



Grendon Primary School
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A note from Mrs Ridley...

We are pleased to announce that we are about to launch Facebook at Grendon! We have listened to how you would like to stay more up to date with events and decided to set up our own Grendon Primary School Facebook page through which we can communicate quickly and easily and share all of our amazing good news stories. This enables us to have another form of communication, adding to our regularly updated website, emails and Microsoft Teams, (for homework - see separate note). We will launch after half term on November 7th and so please search 'Grendon Primary School' on Facebook and follow our page. At this stage, we will not be allowing comments on our page. Followers of our school page will remain private, only we will be able to see them. We also kindly ask that you do not attempt to 'request friends' with any members of staff, they are not allowed to accept them as part of our school policy. Should you need to contact a member of staff, please continue to use the class email address or send an email to: enquiry@grendon.bham.sch.uk. We are excited to be able to show you some of the wonderful work and events that happen every day at Grendon and hope you will join us on this journey and share our page with all your family and friends.

We thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes
Mrs Ridley

Important Reminders

- **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3:20PM ON FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER FOR HALF TERM. WE RE-OPEN TO PUPILS ON TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER.**
- A reminder to report your child's absence. You need to call the office before 9:00am. Please clearly state your child's name and class and reason for absence.
- Book Bags and PE kits are required in school every day.
- **Dinner money is increasing after half term to £13.00 per week, payable in advance on a Monday, through Schoolmoney. Please pay promptly. All lunch changes must be made in advance.**
- **Please return your completed Annual Consent forms asap.**

Harvest Festival-Thanks!

Thank you to those of you who attended our Harvest assemblies on Monday and for all your donations. It was lovely to see so many of you. Over 40 bags were delivered to Yardley Wood Food Pantry and they were overwhelmed with your kindness and generosity.



ART DAY



On **Thursday 26th October**, we are holding a whole school Art day. All children can come to school dressed in bright and colourful clothes, in fact the brighter the better! During the day the children will be working on answering an exciting art question, which for now we are keeping to ourselves! Children will look at the work of artists, learn new skills and complete their very own piece of artwork all in order to answer the question! Once children have formed their opinion; they will then hold a debate in their year groups before sharing their thoughts with the rest of the school in an end of the day assembly. At the end of the day, once all of the children are dismissed, we will invite you to come and view your children's work at 3.25pm. They can explain to you their opinion on the question we have been working towards answering!

Photograph Day is **Wednesday 25th October**. All children are required to wear full school uniform.

Children who have siblings in school will have their photograph taken together unless you tell us otherwise.

Photographs will be available to view and order online.



Feel Good Friday



On the last day of each half term, children will be taking part in Feel Good Friday in school. Feel Good Friday delivers our Grendon Goal 'Nurture our Health and Wellbeing' and is part of our whole school 'Wellbeing Strategy' which is focussed on supporting children's physical, emotional and mental health.

On Feel Good Friday, children will spend time with their class and class teacher and will do an activity they have planned together. All classes have planned different activities - some are relaxing, some are creative, some are sporty but everyone will have the chance to try something enjoyable and to spend time working alongside their class.

This half term, Feel Good Friday is planned for **Friday 27th October**. All our activities this half term will be linked to the Grendon Goal 'Respect Children's Rights'. Why not ask your child what they have planned for Feel Good Friday? We will be sure to put some photos on the website so you can see the different things children have taken part in.

On the same afternoon, we will be celebrating all the children who have talents, interests and hobbies outside of school in our 'Out Of School Awards'. If your child takes part in any clubs or activities out of school, then we would love them to share this with their class and will reward them with a special certificate. Children can bring in trophies, certificates, badges or uniform from their activities. We look forward to seeing swimming badges, cubs or brownie badges, music certificates, judo belts, football trophies, gymnastics certificates and anything else you can amaze us with! Children should bring any awards in from Monday 23rd and pass these to their class teacher who will keep them safe and return them on Friday 27th.

HOMEWORK CHANGES

After half term, homework for children from Year 1 - Year 6 will be found on Microsoft Teams. This is because Teams can be accessed from any device, in any place, at any time. It allows children to submit homework directly back to teachers to provide feedback. It also better prepares children for the next steps in their education. All children received their login details, (email address and password), on the password information sheet that was given out individually at the start of the year. The instructions attached will help you to access this. Please try it out, but remember that homework will not be on Teams until 10th November!

