



South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 8 2024-2025



4th November 2024

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 4.11.24

N- AM	ARTHUR	3B	TINA
N - PM	ASTA	3H	ZARA
RR	FLYN	4P	HARRY
RS	FRED	4SH	AREEBA
1L	AYMAN	5A	ISLA
1W	DIONNE	5G	ABDOULIE
2DM	IBRAHIM	6F	SAFA
2F	INIGO	6M	MAARIYAH
	PLM		LUCIEN
SPORTS STAR: MATTIAS Y5 SAFWAN Y6			



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 28.10.24

Best Attendance ☺	4P 100%
Best Punctuality ☺	2F & 4SH
Class that needs to improve their attendance	3B 88%
Class that needs to improve their punctuality	RS
Overall School Attendance this year = 95.4%	

WORLD RIVERS DAY ASSEMBLY

Last Friday, we were lucky to have a fantastic assembly focused on World Rivers Day delivered, with real enthusiasm, by Miss Winter. The children were able to demonstrate their geographical knowledge, matching rivers to continents and explaining what rivers were. The children were then blown away by some incredible river facts about some of the world's greatest rivers. For example did you know that, at some points, the Congo River is as deep as two and half Big Bens, and that the Khone Falls in Laos is over 10km wide - incredible! The assembly was linked to the Sustainability Goals and the UNCRC. Thank you to Miss Winter for making a splash to start our Friday!

Read more about World Rivers Day below



WORLD RIVERS DAY



Last Friday we said - Happy World Rivers Day! South Grove joined children across 70 other countries in learning about and celebrating the rivers across the globe. We learned some fascinating facts about rivers, such as If you lined up a football pitch end to end 65,000 times, that would be the length of the River Nile.

The Congo River is as deep as the height of 2.5 times Big Ben. The Amazon River could fill up 83 Olympic sized swimming pools every second with the amount of water that flows into the Atlantic Ocean. Impressive stuff. Even more impressive, is the amount of life that rivers globally sustain. Upwards of 10,000 species of fish live in rivers and some species can only be found in that particular river. We also looked at more worrying aspects: the dangers posed towards the health of our rivers such as climate change, pollution, flooding and drought. The children had lots of fantastic ideas about how to protect rivers going forward such as litter pics. If that is something you'd be interested in finding out more about, check out Thames 21 using the QR code below.

Have you got ideas for helping the health of our rivers?
Let us know what you get up to!

Congo River

River in Africa · 1



Thames 21



Poppies and other items for Remembrance



Poppies for Remembrance Day will be available all week to purchase in school. We suggest £1.00 per item (adult pin badges are £3)

All money raised will go towards providing much needed support for the Armed Forces and their families.

Remembrance Day Assembly will be next Monday 11th November at 9:15am and all our families are welcome to join us.

MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK: TEACHER



If you'd like to enter this competition you have until
this Friday, 8th November.

Let your imagination run wild and give it a go!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/bbc-500-words>

3B Parents Evening

Please make sure you have booked an
appointment to meet with Mrs Baker
this week using this link:

<https://forms.gle/QV7ing9WPrS5FRvp8>



Parents Evening Feedback forms

Still time to complete this short Google
Form:

<https://forms.gle/9uWsPWcDUTYQCryBA>

to give your views on your child's Parents
evening or to send back the slip. This really helps us.

3B can also complete after they have their appointment
this week. Thank you!



CHOIR CHANGE OF DATE -
No choir Tuesday 3rd December. It will be on
Thursday 5th December instead for that week only

A SPECIAL
THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS



We would like to say a huge thank you for these books purchased with £100 Book token donated by Inigo (2F) and family



and also for these lovely ones generously bought for South Grove by Merula (RR) and family.

All the books are available in the library



Bus Station Closure

Please be aware that Walthamstow Bus Station will be closed for 6 weeks from this Friday for safety updates. Buses will be on diversion and not all stopping where they usually do. This could mean that your journey takes longer than usual.

