

# Graveley Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter 1 - Summer Term 2 2023

Dear Parents,

It's the time of year where we have to say some goodbyes.

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to Nathan who will be starting a new school in September. We will all miss seeing him around school and would like to wish him all the best in his new school.

We also have to say goodbye to our Year 6's. We are proud of their achievements and know that we send them on to their new schools having had wonderful and memorable learning experiences. We wish you all the luck in your new schools and 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 great to see so many families join us for plays, sports days and the summer fete.

Thank you also to our amazing 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.

School will break up for the summer holidays today at 1:15pm. School will re-open on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

## Curriculum Evening

A Curriculum evening will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, discuss the curriculum and expectations.

## FOG

From their hard work, they made a profit of £750 for the Summer Fete. They also raised over £300 from the Promises Auction. In addition to this, the coin jars have been counted. The winners were Hedgehogs who raised £101.80; followed by Foxes with £40.40; Badgers with £28.70 and Squirrels with £21.75. Thank you for all of your donations this year.



## TT Rockstars

Well done to all of the children that have taken part in this half-term's tournament.

Year 2 - Caitlyn

Year 3 - Tom

Year 4 - Daniel

Year 5 - Rachael

Year 6 - Phoebe

## A Message from David Marriott (Chair of the Governing Board)

We have come to the end of another fantastic year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hand and all of the staff for the outstanding way they have provided the best education for all our children. A special mention to our new Deputy Head, Mrs Forster, who has had a whirlwind first term and we appreciate all her hard work.

At this time of year, it is always slightly sad as we say goodbye to our current Year 6 students. This is the start of a new chapter for them and I know that what they have learnt and experienced at Graveley will stay with them at their new schools.

I must also take a moment to thank all the governors who work hard behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the school. We have two governors leaving this term – Jane Morgan and Alison McMillan (who have spent a number of years (especially Jane Morgan) giving their time to the school.

Once again, FOG have done an amazing job this year with some fantastic fundraising events culminating in a great summer fete. I am sure we would all like to thank them wholeheartedly for all their dedication and hard work.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a good summer break, recharge batteries, enjoy the good weather and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for a new academic year in September.

# Awards and celebrations

## Values Awards

Each year, we celebrate children across the school who consistently demonstrate our school values of Creativity, Fellowship and Harmony.

This year's winners are:

- Creativity – Emily (Year 5)
- Fellowship – Eliot and Dan (Year 4)
- Harmony – Ivy-Rose (Year 2)



## Riya's Reading Award

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: Lily

## 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: Reggie

## Music Award

Each year we will be awarding a pupil a music award for those who have shown dedication and passion to music.

This year's award goes to: Kirk

## 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 - Maia
- Year 1 - Hope
- Year 2 - Nathan
- Year 3 - Emmie
- Year 4 – Jack G
- Year 5 - Keiran
- Year 6 – Charlotte

## Ambassador Roles

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

## House Captains

- Red Ruby – Isla-Jayne
- Green Emerald – Seb
- Blue Sapphire – Jack
- Yellow Diamond – Keiran

- Eco Ambassador - Rachael
- Learning Ambassador - Emily
- Creativity Ambassador - Dylan
- Harmony Ambassador – Isla
- Fellowship Ambassador - Bethany
- PE Ambassador – Isla

We look forward to working with you all in September!

## Class News

### Hedgehog Class

Hedgehogs have worked so hard and they should all be incredibly proud of the progress they have made. In English, we have been looking at the Hairy Maclary stories. We created our own characters and produced our own versions of the stories. In Maths, Reception have been consolidating their knowledge and understanding of numbers to 20. Year 1s have been developing place value knowledge of numbers to 100; learning their number bonds to 10; and doubles to 10 off by heart and also learning about fractions and time. For our Topic, we have been practising our sewing skills. We all learnt how to sew a simple running stitch and Year 1s learnt how to applique details to fabric and sew on buttons. The standard of sewing was very high!

### Squirrel Class

We have had a very busy last half term in Squirrel Class. We continued with our topic on Magnificent Monarchs by finishing off our research about British Monarchs before deciding which we felt was the most powerful and why. In Science, we investigated microhabitats and life cycles. Watching and comparing mealworms with super worms life cycles was a highlight - how they changed from small/large worms to pupas and finally into beetles was fascinating (being able to compare them enriched the experience). In D&T, we focused on sewing skills by exploring the designer Cath Kidston before designing and making their own luggage tags. We had to build up skills before making our final product, such as drawing and cutting templates, using a running stitch, embellishing and gluing. It was pretty tricky, however, we all took home a great tag that we had worked hard on.

During English, we worked on writing our own poetry in the style of list poems and developed our creative extended writing skills by using an inspirational picture as stimulus for our ideas.

In Maths, we continued to work on fractions by finding halves, quarters and thirds of objects, numbers and shapes as well as looking at telling the time. Squirrels have had a fantastic year! We hope you all have a wonderful summer.

### Foxes Class

This final half term of the year has been full of exciting learning. In English, we have looked at the poem 'Jabberwocky' and the children have been incredibly enthusiastic and creative. They learnt the poem and created their own illustrated versions. We have also used the text 'The Day I Swapped my Dad for Two Goldfish'. We worked on adjectives, punctuation and creating our own narratives. In Maths, we have deepened our understanding of decimals, times and negative numbers. The children have also been working very hard to learn and improve their recall speed and inverse operation of their times tables. Our topic this half term has been Ancient Egyptians. We have looked at various aspects including: hierarchy; Pharaohs; inventions; farming and mummification. We have compared this period of history to Ancient Sumer. In D&T we built and designed moving vehicles. Photo editing has been our focus in Computing. In Art, we have looked at Islamic art - learning the features and have used our knowledge to create clay work and drawings.

### Badger Class

This half term has been an amazing one for Badger Class! We have analysed a variety of World War One poems in our teaching of reading - unpicking some tricky vocabulary and the metaphors hiding within. The children have enjoyed discovering the hidden messages the poets have placed in what seems to be simple verses. In Maths, we practiced our 'process of elimination' and 'trial and error' skills to solve murder mystery problems and 'guess my number' activities - we really had to read the information carefully a few times for those tricky ones. And finally, they made us all proud with their performance of 'Pantastic' showing off their acting skills in one of the longest plays we have ever performed - there are definitely some stars in the making.

Well done Year 5 and 6, you are a brilliant lot!

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*Matthew 19:26*

## Some Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Break up for summer holidays (1:15pm early finish).
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Years 1-6 return to school Reception stay and play 9.15am-10.15am.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Curriculum evening.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	9:00am - FOG AGM all welcome.

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