



The Bulletin

Our value of the week is **KINDNESS**.
We will be caring, considerate, helpful
and generous.



GRAZEBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2020

Message from Mrs Beecroft

Dear Grazebrook families

We have had a fantastic start to Autumn 2. Children have returned from their break focused, ready to learn and full of creativity. As part of our Untold Stories project, over the next few weeks, all children will be participating in workshops delivered by the Freshwater Theatre Company and Hackney Shed. The PSHE focus during lessons and workshops are:

N and R - Celebrating difference

Y1 - What make us the same? What makes us unique?

Y2 - Recognising similarities and respecting differences

Y3 - The importance of respecting rights and freedom

Y4 - Respecting differences

Y5 - Recognising prejudice and discrimination

Y6 - Diversity, discrimination and stereotypes

We will also be collaborating with the Ministry of Stories to create a Grazebrook poetry e-anthology. Children will write 'a recipe of me' in school. They will then invite you to collaborate with them to create 'a recipe of us' at home. Throughout our Untold Stories project, children will be using their iPads to gather content for class films which will capture their learning this term. Phase group newsletters will also keep you up-to-date with your child's learning. We will now alternate between phase group newsletters and whole school bulletins each week.

Covid-19 Updates

During this time of national lockdown we believe that the best place for our children to learn is at school and we want to assure families that our intention is to remain fully open this month, unless we are advised otherwise. Therefore, I would again like to thank all of you who have been helping us to be safe by wearing face coverings at drop off and pick up and by keeping distanced from other adults. Please also help us by not standing in groups with other families at the end of the day as this goes against current government guidance. Our most recent school risk assessment can be found in the policies section of our website. A flyer summarising the updated government guidance has been emailed with this issue of the Bulletin and will be available on our website. As ever, if you, your child or any member of your household shows symptoms of coronavirus or you are contacted via Test & Trace, please let the school know immediately. The link for booking tests can be found [here](#).



Key Dates



- 9.11.20 - 11.11.20
R-Y6 Freshwater Theatre Workshops
- 10.11.20
Y6 Portals to the Past Workshop
- 12.11.20
Virtual Parent Meetings (Half Day for Children)
- 13.11.20
Y3 Virtual Illustrator - Paul Howard Workshop
- 16.11.20
Odd Socks Day - anti-bullying week
- 20.11.20
R - Y6 Flu Vaccinations
- 23.11.20 - 27.11.20
R - Y6 Hackney Shed Workshops
- 05.12.20
PSA Book Drive
- 12.12.20
Christmas Jumper and Show Recording Day
- 16.12.20
Christmas Lunch
- 19.12.20
End of Term

Parent Council

New representatives have now been sent a confirmation email. We are still looking for reps for Nursery, 4B, 6G and 6B.

We are Historians...



PORTALS TO THE PAST

This term, our humanities focus is history. Children will be thinking carefully about their historical enquiry skills and how these link to their previous geography learning. Children will make links to prior history knowledge and other knowledge across the curriculum. Our topics are: Year 1 - Changes in living memory; Year 2 - The history of Hackney; Year 3 - Stone Age to Iron Age; Year 4 - The Romans; Year 5 - The Vikings; Year 6 - The Kingdom of Benin. Where possible, we will be giving children hands-on experiences like Year 4s Roman Portals to the Past day pictured.



Our Nursery topic is 'Going Places'. Our Reception topic is 'Animal Rescuers'.

During the week before half term we achieved a whole school attendance of 97.7%. Last week's figure was even more impressive at 98.4%. This is well above the Hackney average - thank you! A special mention to Purple, 2G, 2B and 3G for their amazing 100% attendance.



Congratulations to our IMAGINATIVE & CREATIVE SUPERSTARS



Over the last two school weeks, these children have formed new ideas or images by using their imagination and creativity across the curriculum.

Year 1: Harmony, Dylan, Kwasi, Kayode, Gracie, Rudie, Fred, Mia

Year 2: Armin, Roman, Alejandro, Ottie, Edward, Tabitha, Soraya, Huxley, Amariye

Year 3: August, Ina, Ethan, Mehmet, Sam, Freya, Leni, Holden

Year 4: Leo, Ela, Musa, Morgan, Asta, Blakey, Yacin

Year 5: Kenzy, Freya, Isabella B, Talia, Alice, Mohammed, Noah, Isabella H

Year 6: Tami, Teddy, Bolu, Maisy, Melis, Patryk

Art and Design Technology

This half term, all children have a weekly design technology lesson led by their class teacher. To further enhance our curriculum offer, every Monday and Tuesday, our new specialist art teacher, Ms Harkin will be working with classes across the school. We aim to share work through a virtual gallery at the end of each half term. This half term she will be working with Nursery, Reception, Year 3 and Year 4.



Google Meet Virtual Parent Consultations - Thursday 12th November

Thank you for signing up to our virtual parent consultations this Thursday. The teachers are looking forward to catching up with you all. Please use the link emailed last Tuesday if you haven't yet signed up or contact the office who can book you in. On Thursday, school will close for children at the times listed below. This is to ensure that we can offer a virtual appointment to every family.



Nursery & Reception: 11.45am

Year 2, 5 and 6: 11.55am

Year 1, 3 and 4: 12.05pm

A reminder that there will be no lunch service on Thursday, however, children who receive free school meals (not universal free school meals) will be provided with a packed lunch. The meetings will begin at 1.10pm, ending at 6.30pm. The Google Meet code to access the meeting will be shared on Wednesday. A reminder guide to using Google Meets has been emailed with this Bulletin. If you would prefer a phone conversation, we will happily arrange - please just call or email the office.