Please check the TfL website for full details

**SPECIAL BONFIRE LUNCH
TOMORROW - YOU CAN
CHANGE FROM PACKED
LUNCH TO HAVE THIS IF
YOU WOULD LIKE!**



With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher

**Keep
Going!**

November

**A child's right ...
not to be harmed and to be
looked after and kept safe. (36)**



Caring

SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

Last week in Nursery, we created stunning artwork out of natural resources, taking inspiration from the work of Andy Goldsworthy. The process involved selecting and combining natural resources in any manner we wanted, which led to so many varied and brilliant pieces of artwork. We also learnt about the exciting celebration of Diwali, experimenting with the texture of colourful sand by making our own marks in it, and by mixing, molding and painting our own diya lamps to take home!



Reception

Last week in Reception we learnt about seasonal changes and festivals. We helped to make an investigation learning space outside, so that we can observe some of the changes that are happening in the world around us at this time of year. We also read the story of Pumpkin Soup, and made our own story books. We drew the characters and recalled events that happened in the story. We took turns to use tools to chop and prepare vegetables and used them to make our own pumpkin soup, yum, yum!

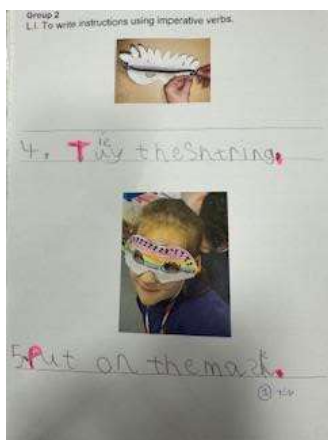
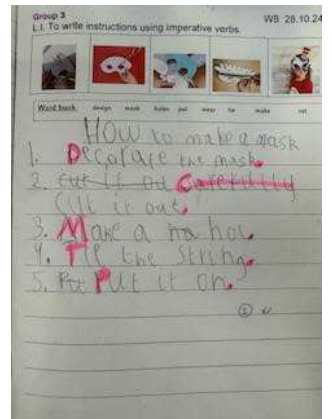
We looked carefully at a variety of pumpkins, vegetable squash, and used descriptive words to describe them and then used our observations to make still life paintings of them.



Year 1

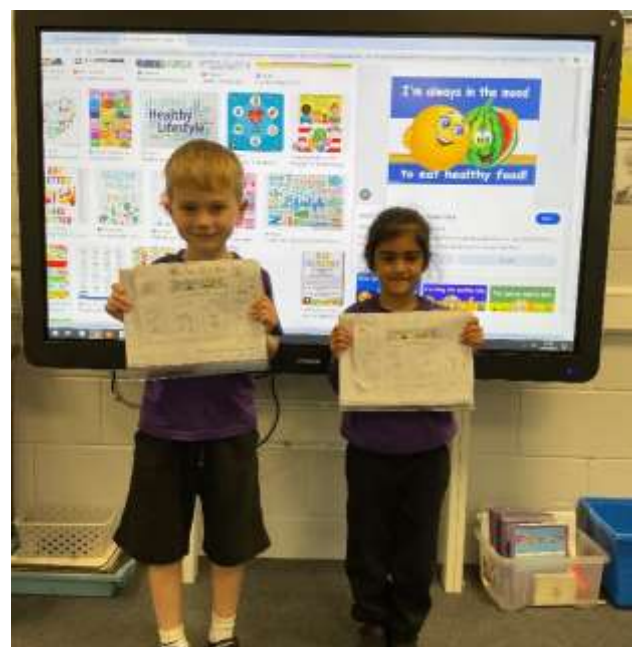
Year 1 had a great start after the half term break, and got cracking straight away with their new topic; 'Let's Celebrate'. The children have experienced lots of different celebrations and are enjoying talking about the ones they have chosen for their Home Learning Project. During last week we were also busy designing a mask for a fancy dress costume, and then writing clear instructions so other children, or even our Parents, could make a mask! This will help us when we make moving pictures using a lever as we will have to work step- by- step, and make things and attach things in the right order. Have you ever used some instructions to help you make something?

