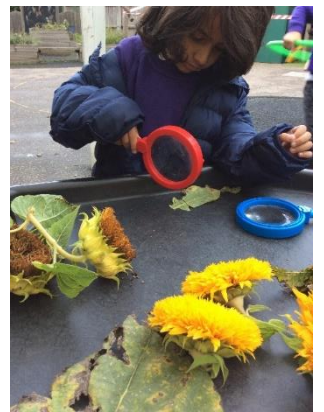


Reception

In Reception last week we were actors!! We began reading the 'Owl Babies' story and used role play to explore it. We pretended to be one of the characters from the story, Sarah, Percy, Bill or Mummy Owl.

We also became fact finders, using Espresso on the IPads to find out information about owls. We discovered that owls are 'nocturnal' birds, they eat mice and worms and baby owls are called owlets. We drew pictures to illustrate the facts we had learnt and remembered. Many children remembered that owls have big eyes to help them see at night time and hunt for food.

We have also been noticing some of the changes that are happening in our environment.



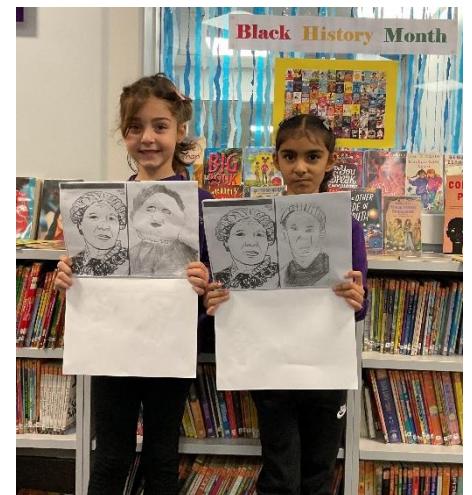
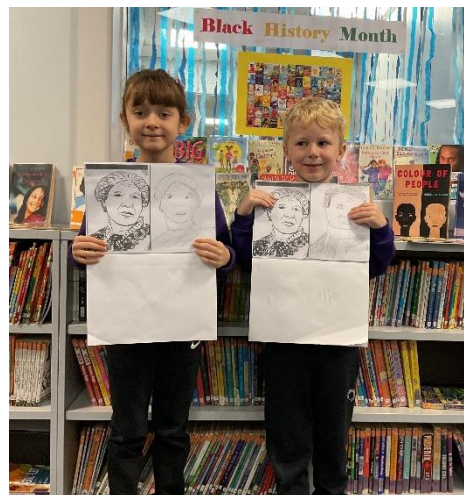
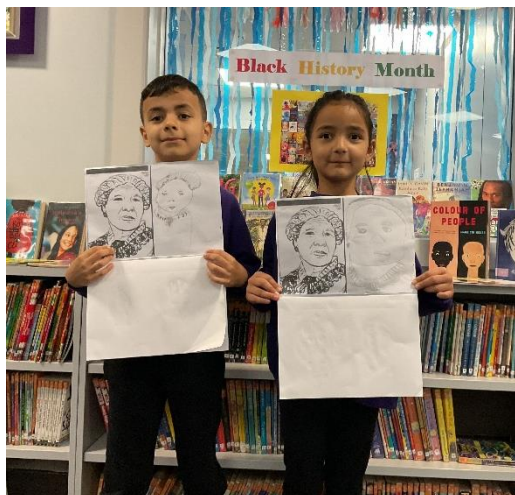
Year 1

Year 1 have been busy thinking about being safe for their upcoming trip, which linked neatly with our PSHE lesson: Who can help us? We were also having fun speaking as a character in our story; The Gingerbread Man. We had fun being the different characters as the Gingerbread Man runs away from the hot oven. We also played some number card games in maths where we had to turn 3 cards over and order them by size. This linked very well to our previous learning last week, and it was clear how much the children are developing their mathematical language and reasoning skills to compare numbers. Here are some pictures of our work as well as our carefully sewn glove puppets which we will use to re-tell our story next week to our friends in the Nursery.



