



South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 9 2024-2025



11th November 2024

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 11.11.24

N- AM	VALENTINE	3B	HENOK
N - PM	RUQAYAH	3H	MARA
RR	AARIAH	4P	NICHOLAS
RS	MILES	4SH	VELIZAR
1L	SADIE	5A	OMER
1W	ALEEZA	5G	MICAHIAH
2DM	EESA	6F	HAROON
2F	ISRA	6M	ANAYA
PLM EZRA			



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 4.11.24

Best Attendance ☺ **4SH, 5G & 6M 100%**
 Special mention to 1W & 5A 99.3%
 Best Punctuality ☺ **6M**

Class that needs to improve their attendance **RS 84.1%**

Class that needs to improve their punctuality **1L**

Overall School Attendance this year = 95.6%

REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY

Today, Monday 11th November, our Whole School Assembly focussed on Remembrance Day. As always, our Teaching Assistant Mrs Jane Lewis led the assembly as she is part of the Royal British Legion as a Standard Bearer. We were lucky to also have a colleague of hers, Malcolm, also a Standard Bearer, to help in the assembly.

Mrs Lewis shared why we wear poppies during this time of remembrance and why they are so significant, and how important it is to remember those that lost their lives in conflict across the world, and indeed continue to do so.

Children from Nursery to Year 6 shared their work and research on the poppy and on those that were significant in creating poppies to support and care for service personnel.



Nursery children replicated their own poppy fields using a range of materials and using their fingers to create the shapes. They created purple poppies to represent the animals that also died. Reception children also shared their work on drawing images of poppies. They had made their own big poppy using lots of little ones and painted some on the playground floor to symbolise loss as they disappeared. Year 1 children created poppy fields using their hands, fingers and thumbs to create the poppies and also created a 3D collage. Year 2 had great fun printing their poppies using potatoes. What a great way to use old potatoes!



PLM had lots of fun creating their own Poppy fields using pastels and shared them in the assembly.

Year 3 and Year 4 talked about the veterans who are remembered with honour in Chingford Mount Cemetery and those in Walthamstow (Queen's Road) Cemetery. Then Year 5 shared the life of

Jack Cornwall who was a local hero as was George Mitchell, who Year 6 studied and then shared about his life in the British Army. He earned the Victoria Cross, which is the highest ranking award of a British Officer.

The children then solemnly watched as Mrs Lewis and her colleague Malcolm, lowered the standard flag of the British Legion whilst we all took part in a 2 minute silence. The children were amazing and respectful.



Thank you to all parents and children who contributed through the purchase of poppies, bracelets, rulers and reflective poppies. The collection will go to the Royal British Legion to contribute and support the worthy projects they have to support individuals and families through times of conflict.

Click here if you would like to know more about the Poppy Appeal and how your donations help:
<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/stories/11-things-you-might-not-know-about-the-poppy>

DIWALI ASSEMBLY

On Friday our school community celebrated Diwali. The children explained that the Hindu and Sikh community recently celebrated a special religious festival called Diwali. It is a New Year Festival about new beginnings.

The children shared the importance as part of the festival preparations was to clean the house thoroughly, and decorate it with different tinsel and glitter. Diva lamps are lit and placed on windows and outside the front door. It is hoped that the lamps will attract the Hindu goddess of wealth, Lakshmi to Hindu homes and bless them with a prosperous new year.



The children shared the importance of Rangoli patterns being designed using rice and sand. If they were beautiful then perhaps Lakshmi will visit. Hands and feet are decorated with henna to create mehndi patterns to make them look beautiful.

The sharing of food is very important, with dance and music a highlight of the Diwali celebrations. Both children and adults within the school shared their special celebrations with us. Mrs Sharma seemed to have a wonderful time with friends and family as did Ms Kotecha, spending time with family with both sharing blessings at the Mandir (temple).



A special Diwali song was sung by the choir but many children across the school joined in too. The Story of Rama and Sita was shared as this is a very important part of the Diwali celebrations too.

Thank you to Mrs Baker for co-ordinating the assembly with Ms Kotecha and Mrs Sharma and to all the children and adults who took part. We hope our school community who celebrated Diwali had a wonderful time!

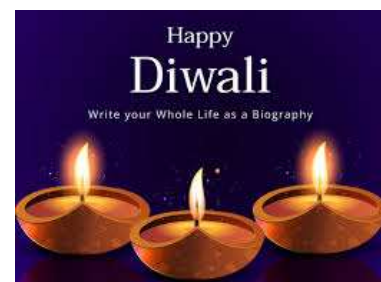
Here's what the parents had to say:

A lovely assembly. It was great to learn about Diwali.

So beautiful! Well done to all the children. Thank you for sharing your artwork and your personal stories of celebration.