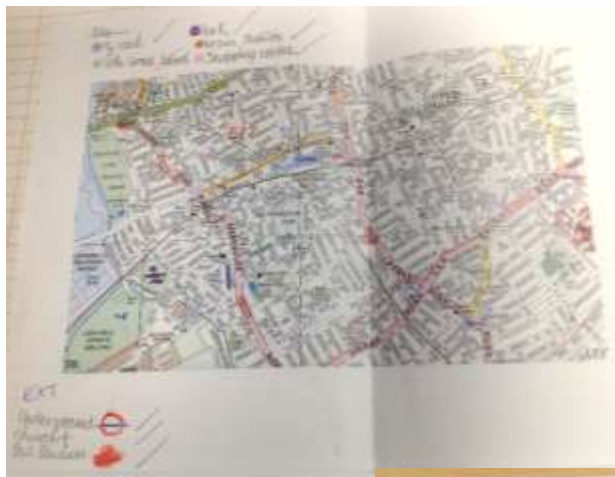
Here are some of our masks, instructions and rocket collages that we made this week:



Year 2

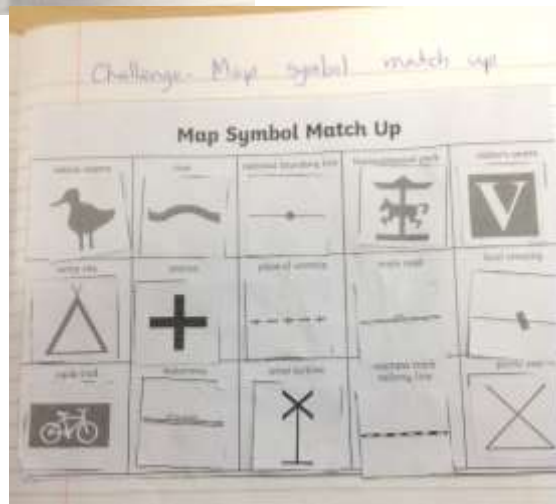
Our new Topic in Year 2 for this half term is Healthy Living. We started our new Topic by completing a Knowledge Harvest. The children drew and labelled all of the ways that we can lead a healthy life. We will complete this same activity at the end of our Topic to see what the children have learned!





Year 3

In Year 3 this week we looked at maps as part of our geography topic Living Together. We identified key symbols and labelled our roads and the school on a local map.



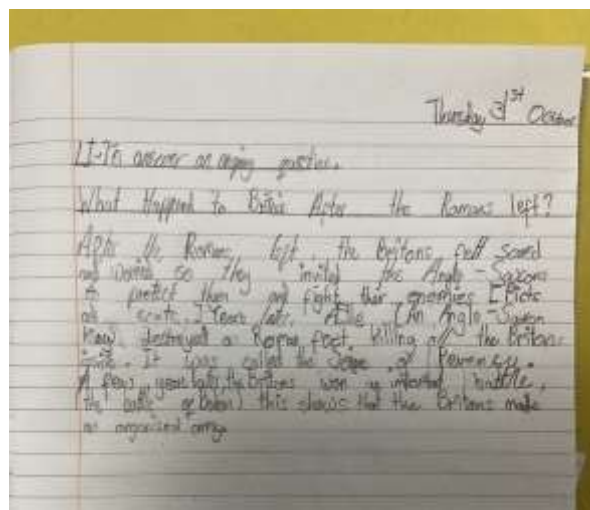
Year 4

Last week, Year 4 kick-started their journey into Zero Carbon Schools by looking at the four main causes of human-made climate change and making informative posters displaying them. According to the science, animal farming is a huge contributor to greenhouse gases due to the flatulence of the animals. I say, spend one day in Year 4 and you'll see farms have nothing on us!



Year 5

Last week, Year 5 began their new topic: The Anglo-Saxons & Vikings. We traced the timeline of British history, starting from the Stone Age, through the Bronze Age, Iron Age, and the Roman period, setting the stage for the Anglo-Saxon era. The pupils explored the early phases of Anglo-Saxon migration from Germania in central and northern Europe (present-day Denmark and Germany). They also practiced investigating an enquiry question, using evidence from primary sources like The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle and Hadrian's Wall. This approach allowed them to engage actively with historical sources and deepen their understanding of this transformative period in British history.