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING!



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| 23 October | Flu Vaccinations for all pupils who have consented. |
| 25 October | School Photographs |
| 26 October | Whole School Creativity Day - Art |
| 27 October | Feel Good Friday & Out of School Awards - School closes at 3:20pm for half term |
| 6 November | School closed to pupils for Teacher Training |
| 7 November | School re-opens to pupils |
| 9 November | Year 1 Share Session - Toys 'Pop Up' Uniform Shop at 3:10pm |
| 15 November | Grendon Open Day: 2-3pm & 6-7pm |
| 16 November | Year 3 Stone Age Workshop in school |
| 17 November | Junior Leader Day - 'Children in Need' |
| 21 November | Year 5 visit to National Space Centre |
| 29 November | Y2 Share Session: Animals Fire Service visiting Y4 at 2pm |
| 13 December | Christmas Lunch |
| 15 December | Feel Good Friday/Out of School Awards |
| 19 December | Nativity in school (am) KS1 & KS2 Christmas Parties (pm) |
| 22 December | School Closes for Christmas break at 1:30pm |
| 8 January 24 | School closed to pupils for Teacher Training |
| 9 January 24 | School re-opens to pupils |

Full details of events will be sent out in advance
Our website is regularly updated with new events
Dates correct at time of going to print!

Local Authority Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 4 September 2023
Half Term: Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November
Term Ends: Friday 22 December 2023

Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 January 2024
Half Term: Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February
Terms ends: Friday 22 March

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 April
Half Term: Monday 27 May 2023 to Friday 1 June
Term Ends: Monday 22 July

**Teacher Training Days when school is closed to pupils:
6th November 2023, 8th January 2024 & 22 July 2024**

YEAR 6 GRAFFITI WORKSHOP - What a great Day we had!



In Year 6, we had an awesome graffiti workshop. Expert's came to show us how to learn the ropes and the final product looks amazing! Our graffiti workshop is linked to PSHE and we had to write an inspiring word on it.

Like an artist called Banksy, who remains a mystery to the world, we used stencils.

Emilie-Rose told me what she thought of the workshop, here's what she said," It was excellent because we got to use spray paint and make some beautiful art! It was an amazing experience!"

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Junior Leaders Whole School Charity Day - Children in Need



On Friday 17th November 2023, the whole school will be taking part in a range of activities supporting Children in Need. The theme this year is 'Challenge Yourself and Be SPOTacular'. The children will be taking part in the Joe Wicks 'Bearpees challenge', Dance challenge, Health and Well-being tasks and researching the good causes supported by Children in Need. The Junior Leaders have asked that a £1 voluntary contribution is made via school money to support the charities. Please come to school in sports clothing and trainers (no football shirts) for the day. If you can include anything yellow or spotted in your outfit, even better!

Children's Rights



Article 12

I have the right to an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously.

This month our Year 4 children are beginning their work on the Unicef OUTRIGHT campaign.

They will be working alongside children from all over the UK to make a change!

The focus of the campaign is on climate change and the effect of the changing climate on children's rights.

We wish our Y4 children lots of luck with their activism and we cannot wait to hear what they get up to.



5 STAR FOOD HYGIENE AWARD!

Congratulations to Janet, Lisa and Kitchen staff for achieving a 5 star Food Hygiene award.

Well done Ladies!



'POP UP' UNIFORM SHOP

We have a substantial amount of good quality second-hand uniform in school. By way of helping families will be offering you the chance to 'help yourself' to these items.

This will be held in the KS1 hall on Thursday 9th November

OPEN EVENING September 2024 Intake

Wednesday 15th November
Times: 2pm-3pm and 6pm-7pm

SWIMMING:

Year 5 will be swimming after half term.

5F will swim on Tuesday
5H will swim on Friday



SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2024. Don't be late - be aware of the closing date!

Secondary school applications must be submitted by 31st October 2023 You must apply on line at:
www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Toilets

Please be aware we do not have toilets for public use.

Office Opening Hours

8:40 - 9:00am
3:10 - 3:30pm

