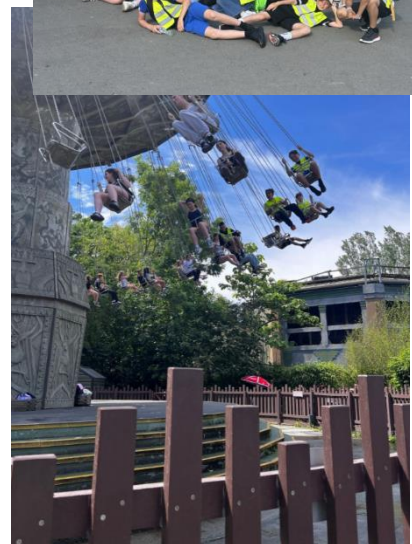


Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another academic year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the various events and milestones that we have celebrated together at our school throughout Term 6.

Firstly, we bid farewell to our Year 6 children, we honor the incredible journey they have undertaken during their time with us. We wish them all the best as they transition to secondary school, equipped with the knowledge and skills they have acquired at our school. They have all grown and developed into wonderful children, who I know will achieve great things. I hope they visit us in the future and share their successes and tell us about their next chapter. We adore you all and thank you for being a part of Grove Park school.

Here are some pictures that show their fun activities week.





I would also like to express our appreciation for the enthusiastic participation and sportsmanship displayed at our recent Community Sports Day. It was a joy to see our children excel in various sporting activities, demonstrating teamwork and perseverance. We thank you for attending and supporting your children, establish within the family fun zone where we saw lots of smiling faces and laughter. These events take carefully planning and preparation, so thank you for our PE team and staff who held a very enjoyable event.



This term we took our Accelerated Reader winners to Waterstone to pick a book. The children have a chance to win this prize every term through reading and taking their AR quizzes. I hope we see lots of children attended this trip next year and continue to read for pleasure.

We would like to say a big thank you to you all for supporting our successful “Dance the Day Away” event, which raised £178.29. The money raised goes to Demelza, who we know support many young families within our local community.

As well as this event our HSA have held many events which have been very successful, including our Father’s Day sale, Discos and the Summer Fete. Without their hard work and dedication, we would be limited on school resources and not able to fulfil some our projects. They are an asset to the school, and we hope next year you continue to support them with different events.



Another highlight this term has been the amazing Peter Pan production. I am blown away with the children who took part in this year’s show. We saw many children bravely singing solos, performing in front of a packed hall and work as one in the Choir. It is a highlight in our school calendar that everyone looks forward to and once again it was fantastic. Well done to you all. Thank you to the many staff who helped with props, costumes, scenery, and make-up. A special thank you to Mrs Barney and Mrs Watton, who lead their clubs all year round to produce a wonderful treat.



I would like to offer our extended heartfelt thanks to all the local businesses that have generously supported our school projects this year especially Cuddle Corner.

Munio, Cherry Trees - Teynham Landscapes, M. Belsom & Son Ltd, Agricultural and Countryside Fencing, and County Sheds have all played vital roles in setting up our cuddle corner, providing resources for Forest Schools, and offering homes for our beloved pets. We are truly grateful for their contributions and more so that they did it without hesitation. The area is now complete and hosts 3 rabbits and 4 guinea pigs, all of which are settling in nicely. This would not have been possible without Mrs Day and her family, who have crept into the school each weekend to build, paint and make the area. You are all so dedicated to improving our school and we are grateful for the time and effort you have given.

Lastly, as we prepare to say goodbye to some members of our staff, please refer to the separate letter that has been sent home detailing these changes and we hope you have had a chance to meet next years staff during our recent transition event. We will be holding a similar session in September, where you will be informed of topics and coverage within our topics.

I am immensely proud of our school community for coming together to celebrate these events and achievements throughout the academic year. I look forward to continuing this positive momentum in the upcoming year and seeing what the future holds for our children.

Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration in providing our students with a nurturing and enriching educational experience. We wish you all a very enjoyable summer break.



Giraffe Class Term 6



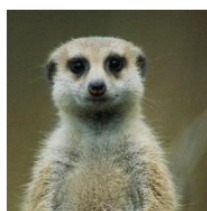
Our topic on summertime and the beach started by reading 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson. We talked and wrote about the story and made lists about what we would like to do during the summer holidays. After watching a clip of 'Tamatoa' (the crab from 'Moana'), we looked at lots of different sea creatures and labelled as many as we could. We have also talked, and written, about what we did on our school trip to the beach.

At the end of June, Giraffe Class visited Minster Beach on the Isle of Sheppey. We loved riding in the minibus and going up and over the bridge. On the beach we paddled in the sea, threw stones in the water and collected shells and crab's legs! The waves were really big and kept catching us by surprise - so we got rather wet!



In our creative time, we have been painting characters from our storybooks and making boats out of junk materials and paper plates. Every week we have a visit from Mrs Pastor, our French teacher, who is teaching us the names for different animals and how to sing some simple French songs. In PE, our sports day practises paid off and we had a wonderful 'sunny' morning to show off our skills. It was great fun and we all enjoyed ourselves.

