

Dear Parents

We have had a busy couple of weeks since our last newsletter. Our new reception children are now attending school full time and are looking very smart in their uniform. Some year 4 classes had their first swimming lessons and they also took part in a fun Greek Workshop. I was also so impressed with the year 6 children who put themselves forward to become a MP. They all presented their speeches confidently and articulately in assembly. Well done to those who were elected, look forward to discussing how to further develop the school with you. It was lovely to see so many parents attend the Times Tables Rock Stars workshop, we hope the children are enjoying using the programme at home. The volunteers coffee morning went well; remember to pick up an application form from the office if you would like to volunteer in the school. Many year 6 parents attended the secondary workshop meeting, which was great. Please do look out for any updates on secondary transfers on our website.

**Tijen Hassan**  
Headteacher

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Time and Venue
Mon 30 Sept-Fri 4 Oct	Y6 Residential	
Tues 1 Oct	Reception maths home learning workshop	9am & 5:30pm, round hall
Tues 8 October	School photographs- all day	
Thurs 10 October	Nursery and reception story café	9am, classrooms (nursery AM and reception) 12:30pm, classrooms (nursery PM only)
Thu 17-Fri 18 Oct	Y5 Residential	
Thu 17 Oct	Coffee morning for parents of children with ASD	9am, round hall
Tues 29 October	Come Learn with Me	1:45pm -3:15pm
Fri 1 Nov	Rules, routines and boundaries parent workshop	9am, round hall
Wed 6 Nov	SCHOOL CLOSED – Learning conversations	ALL day
Tues 12 Nov	RWI parents meeting (reception)	9am & 5pm, round hall
Sun 1 Dec	GPPSA Christmas fair	11am-2pm
Tues 10 Dec	Nursery/reception nativity	9:30am & 2:30pm, main hall
Tues 17 Dec	Y2 Carols from around the world	9:30am & 2:30pm, main hall

### TERM DATES, HOLIDAYS AND SCHOOL CLOSURES

#### AUTUMN TERM First half

Wednesday 4 September to  
Friday 18 October

#### HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 21 October to  
Friday 25 October

#### AUTUMN TERM Second half

Monday 28 October to  
Thursday 19 December  
(school closes at 2pm)

#### SCHOOL CLOSED FOR LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Wednesday 6 November

### CLASS ASSEMBLIES

11 Oct	Cedar
18 Oct	Jaguar
1 Nov	Puma
8 Nov	Picasso
15 Nov	Jupiter
22 Nov	Lowry
29 Nov	Saturn
6 Dec	Butterfly
13 Dec	Mercury

Class assemblies take place on Fridays in the round hall, at 9:05am. We look forward to seeing you there.

### ATTENDANCE

Well done to Trent Family for having 98.11% attendance. Also well done to Robin class for having the best attendance of 99.43%.

W/C	9.9.19	16.9.19	23.9.19
Broomfield	98.68%	98.38%	97.34%
Grovelands	97.82%	97.99%	97.02%
Oakwood	98.84%	97.65%	96.98%
Trent	99.07%	97.93%	97.58%

Please support your child's education by ensuring they have the best possible attendance.

## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

**Fruit/veg:** It is fantastic to see the children bringing in a variety of fruits and vegetables during snack/play time. However, whilst the risk of choking is low, we recommend that grapes are cut in half lengthwise and cherry tomatoes are also cut in half.

**Scooters:** Please ensure your child does not ride their scooters through the playgrounds. These areas become very busy at the start and end of the day and we do not want anyone to hurt themselves.

**PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE IN SCHOOL**

**Don't forget that you can access any information included in this section on the parent tab of the website.**

## SCHOOL PARLIAMENT

This week we began the launch of our exciting new look School Parliament. We are celebrating our Grange Park families by electing 2 MPs, from Year 6, for each family. They will be working with Tijen and Lynsey to promote positive changes around the school. Each from Year 1 to Year 5 will also be represented by a class councillor, who will work alongside the Members of Parliament, to support initiatives and share ideas from their classes.

On Wednesday 26 brave candidates took to the stage to canvas for votes, after making some incredibly mature and well considered speeches, we are very proud of all of the children who took part in this!

Children from Years 3-6 took to the polls to cast their vote on which MP they wanted to represent their family

Our newly elected MPs are:



Oakwood	Chinmaya and Mahi
Broomfield	Imogen and Akeel
Grovelands	Daniel and Selinay
Trent	Sakura and Ava

This truly was democracy in action! Please look on our school website for photos and updates from School Parliament.

## RECEPTION

In Reception we have been settling into school routines and making new friends. During circle time we have shared our holiday diaries and talked about our families. Our topic this half term is 'All about Me' and we have been painting self-portraits, exploring and naming different parts of the body and learning about our five senses.



## WOODPECKER CLASS

In Year 2, we have been exploring and investigating different types of materials and describing their properties. We have explored whether certain objects were man-made or natural and explained why specific materials were used along with the reasons for it. Finally, we have looked closely at objects and materials in our learning environments, around the school and in our outdoor learning areas.

**Lauren said "brick is man-made" and Mila said "sand is natural".**



### YEAR 4 Ancient Greeks Assemble!

Year 4 have been exploring the Ancient world of Greece so far this term and as part of that enjoyed dressing up for a Greek workshop day last week. As part of the exciting session, presented by one of the BBC's Horrible Histories team, the children took part in some amazing activities;

- They listened to and retold myths of the Ancient Greek Gods and monstrous tyrants.
- The children examined artefacts, weapons and equipment used in 2000BCE!
- Then worked collaboratively to complete a scavenger hunt of facts all about the ancient Greeks ranging from the Olympics to democracy.



### YEAR 5 Stand & Deliver!

Children across Year 5 can be seen reciting the verses from The Highwayman, learning new language and demonstrating an excellent understanding of the text by acting it out. Not only that, but the children have even created some of their own illustrations! Next step is to use the new writing techniques learnt in class, and create a story of their own. All of the teachers are very excited to see what the children write!

*'This is the BEST story I have ever read! It is so gruesome.'* – Amelia



