Graveley Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter 5 - Summer Term 2 2022

Dear Parents,

I begin by saying some goodbyes. Yesterday, we welcomed Reverend Dave into school for the last time. He joined Graveley as a Governor about 7 years ago but before that, he came along to help Mrs. Andrews run the football team. Although I am not sure that Graveley was a replacement for his first love of Luton Town.

We are certainly going to miss the assemblies - and the full scale productions that we were all so lucky to be able to watch during the lockdowns and when we had collective worship via Google classroom.

We also invited Albert Swinson, our former chair of governors in to say goodbye after he has decided to retire from life as a governor. He has been with the school for 12 years and committed so much time and energy into ensuring the school is the best it can possibly be.

Thank you both for your invaluable support to both myself and the rest of the staff team and we all wish you well in your next ventures.

We are proud of the achievements of our Year 6 children and know that we send them on to their new schools having had wonderful and memorable learning experiences. Thank you for your fun, smiles and hard work. We will miss you all very much; continue to be the best you can be. I am confident you will all find your niche and I look forward to hearing about your successes in the future.

To all of our parents and extended families, thank you all for your support this year. It has been lovely to have welcomed you back into school for sports days, summer fetes and children's performances. It has been great to have some sort of normality. (Although, throwing in a heatwave was not in my planning schedule this year!)

Thank you also to our wonderful staff for your commitment to ensuring that the children come first and get the best possible provision here at Graveley. I hope you all get the rest you deserve over the summer.

Have a great summer and we will see most of you on September 5th!

Kind regards,
Nicky Hand (Headteacher)



A message from David Marriott - Chair of Governors

Dear Parents,

Thank you! What a fantastic year it has been, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to once again thank Nicky Hand and all of the staff for the outstanding way they have provided the best education for all the children. I would also like to thank everyone at FOG and the fantastic fundraising opportunities they have organised this year and of course you too, the parents, for supporting your children in so many ways throughout the academic year.

I would like to extend my best wishes to all the children, but specifically those in Year 6, who are soon to embark on a new and exciting chapter in their learning journey.

Finally, my thanks extends to all the governors who have supported me this year and of course, Nancy Yuen, our Clerk who keeps me in check! I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks and best wishes to both Albert Swinson and Reverend Dave Brown who together have dedicated many years to the Governing Board, and are now moving on to future endeavors. They will be sorely missed!

All that remains is for everyone to have a good summer, recharge batteries, enjoy the weather and we will welcome you all back for a new term in September.

Kind regards,

David Marriott Chair of Governors

Awards and Celebrations

Values Awards

Each year, we celebrate children across the school who consistently demonstrate the school values of Creativity, Fellowship and Harmony. This year's winners are:

- Creativity Billie (Year 3)
- Fellowship Isla, Jack and Isla-Jayne (Year 4)
- Harmony Lily (Reception)

Riya's Reading Award

Sadly, earlier this year, one of our ex-pupils passed away. Riya was a hugely loved member of our school community and an avid reader (there are even a set of books in the school library she donated called 'Riya's Reads'). In her memory, we have established an annual award for a pupil whose hard work, dedication and passion for reading has allowed excellent progress to be made in their reading. This year's award goes to: Albert Phillips (Year 6).

The Ollie Jarvis Cup

Each year we award a pupil the Ollie Jarvis award in recognition not only of sporting achievement, but also demonstrating the sporting values of respect, fairness, excellence, effort and friendship. This year's award goes to: Hayden Kotze (Year 6).

Sports Person of the Year

Each year, teachers nominate a pupil in each year group who has shown outstanding effort in PE lessons, and/or fantastic achievement in sport. This year's winners are:

Reception - Freddie

Year 1 - Tiri

Year 2 - Tom

Year 3 - Deeana

Year 4 - Nellie

Year 5 - Kirk

Year 6 - Matthew

Ambassador Roles

Congratulations to the Year 5 pupils who all received their new, Year 6 roles in assembly this morning.

House Captains

Red Ruby - Charlie

Green Emerald - Beatrix

Blue Sapphire - Issy

Yellow Diamond - Phoebe

Eco Ambassador

Evie

Learning Ambassadors

Alex and Charlotte

Creativity Ambassadors

Helen and Tayla-Ann

Harmony Ambassador

Keanu

Fellowship Ambassador

Pennie-Lee

PE Ambassadors

Kirk, Chrissie and Annie

We look forward to working with you all in September!

"With God, all things are possible."