

# **Greasby Junior School**

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## Care, Courtesy and Consideration

#### Newsletter: 03.11.23 Merit of the week Attendance Year 3: Harry W & Josh K Year 3: 98.9% Merit 🔊 🧔 👩 Year 4: Saski R & Daisy F Year 4: 97.1% Award Year 5: Imogen E & Frankie F Year 5: 97.7% Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow Year 6: Jacob E & Jacob M Year 6: 97.9% Whole School: 97.9% Golden Table Awards Kindness Awards Year 3: Betsy B Year 3: Ben W Year 4: Pearl P Year 4: Daisy F Year 5: Jess R Year 5: Alfie S Year 6: Mollie D Year 6: Jess S what's on at school next week? (week beginning 6th November) Homework Club (12:00pm) **Thursday:** Homework Club (12:00pm) Monday: Yr3/4 Football Club (12:30pm) Cross Country (12:30pm) Yr3-6 Gardening Club (12:30pm) School Council (12:30pm) Recorder Club (12:30pm) Yr4-6 Time Out Thursday (12:30pm) Year 3 Parents' Forum (5:30pm) Chess Club (3:35pm) **Anti-Bullying Performance Tuesday:** Homework Club (12:00pm) Drama with Desna (12:30pm) Wednesday: Year 3 Parents' Forum (9:10am) Friday: Football Team at Vauxhall (10-Golden Table (12:00pm) 2:30pm) Yr5/6 Boys Football Club (12:30pm) Yr4-6 Film Friday (12:30pm)













Our Autumn Term Learning Hero is Brad Bates. We celebrate him as an excellence Learning Hero at Greasby Juniors. These Learning Heroes are people who achieve excellence by demonstrating hard work, belief and application. They challenge the talent myth. Excellence is about application and perseverance.

Brad was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy at

just 3 years old. Brad has overcome this challenge to be an outstanding and inspiring athlete. His commitment to improvement and hard work has transformed him from being an ordinary West Bromwich Albion season ticket holder to someone who has played for his own football club and country. Brad has used his platform to grow the profile of Powerchair Football to make it more accessible for others with disabilities like him. He also likes to give back to the sport that has provided him with a crucial outlet for relief and self-expression by managing the Nomad Knights Powerchair Football team! Brad sends the message "...you can overcome adversity with resilience and dedication."







I am pleased to welcome back Mrs Mallon to GJS as one half of the teaching staff in 6SM. Mrs Mallon has returned this week after her maternity leave, and it's wonderful to have her back in the classroom!



I'd also like to say welcome to a new member of our team - Mr Goodman, who has joined us this year as a Teaching Assistant in Year 3. The children have enjoyed getting know him this week.

Another new starter this week is Mrs Mulla. As you may remember, I mentioned in one of my earlier September newsletters that our wonderful Mrs Green will be making the move from GJS to the Oak Trees Head Office following her recent promotion as a member of the central team. This week Mrs Mulla has been working alongside Mrs Green and will be taking the reins as of Monday. She has made a fantastic start and we all look forward to working with her.



Which brings me to Mrs Green! She has been a part of the GJS team for many years, firstly as a parent and then a member of the PTA and finally as our business manager. She has been an integral part of the team and will be very sadly missed. Thankfully she isn't going too far, and with working at the Head Office, will continue to be a member of our GJS family. I am sure you will join me in wishing her the greatest luck with her promotion.





### Lunches and Snacks

This is an important reminder that there are children in school who have potentially fatal nut allergies and we therefore ask that you do not include products with nuts or peanuts in your child's lunchbox. This includes spreads such as Nutella. Although I appreciate this might be disappointing for some children, the safety of our children must be our priority. Thank you for your understanding and support on this matter.











### **CAMHS Thrive Workshop**

Thank you to the families who were able to attend the Thrive workshop this week. It was delivered by Michelle Williams, our Mental Health Support Worker from CAMHS. This workshop covered what resilience is and gave ideas on how to build your child's resilience. It raised questions about what positive mental health looks like and to know what to look out for regarding your child's mental health. It also provided ideas on how to talk to your child about mental health and who to speak to if you need more help with this. The feedback from families who attended was very positive and that they found the workshop very useful.





#### **Poppies for Sale**

As in previous years, poppies, wristbands, slap bands etc will be on sale next week for children to buy if they wish. The Year 6 children will bring them to the playgrounds/classrooms each day. The suggested minimum donations are:

Card Poppy:20pButton Tag:20pReflector Poppy:50pWristbands:50pSlapbands:£1

#### **PE Kits**

Please I can remind all families that the children in Year 3 and 4 wear their PE kit for school on a Thursday and children in Year 5 & 6 wear theirs on a Wednesday. As winter is almost upon us, I encourage the children to wear their plain navy-blue or black tracksuits rather than just their shorts to help keep them warm.

Please find below the PE kit uniform. Unfortunately, we have had a number of children returning to school in other sports wear, such as football kits and some are coming to school clothes of various colours, many of which that are branded with large logos. Please can you ensure you child has the correct school uniform, including PE kits, for future weeks.



- Navy shorts
- House T-shirt [plain and in the colour of their House]; not coloured T-shirts or football tops etc.
- Sports socks.
- Trainers, suitable for either grassed or hard surfaces should be worn. [These can be the ones stored in school for playtimes. There is no need to supply more than one pair of trainers for school.]
- A plain, or school logoed navy-blue or black tracksuit is also advisable for the colder days.



### Year 3 Open Forum

As key educators in your children's lives, it is important that you have a voice and that, as a school, we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your concerns, worries or thoughts about the school. It is for this reason, I would like to invite you to an informal Open Forum on next week so I can hear your views on what is going well so far and what we can do to continue to improve the transition process from the Infant to the Junior School, as well as any other matters you would like to discuss.

I appreciate that many people have work commitments, therefore I have arranged for two different times to hold the event: one morning and the other in the evening. The dates are:

• Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 5:30pm











• Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 9:10am (after drop-off)

Each Open Forum will last no more than 30 to 45 minutes.

Please click on the <u>link</u> to inform us of your attendance. This will ensure there is enough space and seating for us all.

If you are able to attend either of the dates, we would love to see you then.



#### **Online Safety**

You might know Five Nights at Freddy's by reputation, even if your child has never actually played the game. Via playground rumours and circulated footage on platforms like YouTube, this 12-rated survival horror series (so far comprising nine games, several spin-off novels and a movie adaptation) has become possessed of a certain cult status among far younger players.

Whether the initial interest is sparked by peer pressure or morbid curiosity, this spooky saga of things that go bump in the night seems to resonate with many pre-teen gamers. However, as our #WakeUpWednesday guide explains, the sinister characters, unrelenting sense of tension and some disturbing themes are all potential hazards that parents and carers should be aware of.

Christmas Fair Information – Dates for you diaries!













#### Menu

Please see the school website for allergy menus.



### **Community Events**















Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Ball, Headteacher

INSET Days 2023-2024 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May