Year 6

It was Year 6's Greek day! It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to immerse themselves in the rich culture and history of ancient Greece. The classrooms were decorated with creative homework projects from Greek-themed artwork to innovative models of ancient Greek architecture. At the start of the day, the children, dressed as ancient Greek Gods, Goddesses and mythical creatures, proudly showcased their costumes to their peers and teachers. They then put their PE skills to the test with the Greek Olympics and showed their creative side when making beautiful mosaics.





WALTHAM FOREST ADULT LEARNING SERVICE

Help your child grow and thrive!
Family Learning

Our family learning programme delivers a variety of courses, workshops and events both in person, online and at different venues in Waltham Forest - courses and workshops are free for families.

List of upcoming courses / workshops

Course code	Course Title	Venue	Date	Time	Day
FA0382F1	Sewing and textile crafts, beginners course for parents	Queens Road Family Hub Queens Road E17	13.11.2024 – 11.12.2024	10 -12pm	Wednesday

Join us for a fun and engaging beginners course designed specifically for parents looking to dive into the world of sewing and textile crafts! Whether you're eager to create unique clothing for your little ones, make personalised gifts or simply explore a new hobby, this course offers the perfect starting point. Learn the basics of sewing techniques, fabric selection, and essential tools in a supportive environment. Each session includes hands on projects that will boost your confidence and ignite your creativity. Connect with fellow parents, share ideas, and leave with beautiful creations that you can cherish or gift. No prior experience necessary—just bring your enthusiasm and let's get crafting!

If you have any questions regarding family learning activities, please contact cherie.cowan-smith@walthamforest.gov.uk Curriculum Manager Family Learning

SPECIAL MENU NEXT WEEK FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK



National School Meals Week

11th – 15th November 2024



Autumn Winter Menu 2024	Launch Day - Children Favourite Monday	Super Hero Tuesday	Move It Wednesday	Feel Good Thursday	Be Kind Friday
CHOICE 1	Oven Baked Sausages with Caramelised Onions, Gravy and Creamy Mashed Potato	Cheese and Tomato Pizza (v) with Potato Wedges	Creamy Mac n Cheese (v)	Roasted Lemon & Garlic Chicken, Sage & Onion Stuffing and Rosemary Roast Potatoes	MSC Golden Crumb Fish Fingers (df) served Oven Chipped Potatoes
CHOICE 2	Power Sausage with Caramelised Onions, Gravy and Creamy Mashed Potato (ve)	Spinach Bites (ve) with Potato Wedges	Quorn Style Jasmine Rice (v)	Vegetable Cutlet with Sage & Onion Stuffing and Rosemary Roast Potatoes (ve)	Power Burger in a Bun with Oven Chipped Potatoes (ve)
CHOICE 3	Jacket Potato with Baked beans (ve), Tuna or Cheese (v)	Beef Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce with Mixed Rice	Jacket Potato with Baked beans (ve), Tuna or Cheese (v)	Homemade Cheese Quiche with Rosemary Roast Potatoes (v)	Homemade Chicken Pie with Oven Chipped Potatoes
Vegetables	Minted Garden Peas (ve) Sweetcorn (ve)	Roasted Vegetable Medley	Fresh Carrots (ve) Pan Fried Courgettes (ve)	Fresh Seasonal Broccoli (ve) Mixed Vegetables (ve)	Baked Beans (ve) Minted Garden Peas (ve)
Salads	Salad Selection (ve)	Salad Selection (ve)	Salad Selection (ve)	Salad Selection (ve)	Salad Selection (ve)
Desserts	Waffle Finger (ve) and Ice Cream (ve)(v)	Fruit Jelly (ve)	Autumn Crunch Pot (v)	Apple Crumble(v) & Custard (ve)(v)	Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Sauce (v)
DAILY	Organic Fruit Yogurt (v) with Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve)	Organic Fruit Yogurt (v) with Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve)	Organic Fruit Yogurt (v) with Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve)	Organic Fruit Yogurt (v) with Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve)	Organic Fruit Yogurt (v) with Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve)
DAILY	Seasonal Fresh Fruit(ve)	Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve)	Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve)	Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve)	Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve)
Bread	Homemade Bread (v)	Homemade Bread (v)	Homemade Bread (v)	Homemade Bread (v)	Homemade Bread (v)