



Grendon Primary School
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Dear Parents/Carers,

You will know that for the last few years, our Junior Leaders have been working hard to reduce congestion and improve safety on Grendon Road, especially before and after school. They have been successful in getting yellow lines painted, speed warning signs on Grendon Road and an air quality monitor installed on our school building. They have worked with many local councillors and have even visited the Town Hall in Birmingham.

Despite all of their hard work, I'm afraid that their impact is limited. As you know, there are still too many cars driving along and parking on Grendon Road. This is a serious concern for us: we are worried about your children's safety. I know that this is not the first time that you have heard me say this, as I constantly ask for your cooperation. We know now this is something we cannot change on our own.

Just before half term, Junior Leaders organised our whole school Road Safety Day, where everyone worked hard to find different ways to communicate their thoughts to you. We have now put all of their hard work together in a video which is available here:

<https://www.grendon.bham.sch.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=2&storyid=314>

Please take the time to watch this. We are very proud of what they have produced and their message to you is clear. Please listen to them.

Best wishes
Mrs Ridley



Year 6 Secondary School Offer Information:

Secondary school offers will be made on Friday 1 March 2024.

Offer emails will be sent by the local authority on Friday; it is expected that parent/carers will receive their emails by 4pm - the exact time will depend on their email service provider.

Parent/carers will also receive their child's offer by letter from 2 March 2024.

Waiting lists in Birmingham will not be made available for families until Monday 25 March 2024. Waiting list information will not be available before that date.

Applications received after the final closing date (31 October 2023) will be considered after applications received on time and processed after 1 March 2024.

WORLD BOOK DAY - 7th MARCH

On World Book Day, children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character or if they prefer, something linked to their class pages. We are asking for a donation of a pound to dress up; this should be paid using SchoolMoney.

Throughout the day we will keep you updated through posts on Facebook, so make sure you keep an eye out to see what all the classes are up to!

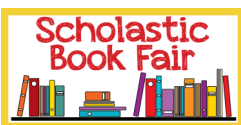
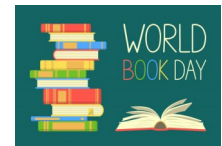
If you have any children's magazines at home that you no longer want; please send them into your child's class teacher or give them to any of the teachers on duty in the playground each morning. Please support us in these two exciting events to get Grendon reading even more!

Don't forget all things we already do to promote reading outside the curriculum... we have Wheelers eBooks, where you will find loads of new titles that are constantly being updated. Also, if you make it onto the top 10 readers board you get a house point!

The library is also open before school at:
8.10am - 8.20am (no entrance after this time).

Monday - Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 only
Tuesday - Y1 and Y2 only
Thursday - For siblings that are unable to attend on any other day.

If you are unable to attend library but would like to borrow a book let Miss Clarke or Miss Caro know.



A BIG Thank You for supporting this event. It was a huge success which means we can buy lots of lovely books for the classrooms and library!

Congratulations to the 'We Can' magazine competition winners. There were 5 winners with the overall winner being Myesha, whose design will appear on the front cover of the magazine.

Well done everyone!



Children's Rights

Children's Rights is one of our Grendon's Goals. 'Respect children's rights'

We achieved our gold RRSA award in 2022 and are proud to currently be one of only 40 Birmingham Schools who hold the award.

Being a rights respecting school means we teach children ABOUT, FOR and THROUGH their rights under the 1991 United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Holding this award demonstrates that our school puts children's well-being and supporting children to achieve their full potential at the heart of our school. Children are taught about equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation. They learn about themselves as global citizens. Children have children's rights lessons each half term and our assemblies also link to the UNCRC.

ROAD SAFETY DAY

The launch of the Grendon Road Safety video will take place today, Friday 1st March at 3:30pm. There will be information placed onto the website and Facebook linked to the Video.



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING!