We continue to work hard with our writing and are getting better at remembering our finger spaces and full stops. In maths we have made pictures using 2D shapes, played 'detectives' to guess the missing number and made and continued simple patterns.



This week we have met our new teacher and visited our new 'Year One' classroom. Although it will be a big change, we are looking forward to moving up into the next class where we will no longer be the youngest children in Grove Park School. We have enjoyed our first year in Giraffe Class and have learnt many new things.

Meerkat Class- Year 1

This term, Year 1's topic was 'We've got the whole world in our hands'.

We have looked at ways to protect our planet and the environment. We made posters to suggest ways we could help and went litter picking too.



We think people should try harder to put their rubbish in the bin! We have also been thinking about 'saying sorry' and how people from different religions might say sorry in different ways. This helped us when we read our English book about the giant too. Did you know Jewish people use a shofar to say sorry. We know 'sorry' means we will try hard not to do it again.

In **Science**, we have been looking closely at plants and seeds and what they need to grow and be healthy. We have learned about different trees and plants and recognise some trees are deciduous and some are evergreen. We observed different flowers in our environment and even grew our own cress and peas!



Finally, don't forget to work through your Summer home learning pack so we are ready to start year 2!
Have a wonderful Summer break!!



In **English** this term, we have enjoyed reading 'Grandad's Secret Giant' We thought about how everyone is different and everyone is welcome and how this applied to the giant when everyone ran away from him. We have learned to use adjectives (describing words) in our

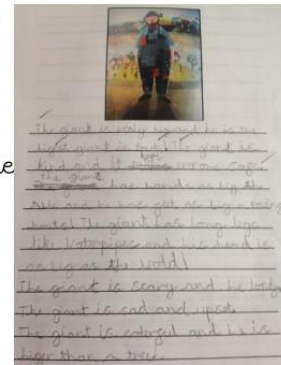
writing to make our writing

interesting.

We have become really good at

using capital letters and full

stops too!



In **Maths** we have been using numbers to 100 and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We can read o'clock and half past times and try hard to draw them carefully with long and short hands. We know our left and right (mostly!) and recognise coins and their values.



Respect Responsible Resilience Resourceful

Well done to all the class for trying hard to follow and show our 4 values in class and around school. The following children have received certificates for showing these values. It has been very difficult to choose!

Esmae Remy Nahla Evie
Scarlett Ted

Term 6 in Lion Class

Our Value Champions this term were:

Phebe, Kayla, Oakley, Sean, Ellie, Jimmy

Well done, we are so proud of you for demonstrating our school values, keep it up!



As we have been learning all about the Great Fire of London this term, our writing has been based off this. We have looked closely at non-fiction texts and its features. In week 4, our task was to write some instructions on how to make bread, just like they did in Pudding Lane.

We decided to bake some bread in order to write the instructions clearly. The children loved following instructions, working together and eating the bread too! The children have written some amazing instructions, which were clear and precise!



+ In maths this term, we have finished our tricky time unit and looked at problem solving. It is important for the children to understand what the word problem is asking them to do.



In Art, the children made some beautiful multimedia art inspired by the Great Fire.



French day! The children came to school in blue, red and white. We had a fun filled day working with children from Fulston Manor. The children also had the opportunity to play pétanque. They had a great time, even though it did try to rain! We then came in and decorated some biscuits with the French flag.



In our discovery lessons, we have looked at how and why the fire spread so fast and the impact it had on the city. We spoke about how they put the fire out. We thought we'd give it a try ourselves! We then decided to race Snowy Owl class and of course Lion class won!



Where do I even begin? I have loved teaching your children for the last two years. They are such polite and hard working children who are keen to learn. They have made everyday so much fun and have made coming to work an absolute joy! I also want to thank you as parents for your consistent support and loveliness! You have all been a complete dream to work alongside. I know your children will continue to thrive and succeed in year 3, purely by the attitudes they show towards their learning. Good luck and thank you again!

Miss Hazel x

THANK YOU

Elephant Newsletter Term



Term 6 has finally arrived and brings an end to another exciting year at Grove Park. As you can imagine, work has not slowed down, and the children are continuing to try hard and work purposefully right to the end of the term. We have been busy with sports day, Roman Day, and French Day and of course Transition days to visit our new teacher and classroom. Ayo and Austin have been busier than us when they had the chance to go to Forest School and improve their environmental skills too.

This year our sports day was organised by the Iwade School sports team and was enjoyed by all. Activities ranging from leaking water cup races and space hoppers races to obstacle races and the old favourite the egg and spoon. These were great fun! We even had a parent and child zone to encourage the children to show off their skills to their mums and dads.



Roman Day was a brilliant adventure for Year 3! A Roman soldier, Titus Flavius visited our school to put the children through basic legionary training. The children learnt how to march to the sound of a drum and fight with shields and swords. The children had the chance to handle replica weapons and wear Roman armour, chain mail and helmets. Outside on the playground, the children made a testudo and were pelted with water sponges to test the strength of their formation. This was loved by the children, as well as the adults. who did the throwing.

