

Grateley Primary School

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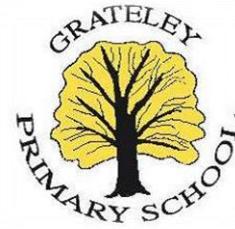
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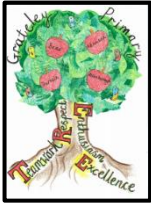
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Acting Head Teacher: Mrs A Norman

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**A school where every child becomes a lifelong learner and realises their potential.
Keeping parents informed of the School's new events and important information**



Grateley News



Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope you all had a lovely half term. The children have come back refreshed and have dived straight in with their learning. This month we are exploring the value of 'kindness' and children will be exploring the meaning of kind within class after an assembly this week.

We had our first New Year R open morning this week and have two more booked in for the coming weeks. Two of our KS2 children Rebecca and Milly (Head Girl) spoke to the potential parents about what they like best about our school and answered some of their questions. Well done to both girls, they did really well and I know are looking forward to next time.

Pumpkin Carving Competition

The children have been extremely creative with their pumpkin designs this year. I have never seen a pumpkin with ears and a pumpkin with so many eyes. Well done to all of the children that carved their pumpkin and entered our competition. The pumpkins were judged and the winning pumpkins were:

3rd – Logan

2nd – Woody

1st – Sophie

Prizes have been awarded in celebration assembly from the PTA. Well done!!

Football

This week some of our year 6 girls attended a girls' football competition at Knights Enham Junior School. They did really well and won the Passion Award for a team that gives 100% effort, putting their heart and soul into every challenge and never giving up. You have made us really proud girls, well done!!

Harvest Festival donations

Many thanks for your extremely generous donations towards our Harvest Festival collection. They were all taken to Andover Foodbank who were overwhelmed with the amount donated; 62.50 kg of food, which has fed 125 people over this period. We are very grateful for your support with this.



Eco-Council

The Eco-Council would like to send out a gentle reminder for anyone having a bonfire this weekend to follow this simple 3 step plan to protect hedgehogs and other wildlife:

- 1) **MOVE** the bonfire materials to clear ground on the day they're to be lit
- 2) **CHECK** the pile carefully just before striking that match
- 3) **OFFER** an escape route by only lighting from one side

Safeguarding

There is a [Digital Toolkit](#) that can be used to help you know how to keep your child safe online. It involves answering a few questions on your child's digital habits and then your tailored toolkit will be emailed out to your inbox. Please click on the hyperlink above to access the toolkit.

Free School Meals

A reminder that if you want to find out if you are eligible for free school meals then please apply via the link below for an instant decision. [Free school meals](#)



**Congratulations to all of the children for exemplifying our core values of:
Teamwork, Respect, Enthusiasm and Excellence this week.**



This week we all have demonstrated our core-learning values by:

Teamwork: focussing on kindness and how working as a team is a way of being kind to each other.

Respect: using excellent manners when interacting with each other and adults.

Enthusiasm: wanting to challenge ourselves.

Excellence: having high standards for themselves and taking pride in their work.




Well done team Grateley!



Congratulations to all the children for their hard work this week



Bear Class	Darwin Class	Adamson Class	Attenborough Class
This week, Bear class have been experimenting with pumpkins to see if they sink or float.	This week, Darwin class have been practising our skip counting in 2, 3, 5 and 10s.	This week, Adamson class have been sketching facial expressions and experimenting with colour.	This week, Attenborough class have been looking at the function of the heart and how it pumps blood around the body.
<i>Well done, this week you have been Super Scientists.</i>	<i>Well done, this week you have been Magic Mathematicians.</i>	<i>Well done, this week you have been Amazing Artists.</i>	<i>Well done, this week you have been Superb Scientists.</i>

Current House Points		
St. Andrews	Oxford	Cambridge
		
7074	7123	6800



Congratulations to all those children who have reached their first Dojo milestone. Across the school, 20,997 **dojo points** have been awarded so far this year!

Go Team Dojo!



Attendance:

It is vital that children attend school regularly. We monitor children's attendance weekly to ensure that we are supporting all our families and children, enabling them to attend school. Our expectation is that the children achieve an attendance percentage of 97% or above (which is above the Government expectation of 96%).

Current attendance percentages are:

Whole school for the year: 96%

Whole school for the week: 95%

Bear Class: 95%

Darwin Class: 95%

Adamson Class: 96%

Attenborough Class: 94%



Congratulations to
Adamson class
for fantastic attendance this week!



Monday 6th November	Flu Vaccinations – whole school
Friday 10th November	YR, Y1 & Y2 Movie Night (1530-1730)
Monday 13th November	Inset Day
Tuesday 14th November	Parental Consultation – Bear, Darwin and Attenborough (4pm – 7pm)
Thursday 16th November	Parental Consultations – Darwin and Attenborough (4pm – 7pm)
Friday 17th November	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Movie Night (1530-1730)
Tuesday 5th December	Christmas Pantomime – whole school
Monday 18th December – Monday 2nd January 2024	🌲 Christmas Holiday 🌲



All dates are available on our website and on the google calendar link: [Parents Calendar](#)

As always, if you have any questions regarding the information in this week’s newsletter, please contact the office team on adminoffice@grateley.hants.sch.uk

INSET DAYS 2023-24	
Inset Day 1	Friday 1 st September 2023
Inset Day 2	Monday 13 th November 2023
Inset Day 3	Friday 9 th February 2024
Inset Day 4	Monday 15 th April 2024
Inset Day 5	Monday 3 rd June 2024

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Mrs A Norman
Acting Headteacher

Safeguarding Children at Grateley Primary School

<http://www.hampshiresafeguardingchildrenboard.org.uk/professionals/>

Grateley Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This means that we have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place, which we refer to in our prospectus. All staff, including supply staff, volunteers and governors, must ensure that they are aware of these procedures. Parents and carers are welcome to read the Policy on request. Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child’s welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with his/her parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child’s welfare.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:
Mrs A Norman – Acting Head Teacher
Miss D Knights – Class Teacher

Safeguarding Governor is:
Mrs Victoria Rutherford

Our Chair of Governors is:
Mrs Amelia Bridges

If you are concerned about a child’s welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard, and report to one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads as soon as possible on the same day.

DO NOT conduct your own investigation.

If your concerns relate to the actions or behaviour of a member of staff (which could suggest that he/she is unsuitable to work with children) then you should report this to the head teacher in confidence. If the concern relates to the Head Teacher you contact the Local Authority Designated Officers, LADO, on 01962 876364, who will consider what action to take.