

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.



Term 6 in Polar Bear Class

We took part in our very first Sports Day! It was great fun!



In Science we met Boyan Slat and compared the seasons.



The Numberblocks have been helping us to learn 2d shapes, repeating patterns, and adding amounts to make 10. We have used tens frames, part-part whole models and writing sums.

This term has been a very busy one! We started off with Snail and the Whale. We wrote messages on rocks and wrote about the front cover.



We took part in French day. We got to dress up, attend a special assembly and had a workshop with some Year 9 students from Fulston.



We explored different materials and if they absorb water or not in order to design and create our own boats.



We had a fantastic trip to Minster Beach. We found and held crabs, threw stones, created faces and initials of our names with the stones.

We have had transition afternoons with our Year 1 teachers and had fun meeting them.

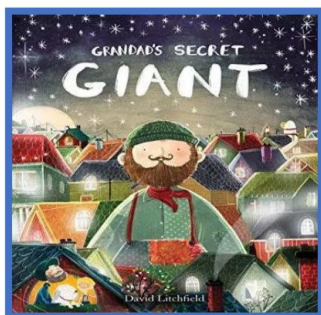
We have enjoyed every moment of watching you grow this year! Keep being little superstars!

We hope you have the most fantastic summer & we will miss you lots!



Puffin Class

This term Puffin class have enjoyed investigating Growing and the changing Season. We have been learning about the world around us and helping to look after our environment.



In science, we have been learning about plants, we have enjoyed comparing how the plants in our surroundings change. We have loved investigating what seeds need to help them germinate.



We had such fun looking after our environment and became absolute experts using the litter pickers.

In our discovery work, we have been learning about different fruits and vegetables and we even spent time investigating how they decompose!



We are very proud of all of the Puffin children as they have successfully completed Year One. We wish them all good luck in Year 2. We are sure they will continue to shine 😊.



We are very excited to tell you that we have loved learning about time and we hope to help you tell the time in the holidays 😊

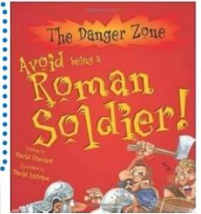


Congratulations to our school values certificate winners this term; Liam, Eli, Reggie, Isla, Millie.

Narwhal Class

This term in Narwhal Class our topic was 'Roman Britain.'

We have been reading a book called 'Avoid Being a Roman Soldier!'. The children have really enjoyed learning what life was like as a Roman soldier and they fully immersed themselves in Roman Day with our Roman visitor. The children were taught how to march like a soldier and were able to handle replica weapons and armour.



We also celebrated French Day, which was great! The children had a blast learning how to play pétanque, also known as French boules. It was wonderful to see everyone trying out this new game. They also learnt names of different sporting events that will be held at the 2024 Olympics in Paris.

Sports Day was a huge success! This year, we shook things up a bit with some new and exciting activities. The standout favourite was definitely the water challenge.



Other subject areas that the children have learnt this term

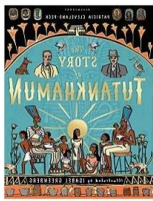
- ☑ PSHE— Zones of Regulation
- ☑ Maths— mass and capacity
- ☑ Science – forces
- ☑ Art and DT – Roman shields and chariots



After teaching this wonderful class for two years, it's time for me to say goodbye. It has been an absolute joy to watch your children grow and learn, and I will miss them dearly. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents for your support and excellent communication. Working in partnership with you has been invaluable and truly appreciated. Wishing you all a fantastic summer and every success in the future!

Arctic Fox

This term our Discovery topic continued with 'The Egyptians'. We continued our exploration of Tutankhamun's tomb through our Pathways to Read work, and explored mummification, gods and The Afterlife. We even created our own mummy - Geoffrey, the mummified fish!



To continue our history exploration into The Ancient Egyptians, the children used their collaborative skills and worked in groups over a series of lessons to research different aspects of Ancient Egyptian life. The children then created a poster of their findings and presented it as a group.

For DT this term we have been very busy creating our own Canopic Jars from clay and perfecting our appliqué skills by creating an Egyptian collar.



We had a fantastic day at The British Museum. We were very excited to see The Rosetta stone and see some real mummies. We also spotted some artefacts from our local area too!



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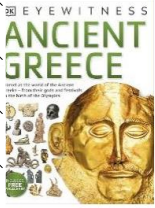
Congratulations to all our values winners this year. You are truly fantastic role models. Great job!



Wishing all our families and friends a safe and happy summer holidays. Have a good rest and we look forward to teaching you again next year! Get ready for some hard work Snow Leopards!