05 March	Y1 visit to 'All Things Wild'
07 March	World Book Day
8 March	Reception Eye Tests in school Seed Sale after school at 3:10pm
12 March	Year 3 & 4 Football Competition 4:00-5:30pm
14 March	Y5 French 'Au Café' POSTPONED-see below
19 March	Y3 Parent Share - Art & Textiles
20 March	KS2 Easter Assembly Y1 Dance Track Auditions
21 March	KS1 Bonnet Parade
22 March	Feel Good Friday/Out of School Awards School closes for Easter holiday at 3:20pm School re-opens to staff & pupils
08 April	Blackwell Court Parent Meeting at 3:30pm
09 April	St Briavels Residential
17-18 April	Reception visit to Tamworth Castle
25 April	Parent Share - French 'Au Café' - New Date!
25 April	Class Photos & Y6 Individual portraits
2 May	School closed for May Day Holiday
06 May	Life Education Visit for children in Y2,3,4 & 5
7-8 May	Y4 & Y6 Parent Workshops
9 May	KS1 Sports Day
21 May	KS2 Sports Day
22 May	Y6 Share Day
23 May	Feel Good Friday/Out of School Awards
24 May	School closes for half term at 3:20pm
24 May	School re-opens to staff and pupils
4 June	Summer Fayre!
20 June	

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!

EASTER CELEBRATIONS 20th & 21st MARCH

20th March - KS2 Easter Assembly - 9:15am prompt.

If you have a child within KS2, please come along to watch the performance and listen to the Easter songs.
As learning about other religions is part of our usual school curriculum and this is taking part in school, all children will be watching if they are not performing.
We ask you to let us know if you want your child withdrawn from this assembly.

21st March - We are organising an Easter Bonnet Parade for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This will begin at 9:15am prompt.



We would like as many children as possible to take part. The only thing that you need to do is to design and create an Easter themed bonnet with your child for them to wear in the parade. Please be as creative as you can. You could use Easter pictures or accessories, such as chicks, feathers, eggs, bunnies etc. There will be a winner for the best Easter themed bonnet from each class, but all who take part will get a small prize.

Remember that it's the taking part that counts!

We are holding a Seed Sale on Friday 8th March at 3:10pm.

You will find Mrs Beedon either under the Pagoda or in KS1 Hall, weather dependant!

We look forward to seeing you!



Toilets

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

Local Authority Term Dates 2023-2024

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

Autumn Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 2 September
Half-term: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November
Term ends: Friday 20 December

**Teacher Training Days when school is closed to pupils:
22 July 2024**

Governing Board Vacancy



We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and/or Community Governor. This could be a relative or friend.

We are looking for you to have:

- The curiosity to question and analyse,
- A willingness to learn,
- Good inter-personal skills,
- Appropriate levels of Maths & English,
- Commitment to attend regular meetings.

Financial or HR experience would be beneficial, but not a requirement.

This is a great opportunity for you to make a difference to the school, empower students and enable positive change.

For more information about the role or the application process, please contact Mrs Rainford.

Should you wish to apply, please email: arainford@grendon.bham.sch.uk or call into the office for an Application Form.

Reception Place Offers: Process for September 2024

If you applied online and provided an email address, an email will be sent to you from Birmingham City Council on **Tuesday 16th April 2024**, to tell you which primary school your child has been offered.
We cannot guarantee the exact time you will receive your email as this depends on your service provider. However, it is expected that you will receive your offer by 4pm on Tuesday 16 April 2024.

They will also send a formal offer letter posted by 1st class post on Tuesday 16 April 2024; allow at least three working days for your letter to arrive.

The offer letter will explain how to accept or refuse the offer that has been made. Do not contact Birmingham City Council before you have received the offer of a school place.

The school admissions team cannot tell you which primary school place has been offered to your child by phone or email.
You must have received your email or letter before contacting the school admissions team.

If you have not received your email or letter by Monday 22 April 2024, you may contact school admissions.

World Book Day Costumes

Thank you for the kind donations; however we did not receive enough to hold a 'swap shop' so will keep them for future events.

Y5 French 'Au Café'

Due to staff absence we have moved the date of this event to **Thursday 25th April**.