Year 2

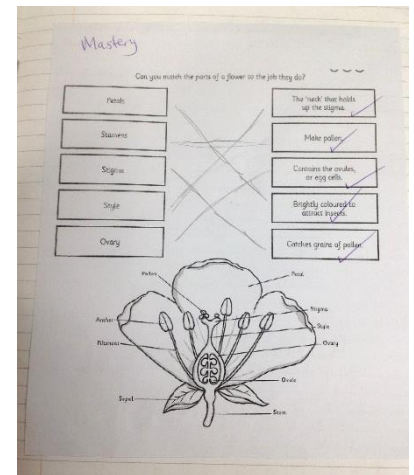
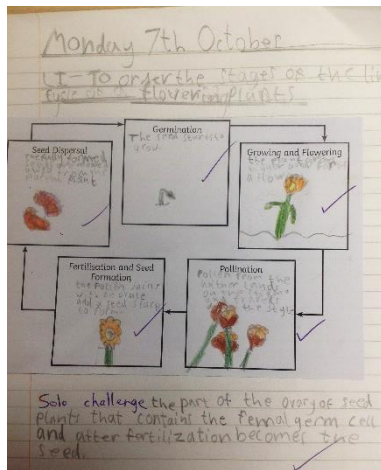
On Wednesday 9th October Year 2 visited the National Portrait Gallery. We had a fantastic day! We found and drew Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale. Additionally, we spotted Samuel Pepys who we will be learning about next term when we study The Great Fire of London. The children's behaviour was excellent and thank you to our wonderful parent helpers, your support was much appreciated.





Year 3

In Year 3 this week in science, we have identified and labelled the names of the different parts of flowers and their jobs. We also looked at the life cycle of flowering plants.



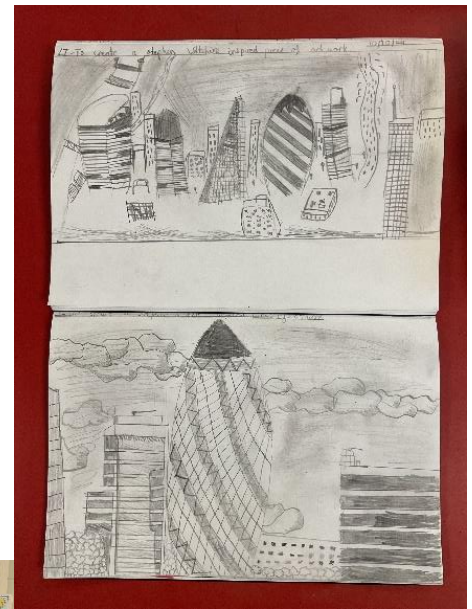
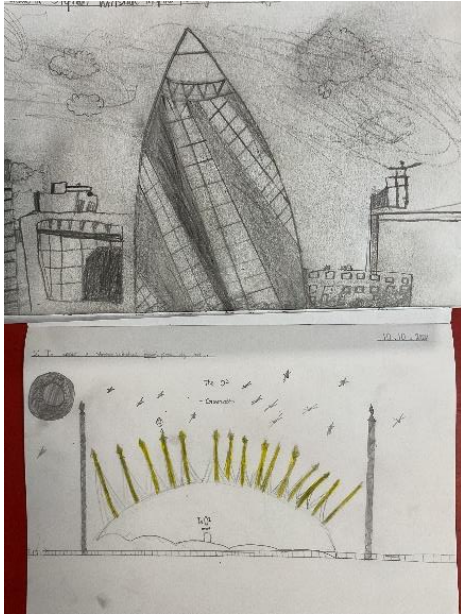
Year 4

Last week, Year 4 travelled across London to visit the British Museum! Specifically, we perused the collections of Ramesses II and Amenhotep III before venturing upstairs to the mummy exhibition 😊. Some of the mummies must have escaped since we had three of them leading our groups...



Year 5

In Year 5, the children have been exploring the art of Stephen Wiltshire, an incredible artist known for his detailed cityscapes. Inspired by his work, they created their own London landscapes, focusing on iconic landmarks and capturing the city's unique skyline. Through this activity, they learned about perspective, architecture, and the power of observation, while gaining a deeper appreciation for Wiltshire's remarkable talent and style. The results were great, showcasing the children's creativity and attention to detail!



Year 6

In Year 6, we have been reviewing existing adverts and promotional films to help guide us in making our own advert to promote online safety. Last week, we sourced a range of media from the internet (taking into consideration copyrighting) and this week we videoed our footage. We are having so much fun creating them and can't wait for you to see the finished videos!



P.L.M. saw London sights



COMPETITION TIME!



The Local Authority need a new logo for their SEND local



offer.

They would like each letter to be filled with children's artwork.

? Can you create a piece of artwork?

The winning piece of artwork will be used in the

local authority's new logo.

Competition for
children with Special
Educational Needs

Do you like drawing
or painting? Why not
give this a go?

Get your completed
artwork to Ms
Johnson or Ms
Mullins by Monday 2nd
December

GOOD LUCK!

Deadline: Monday 2nd December 2024