Year 5 - Snow Leopards

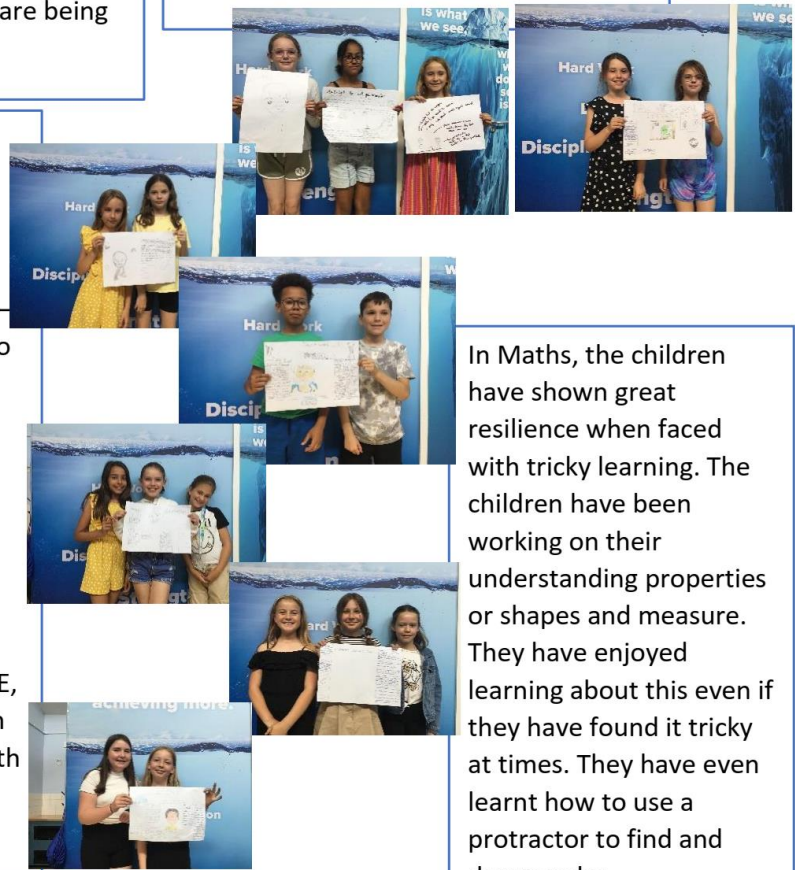


Linking to our topic, in English we have been using 'Eyewitness, Ancient Greece' to give us lots of factual information about all aspects of ancient Greece. The children have thoroughly enjoyed researching the ancient Greeks and have completed plenty of debates and posters around different aspects. In Reading, we have looked at 'Leo and the Gorgon's curse' by Joe Todd-Stanton. The children thoroughly enjoyed this book as they followed Leo through his adventure about learning that you do not always have to fight even if you are being told you should!

Our topic this term has been Ancient Greece. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the Greeks and how much we still use today, including some of their alphabet! The children have been emersed in all of their learning about the Ancient Greeks and demonstrated some fantastic understanding, They have enjoyed making lots of posters and even carried out their own presentation on different Greek philosophers.

Also, this term we have looked at the following topics:

- Art/DT – This term the children have enjoyed used chalk and charcoal to create Greek columns – this got very messy! They have also demonstrated some fantastic culinary skills and created a Greek salad and flatbreads.
- RE – We have explored the big question of 'How does what you believe affect what you choose to eat.' The children have enjoyed learning about this.
- PE – In both outdoor and indoor PE, the children have been working on their fielding and batting skills. With this, they have then played games of rounders and cricket.



In Maths, the children have shown great resilience when faced with tricky learning. The children have been working on their understanding properties or shapes and measure. They have enjoyed learning about this even if they have found it tricky at times. They have even learnt how to use a protractor to find and draw angles.

Congratulations to our value certificate winners this term – Isobel, Reggie, Skyla, James, Keira M and Lacey.



Year 6 - Reindeer Class



This term our topic was 'Great Adventurers'

This term we have created our own entries into the Great Adventurers book, producing a double page spread of Jacques Cousteau. These included introduction summaries, comic strips, poems, artwork, kit lists and more. We then went on to create our own explorations and adventurers using all of our discovery learning. Geography played a key part in this with our map skills.

In maths this term we have been recapping all of our learning by applying our knowledge and skills to solving various multi-step problems!

Reindeer at Chessington!



This term we have had many different activities going on in and out of school. We have thoroughly enjoyed our leavers trips and activities to the Light Cinema, Chessington & Faversham! A huge thank you to the HSA for our lovely leavers disco, photos & ice cream!



There are many things we have experienced as a last time at primary school this term. It was lovely to have a final opportunity to experience Don Rae dances again, either being a part of or watching on the field with the whole school. Our final sports day was a lot of fun with new activities, we particularly enjoyed family fun, experiencing this for the final time at primary school! Being able to have more time in Forest School and representing the school in sporting events have been key memories we will treasure.



We learnt important messages in transitioning to secondary school from our PC Laura Day from Kent Police. Transitioning has been a key focus of this term preparing as much as we can for secondary school and the future!



Other topics that the children in Year 6 have been studying this term: Music (French); Cross curricular DT & Computing - microbits; Safety and the Changing Body (PSHE); Striking & Fielding (PE); Music - Leaver's production songs: The Greatest Show,

A huge well done to Krish, Riley, Grace & Oscar for being our values certificate winners this term.

It has been a pleasure to be involved in Reindeer Class learning journey! We wish them all the best at Secondary School and in their futures - always remember to follow your dreams!