



# NEWSLETTER

November 15th 2024 no.9

Dear Families

I hope that you have had an enjoyable week, it has certainly been a busy one here!

Next week, we are going to be reintroducing our year group emails as an additional method of communicating with the teachers. For those of you who were with us during Covid, you may remember that each year group had an email address which parents and carers could use to let the teachers know any information or ask questions. These are being put back into place and a letter will come out early next week letting you know the addresses. It's important to note that any information about a child's absence or illness must still be sent to the main school office.

We would like to congratulate one of our year three pupils, Olivia R, who has taken part in her first show at the Thameside theatre. It's very nerve-wracking to perform on a real stage but she did brilliantly.

Some of our school council members attended the Remembrance parade in Grays on Sunday and laid a wreath from the school. Photos are further on in this newsletter.

As the weather is getting colder, please ensure that your child has a warm coat that has their name clearly written in it. Naming children's items is the only way to stand a chance of having them returned when the children inevitably leave them on the playground!

Have a good week!

Mrs Bray

## Maths Champions

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS			
Improvement in accuracy	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 2	Gerald W	Shamoun O	Yahya C
Year 3	Elizabeth O	Ela H	Sarvitha U
Year 4	Levi H	Ajus S	Thomas R
Year 5	Doruk C	Louis VH	Sahil M
Year 6	Matas S	Chloe Y	Laura R

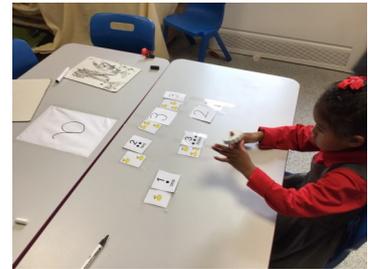
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## Going on around school.....

### First Steps

This week we have been focusing on subitising 1-3. The children are beginning to recognise amounts without counting.



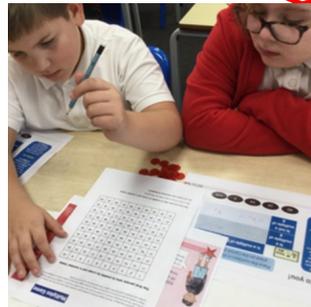
### Year 2

As part of our RE learning, Year 2 visited Grays Mosque to learn about Islam and the features of a mosque.



### Year 5

As part of our learning in Maths, we have developed our conceptual understanding about multiples and related facts. We used counters to build arrays to help us derive related facts as well as discussing mathematical statements in our 'talk task'.



### Year 6

Year 6 had a great time making wraps with whole foods this week! They practiced chopping, grating, and combining fresh ingredients to create tasty, healthy meals.



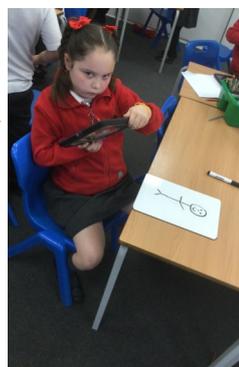
### Year 1

In year 1 our new science topic this half term is human senses. As a class we have been discussing what humans are (boys, girls, babies, adults) and learned how important our 5 senses are.



### Year 3

Year 3 have been learning how to make their very own animations. They first started practicing with a stickman waving, next they will be creating their own animations!



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**Reception**

Reception created their own poppies this week for Remembrance Day and observed a minute silence to pay respect to the soldiers who fought for our country.



**Footsteps 2**

Footsteps 2 had a lovely time playing together in social skills.

**Foot Steps 1H**

In Footsteps 1H, we made wolf masks from the story we have been learning about Red Riding Hood.



**Footsteps 1MH**

We watched an exciting science experiment which made a fizzy fountain!



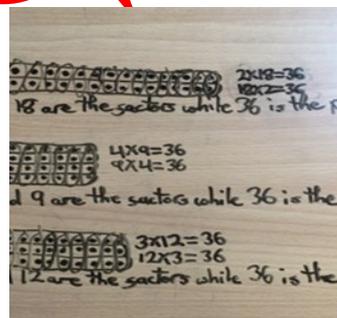
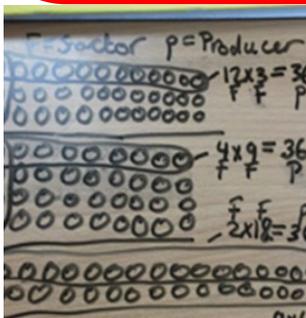
**Nursery**

This week nursery created poppy pictures to celebrate Remembrance Day. The children used potatoes to print their poppies.



**Year 4**

As part of our maths learning, Year 4 have been looking at factors pairs using our knowledge of arrays to help us. We looked at the 'star' words: factor and product specifically. We drew our arrays on the desk tops- it really helped us and was great fun!



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## Remembrance Day

### Sunday 10th November

On Sunday 10th November, the members of the School Council attended the Remembrance Service Parade at the war memorial in Grays Town Centre. We laid a wreath from our whole school community to pay our respects and remember all of those who have given their lives in war and conflict.



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**Congratulations! Well done for their effort and resilience**

A reminder that each week a pupil is selected by the class teacher as a star learner, possibly a pupil who has demonstrated the Co-op values across the week in their learning and been a positive role model to the other pupils in the class.