Mr Pastor and a group of Year 9 pupils from Fulston Manor came into school to help us celebrate our French Day. The theme of the day was 'The Paris Olympics 2024'. The students taught our class some of the names of the events in French and challenged us to a game to see what we could remember. Of course, Elephants won!! During the day, we plotted the Tour de France cycle route and created a collaborative piece of art to celebrate this event.




Well done to the following children who excelled in our school values.

- Week 1 - Resilience- Ashley
- Week 2 -Resilience - Imogen
- Week 3- Resourceful-Hayden
- Week 4- Respect-Aleem
- Week 5- Resilience- Martha –
- Week 6- Responsibility-Elsie, Penny and Deborah
- Week 7-Values Champion

Miss Thornton, Mrs Wheatley and myself, would like to thank the children for being a super class this year. We have enjoyed watching their skills improve and maturity flourish. We would like to finish by wishing you all a wonderful summer holiday.





Zebra Class

Term 6 Newsletter



Term 6



Mrs Mason and I would like to start this newsletter by saying a huge thank you to both the children and parents of Zebra class for a fantastic year. It has been a pleasure to be the teaching staff to such an amazing class.

This term the children have worked very hard on their maths and we have continued with our decimals topic. We have also looked at 2d shapes and angles.

In English we have looked at writing diary entries, punctuating speech and researching Egyptian gods for fact files.

During our discovery lessons the children have looked at hieroglyphics, mummification and canopic jars. We mummified a fish, which they were both fascinated and disgusted by, and made canopic jars from clay. In art and DT the children have made Ancient Egyptian scrolls and sewn Egyptian collars.

In science we have continued with states of matter and investigated freezing points of liquids including foods in our kitchens.

We would like to finish by wishing 2023/2024 Zebra class all the very best for year 5 and remind them how very proud we have been to be their year 4 teaching team.

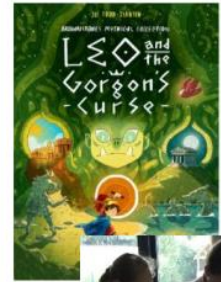
Have a fantastic summer holiday and I'm sure I will see you around the school in September.

Well done to all of our values winners this year.

Rhino Class



In term 6, our topic has been "Ancient Greece". The children have loved learning about life in Ancient Greece. The children immersed into the culture and how the Greeks have influenced our lives today.



The children have been fully immersed in this term's topic, with reading, writing, geography, history, art, and D+T all linking in some way to Ancient Greece. The children made Greek columns out of chalk, conducted debates, and even made a Greek salad and flatbread. Rhino class learnt so many essential culinary skills and now have no reason not to support in chopping the salad in preparation for the BBQs over the summer.



We also see the introduction of our new steam teams! The children have now been divided into new colours. The children in Rhino class created speeches to become captain or vice-captain of their new steam teams, which was decided in a democratic vote with all children in Serengeti community. We would like to say a huge well done to all children who stood up and delivered their speeches and a huge congratulations to those who were awarded the new roles for next year.

Scientists Captain Sofia Vice Captain Aaliyah
Thinkers Captain Charley Vice Captain Louie
Engineers Captain Lily Vice Captain Dylan
Artists Captain Bella Vice Captain Ollie
Mathematicians Captain Mia Vice Captain Ore

- Scientists
- Thinkers
- Engineers
- Artists
- Mathematicians

Huge congratulations to our values champions this term: Darcy, Connor, Toby, Wynne, Mia, Ollie and Sofia.

We hope you have an excellent summer holiday and enjoy the break from school. Rhino class have worked extremely well this year and as a collective made huge improvements. I hope they can continue to thrive and succeed as they move into year 6 with their new class team. Thank you for all the fun in year 5! You will be missed!

In term 1, year 6 the topic will be "WW2"

OSTRICH CLASS



We have made it through to the final term and what a busy term it has been! We have had our sports day, a visit from Don Rae, the leavers' disco, a French day, trips to the cinema, Chessington and Faversham and of course the children have had their transition days at secondary school. We have also had children out and about representing the school in various sports events; we have had fantastic feedback to let us know how well they upheld the school's values. We had the same feedback from the PE team when we had half of Ostrich Class out helping at Arctic Community's sports day. Well done to all involved!



Chessington was an excellent day; we were really lucky with the weather and the park was quiet enough for us to get on all of the rides. It was brilliant to see children challenging themselves and overcoming their fears. They did us proud with how they conducted themselves around the park too.



We had an awesome sports day that the children really enjoyed. The PE team did a great job of organising everything and setting it up for us.



The children have enjoyed the opportunity to immerse themselves in nature during their forest school sessions. Thank you, Mrs Day!



We had a visit from Kent Police which was very informative and gave the children some useful information about keeping themselves safe as they move forward to secondary school.

A huge well done to all of our values certificate winners this term.



All that's left for us to say is a final farewell to our year 6s and we wish you every success at secondary school.