Greys Education Centre

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1st December 2022

Greys News

Greys pupils have been very active this week and have been celebrating the opening of their new HIVE classroom provision in Bromham.

HIVE Opening

We were very pleased to invite visitors, including Mohammad Yasin MP, to the opening of the two new HIVE classes in Bromham last week. We are delighted that we will be able to welcome new pupils to the larger provision. The pupils are really enjoying working in the new classrooms. Elijah said that it helps him to focus better as he has more space and doesn't get as distracted. Luca said that he enjoys the space and Carly is pleased that there is air conditioning in the new classroom. The staff are looking forward to displaying lots of work completed by the pupils when the new display boards arrive.













Outdoor Learning

Pupils have visited a range of local outdoor spaces and collected information during their outdoor education lessons. Activities and locations have included hiking and biking at Mowsbury Hillfort, Ampthill Park, Harold Park, Marston Forest Centre and Priory Country Park.' Some pupils have biked on some new and more challenging trails on the wonderful Linslade Trail at Woburn Woods, improving their riding skills as they progress.

The pupils have been developing their mountain biking skills in more challenging terrain, ground surfaces and weather conditions. Increased and variable gradients require an increased level of skill and technique, which some pupils have begun to master.







Oak and Willow News

In our Art lesson pupils from Oak class and Willow class designed and created mosaics.



Joshi



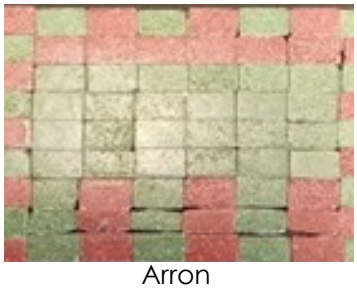
David



Ashton



Borys



Arron

Christmas Tree Project

The photos below show the update and progress of the wooden Christmas tree project. They will be up for sale for the 'Aching Arms' charity, on the Xmas stall at the BILTT Christmas Fayre on Saturday 10th December at Grange Academy. Pupils have continued to paint their Christmas trees and decorate them with a range of decorations including tinsel, snow, pine cones, Christmas shapes, stickers and lights.





Primary News

This term Greys Primary have been participating in yoga to support mindfulness and relaxation. The pupils from Primary and Hive have been given the opportunity to participate in a 5 week scheme, which is run by a company called *Tatty Bumpkins*. Julie Pearson from *Tatty Bumpkins* has visited the school for the last 3 weeks, and has supported the pupils in listening to their bodies and their minds. The pupils have enjoyed challenging themselves and each other in the different positions and holds. They have worked independently, in pairs and as a group, sharing ideas and supporting each other.





Braille News

Braille class have been studying war poetry in English this half term. They have analysed "The Man He Killed" by Thomas Hardy.

The Man He Killed

BY THOMAS HARDY

Had he and I but met
By some old ancient inn,
we should have sat us down to wet
Right many a nipperkin!

"But ranged as infantry,
And staring face to face,
I shot at him as he at me,
And killed him in his place.

"I shot him dead because —
Because he was my foe,
just so: my foe of course he was;
That's clear enough; although

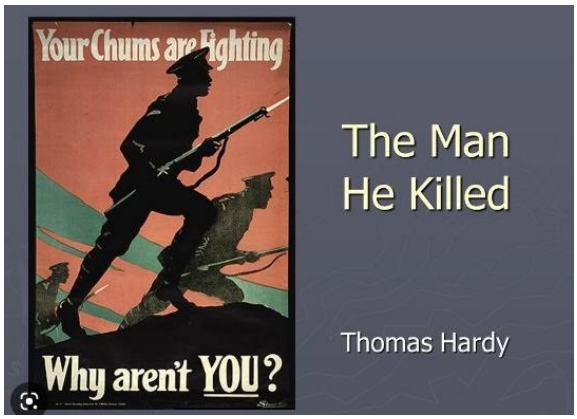
"He thought he'd 'list, perhaps,
Off-hand like — just as I —
was out of work — had sold his traps —
No other reason why.

"Yes; quaint and curious war is!
You shoot a fellow down
you'd treat if met where any bar is,
Or help to half-a-crown."

Here is some of their analysis

Lucas: There is repetition with the word "because" being used twice. This shows the soldier in the story is stopping to think about why he shot his enemy. It's like football fans hating each other but they could be mates really.

Rylee: The first and last stanzas are hypothetical, which means the soldier is imagining something that could have happened. The middle part of the poem is more serious and not comforting like the hypothetical stanzas.



Kik

Online Safety: What are the risks of using Kik?
Kik is a free messaging app used by 300 million people worldwide that lets users exchange messages, photos, videos, GIFs and webpages via a Wi-Fi connection or data plan. Kik is unusual in that your child can sign up without a phone number and then find and message other people via just their username.

Kik is aimed at anyone aged 13 years and older – the app says teens between 13 and 18 years old will need parental permission but it does not verify ages. The age rating is 17+ on Google Play and the App Store. As a result, it's easy for any child to gain access with a false date of birth.



Our BILTT Xmas Fayre will bring together all our schools for one single family festive event for the very first time this year. We are busy working with the Friends of Grange and St John's PTA committee members to plan the event but we still urgently need volunteers, raffle and tombola prizes and your ideas for what will make the event a huge success. If you can support us in any way please contact jane.hutchings@biltt.org

Christmas Fayre Raffle Tickets Please remember to send your Christmas raffle tickets stubs and money back into the School Office by **Monday 12th December**. Please also return unsold tickets asap.

Diary Dates

Secondary Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Climb Quest MK Trip 7th December 2022
Secondary Year 11 Climb Quest MK Trip 14th December 2022
BILTT Pupil Fun Day Friday 9th December 2022
BILTT Christmas Fayre at Grange Academy Saturday 10th December 2022 11am to 2pm
Pupil Christmas Lunch Thursday 15th December 2022
End of Term Friday 16th December 2022