	EYFS Stars	KS1 Stars	KS2 Stars	
	Nursery - Yusuf RT - Millie RM - Ollie RH - Kray RB - Miryam FS - Thomas	1L – Josiah 1A – Mason 1JP – Mogfiroh 1M – Szymon 2S – Annabelle 2SU – Brodie-Lou 2M – Maia 2B – Tommyjoe FSMH –Paddy-lee FS.H – Aedan	3N – Elijah 3C - Arafath 3W – Zubair 3P – Harry 4R – Zayn 4MU –Favour 4MA – Ameerah 4AD – Amelia FS2 -Vladut	5CL– Aron 5A – Bonnie 5B - Emma 5CH - Lilly-May T 6S – Khaylen 6M – Brody 6SP – Archie 6R – Maddie

	<b><u>Attendance</u></b>			
	Please note, when pupils are absent for 3 or more consecutive days without parent contact, we may complete a home welfare check. All pupils who are absent for 3 or more days may be required to provide medical evidence			
	<b>This week the Attendance Awards have been awarded to:</b>			
	KS1	2M	99%	Mrs Miah
	Lower KS2	3W	98%	Ms Walton
Upper KS2	6R	98%	Ms Rowell	
<b>Whole School attendance</b>		<b>95.4%</b>		
<b><u>Punctuality</u></b>				
It is very important that all children arrive on time. School doors open at 8.40am every morning. If your child arrives after 8.50am then they are late and they will not be able to come into school via the usual morning entrance doors but should instead come through the main school entrance. Your child will then need to sign in using our electronic signing in system. We will then be able amend the registers and ensure your child is marked for a school dinner.				
<b>Please note that if your children arrive at school later than 9.20am, we are required to mark them as absent for that half day session.</b>				
If children are regularly late, a parent will be expected to attend a meeting to look at how punctuality can be improved.				

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## School Rewards

Teams	Emerald 	Ruby 	Sapphire 	Diamond 
Dojo points earned this week	2000	2293	2493	2441
Total Dojo points this year so far	14877	16207	16924	17493
Praise cards awarded this week	49			
Total praise cards awarded this academic year	392			

## Sports Stars of the Week



Reception	Florence R, Jayden H, Jolie-Marie F, Ana-Maria V
Year 1	Nahang L, Armina C, Charlie T, Reuben H
Year 2	Rylie-Mae G, Adam H, Jenson W, Mirha A
Year 3	Sharleez I, Esther E, Reign-lvy C, Mike H
Year 4	Simon C, Jamaldeen P, Mihai G
Year 5	Daniel N, Ayush T, Christina N, Tyreese L
Year 6	Kajus S, Abdul A, Arfan A, Laura R

## Class Dojo Champions

### These children have earned the most dojo points in their class this week

EYFS Champs	KS1 Champs	KS2 Champs
Nursery – Archie and Violet RT – Nevaeh and Patrick RM – Arjit and Gracie-May RH – Casey and Zaynab RB – Luca and Ashley FS – Anais	1A –Victoria and Haider 1JP- Anton and Desire 1M – Malwina and Shourya 2S – Nikodem and Aima 2SU – Franciszek and Olivia M 2M – AJ and Tracey 2B – Tyler and Lukne FSMH -Ayush FS.H - Ariana	3N – Kevin and Anabia 3C – Sofia Z and Reagan 3W – Elsie and Jenson 3P – Luna and Michael 4R –Hannah and Mihai 4MU – Harkirat & Nickodem 4MA – Laura and Ishaan 4AD – Abdulmuqet and Nadia FS2 - Vladut and Isabella
		5CL –Gina and Kayvon 5A – Haniye and Ibrahim 5B – Alesia and Tyrese 5CH – Ariel and Oba 6S – Stavros and Sophie 6M – Ignas and Hooriya 6SP – Muastafa and Kaija 6R – Joseph and Diya Stepping Stones - Damien

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# Dates for your diary



	Date	Year Group	Event
November	20.11.24	Year 5	Walk on line workshop
	22.11.24	Year 3 & 4	Cross country competition @ William Edwards
	27.11.24	Whole School	Flu vaccinations
	29.11.24	Year 5/6	Basketball
December	03.12.24	School Council	Visit to meet Madam Mayor
	06.12.24		Panathlon
	09.12.24 & 10.12.24	Year 3	Visits to Thurrock Museum
	11.12.24	Rock Steady Pupils	Performance to parents
	17.12.24	EYFS/KS1/ Year 3	Christmas Dinner
	18.12.24	Whole School	Christmas Pantomime
	19.12.24	Year 4/5/6	Christmas Dinner
	20.12.24	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day
	23.12.24 – 06.01.25	ALL	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
	January	07.01.25	Whole School
14.01.25		Whole School	SEN Coffee morning
23.01.25		Year 6	Year 6 knife crime workshop
February	07.02.24	KS1	Sportshall Athletics
	14.02.24	KS2	Archery Competition
	17.02.24 – 21.02.24	ALL	HALF TERM

## Dinner Menu

Week 3						
WEEK COMMENCING - 18th November - 9th December - 13th January - 3rd February - 3rd March - 24th March						
<b>Monday</b>	Creamy Tomato & Meatball Pasta	Creamy Tomato Quorn Ball Pasta	Cheese Toastie	Broccoli	Seasonal Salad Bar	Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Tuesday</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizze With Potato Wedges	Chunky Quorn Chili Tortilla Boat	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sweetcorn	Seasonal Salad Bar	Syrup Sponge With Custard
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Leek & Potato Bake	Carrots	Seasonal Salad Bar	Fruit Jelly
<b>Thursday</b>	Lamb Hot Pot	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Mixed vegetables	Seasonal Salad Bar	Ice Cream Roll
<b>Friday</b>	Fish Fingers With Chips	Vegetable Fingers With Chips	Cheese Toastie	Peas	Seasonal Salad Bar	Spiced Orange Cake

Additional daily foods available: Wholemeal bread, Alternative desserts, Fruit & Crackers, Soft Cheese, Jacket Potato Fillings: Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Baked Beans.

Icons: GF (Gluten Free), DF (Dairy Free), V (Vegan), Veg (Vegetarians)

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