Amazing singing and colours.

Lovely assembly! Brilliant performances from everyone. I learnt so much.



**MAKATON
SIGN
OF THE WEEK:**

COLD



**As the weather turns
chillier please
remember to send
your child to school
with a coat for
warmth**

Attendance

As you know, regular attendance at school is a key priority for us.

Due to our level of attendance we have attended a DFE attendance hub for advice.

One of our issues is children being absent the last couple of days of term and the first couple of days of term.

From this term we are going to visit any child, at the time of their illness, who is reported sick without any medical evidence at either side of the holidays.

The reason for this is that at the end of the summer term our attendance was **only 86%** and at the end of last winter term only **90%**.



**Attendance
Matters**



Thank you all for your support and if you have any questions please speak to Ms Montgomery at the office, the gate or at:
parents@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk



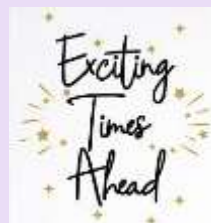
Our next meeting is on the 29th November just after drop off at 8.45 in the dining room. All welcome!

We have the big end of term raffle coming up and would really appreciate any donations in good condition for prizes or any vouchers for local businesses.

Please dig deep as we are trying to fundraise for a science lab.

Also save the day for the **School Disco** on **Wednesday 18th December** from **3.30 to 5.30pm**, keep your eyes open for more information about the event of the season! Posters will be displayed around the school.

Thanks to all those helping already, it is much appreciated.



Anti-Bullying Week 2024 takes place this week from Monday 11th - Friday 15th November, with the theme: Choose Respect.



We will be doing our **Odd Socks Day** on **Friday 15th November**, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. No money is required.

The theme of Choose Respect has come about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Following the success of the campaign in 2023 – when 80% of schools marked the week, reaching over 7.5 million children and young people – this year, we'll empower children and young people to choose respect.



Reminder of Term Dates

Thursday 19th December

Monday 6th January

Friday 14th February

Monday 24th February

Friday 4th April

Tuesday 22nd April

Monday 5th May

Friday 23rd May

Monday 2nd June

Friday 18th July

Break up for Christmas - 2:30pm

School starts

Break up for Half Term - 3:15pm

School starts

Break up for Spring Holiday - 2:30pm

School starts

Bank Holiday - school closed

Break up for Half Term - 3:15pm

School starts

Break up for Summer Holiday - 2:30pm

With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher



SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

Last week in Nursery we launched our new topic, focusing on transport. We discussed Mr Walker's bike and learnt about the names of the main parts, as well as the noises they make. The children then had a go at identifying the initial sound in the name of one of the parts, and did a wonderful job forming the letters to make brilliant labels. Due to a generous donation of onion bulbs, we also spent part of the week planting in our outside area, learning how to use gardening tools and how plants grow.



Reception

Reception's new topic is Up, Up and Away? The children have been learning about the seasonal celebrations at this time of year. Bonfire Night and Diwali, the Festival of Light. We listened to the story of Rama and Sita and finished making our diva lamps. We also made Rangoli patterns using coloured sand with Miss Kotecha and large scale paintings and drawings of Rangoli patterns outside. Finally, we also learnt about Remembrance Day, the soldiers who fought for us in the wars and the people and animals that helped them at that time. We coloured and decorated individual poppies and then arranged them together to make a big poppy wreath which we displayed outside alongside the painted poppies on the playground.



Year 1

Year 1 continued learning about significant days by creating poppies and a wreath for Remembrance Day. They also wrote about another significant historical time, Bonfire Night, and the historical person: Guy Fawkes. Not satisfied with two historical events, Year 1 also celebrated their own special events, sharing their home learning projects. Thank you to the parents for helping their children get creative on their chosen special event. The children enjoyed asking and answering questions about what they had focussed on and how they had achieved their final piece.



Year 2

In Year 2 last week for art we have been looking at the importance of brushing our teeth regularly. In Science we have been looking at the five food groups and created a healthy balanced plate.



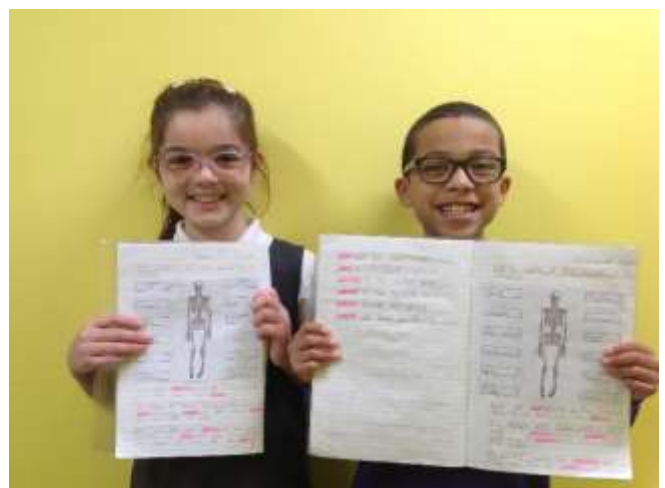
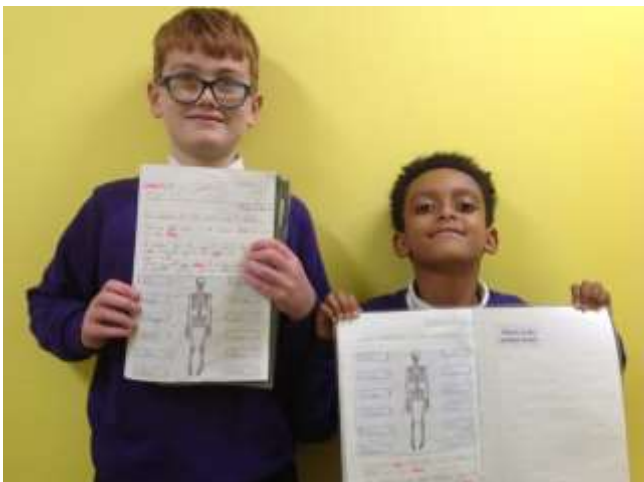
Year 3

In our RE learning this term, we will be looking at the unit title 'What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today'. As part of this, we looked at two children, and how they show their faith in God through puja, Hindu worship. We set up a puja tray and used our senses to discuss each of the items and what we thought they could be used for. We then drew each item and wrote about what they are used for.



Year 4

Last week, Year 4 learned about the human skeleton. This comprised of understanding the 3 main functions of the skeleton and being able to name some of the specific bones that make it up. Some children asked why we have to have so many bones. I said that if we had fewer bones, our limbs would be a lot shorter, and that would be... a little humerus.



Year 5

Last week in Year 5 to honour Remembrance Day, we studied local naval soldier Jack Cornell, who were born in Leyton in 1900. We learnt that he was one of the youngest soldiers to take part in WW1. He was a naval soldier and fought at the Battle of Jutland in Denmark on the ship HMS Chester manning the guns on the ship. He was also one of the youngest recipients of the Victoria Cross for his outstanding bravery in battle. Inspired by him receiving this award we created our own medals in Year 5 that we would award for good deeds, bravery, kindness and many more.



Year 6

Last week Year 6 started their new Geography topic named 'What a Wonderful World' - which aims to compare life in London to life in Brazil (the weather being an obvious difference!). In this unit of work, Year 6 will be studying the climates patterns, sustainability measures and the physical features of both locations. This research will then help children with the inspiration for their own sustainable cities projects.

To begin our project Year 6 have created fact files containing key information about Brazil including the capital city (which is not Rio de Janeiro!) population, currency and famous national landmarks. In addition to this, we also listened to Samba to help transport us to the other side of the world!



The children in PLM are learning about shapes. They are learning different dynamics of shapes which include: 2D shapes, matching shapes and exploring different shapes in and out of the classroom.



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We'll talk about:

- ✓ Self care
- ✓ Presence
- ✓ Meltdowns
- ✓ Prioritising
- ✓ Gestures

Course 1:

Monday 7th October and 14th October, 7.00 - 9.00pm

Course 2:

Saturday 16th November and 23rd November, 9.30 - 11.30am

Course 3:

Friday 6th December and 13th December, 9.30 - 11.30am



Connective
FAMILY

Educational Psychology Service Free Monthly Parent/Carer Consultation Sessions

Dates:

*25th September 2024
30th October 2024
13th November 2024
11th December 2024
15th January 2025
12th February 2025
19th March 2025
23rd April 2025
21st May 2025
11th June 2025
9th July 2025*

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consultation, please
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below

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE

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Do you have concerns about your
child?

Would you like to talk to an
Educational
Psychologist in confidence?

Appointment Only Sessions

Afternoon sessions are 12.30-2pm

Evening Sessions are 3.30– 5.00

**Individual consultation with an Educational
Psychologist are offered via phone/zoom or in person for
Parents and Carers living in London Borough Waltham
Forest.**

**Sessions last for no more than 30 minutes and provide an
opportunity to ask any questions or discuss concerns
with a member of our culturally diverse Educational
Psychology Team.**

Educational Psychologists are qualified specialists in child psychology and child development, with particular expertise in supporting children and young people with special educational needs, learning difficulties, and social, emotional and behaviour difficulties. All LBWF Educational Psychologists are registered with the Health Care Professionals Council.

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