3rd March 2023

THE GREYS GAZETTE

Our Fortnightly Newsletter

This week's edition pupils at Greys have been enjoying activities and learning outdoors and having the opportunity to have a voice at The Youth Voice Conference.

Primary News

This term Primary are looking at pneumatic toys and how they work. They pupils have spent time investigating what pneumatic means and how air can move objects. The pupils are now beginning to design their own pneumatic toys which they are going to make over the following weeks.

Kye: I want to build a space ship.
David: The dog looked good.





Ideas we have investigated

Fabulous Bike Riding

Mrs Price and Mr Picariello were amazed and delighted when they took Carly and Elijah cycling at Willington.

Carly arrived at Willington unable to ride a bike and by the end of the session, she had ridden the bike, 2 miles, stopping and starting as required.

Elijah was an amazing lead cyclist.

Elijah: It was a lot of fun, and enjoyable.
Carly: It was amazing, the best afternoon ever. Yes, I can ride a bike!
Carly's mum: I'm so proud of her.



Braille



Braille class and two regular members of the school council had a very busy day out at the beginning of February. The Youth Voice conference was being held with most of the schools in the borough in attendance. Our group behaved perfectly and became involved in many of the debates throughout the morning such as vaping, transport the importance of school councils.



Kai: I spent quite a long time discussing transport with people from another school.

We then travelled to a garden centre to choose seeds for our secondary school garden (plus two fruit trees!) This garden will help us achieve our Food For Life award and our Eco schools Award.

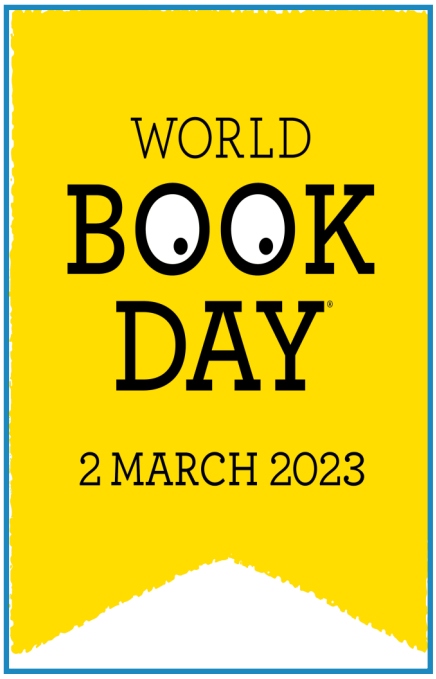
Sarah Meilke, Humanities Lead: These awards are very important to Greys and the impact they will have on the pupil's life skills, outdoor learning and well-being will be immeasurable.

Next on the agenda was a visit to the next - door aquarium, where the manager took time to talk to the students at length about the fish they stock, also he gave them the chance to feed the largest!

Courtney: The fish were huge, I fed them smaller fish and they were so quick!



Oak Class



In Maths we have started our 'Money' unit in which we use toy notes and coins to count money, make the same amounts of money, and compare and calculate amounts of money.

David: I wish this money was real Mr. Wiltshire!

In English we are researching information from non-fiction texts by looking at the life and work of Jacques Cousteau. We have identified co-ordinating and sub-ordinating conjunctions by using the acronym FANBOYS to help us remember conjunctive words.

David: Look, Mr Wiltshire, there's a shark at the back!

Thursday, 2nd. March was World Book Day in which we joined up with Willow class and made our own marvellous medicine from ingredients inspired by the story of 'George's Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl. We carefully measured out some cow ointment, Golden Gloss hair shampoo, extra hot chilly spicy sauce, dark tan shoe polish and Dishworth's famous dandruff cure.

In Science, we are investigating plants, including flowers. We have planted some daffodil bulbs which have just bloomed and sowed some vegetable seeds which we hope will start to grow over the next few weeks.

David: Those yellow flowers look beautiful!

Outdoor Education

Horticulture project - Raised beds for growing herbs, fruit and vegetables.

The pupils have measured, cut and attached cardboard and plastic to the base and sides of the raised beds. This will prevent weeds from growing at the base and stop the wood rotting when in contact with the damp soil.

Pupils have used wheelbarrows to collect leaf mulch and topsoil from the school site. The first bed is now full and ready to be planted. Two more beds to go!



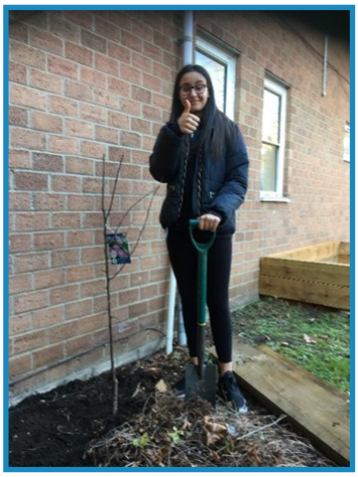


Tree planting project

Bedford Borough Council recently donated 50 young tree saplings to Greys Primary and Secondary Schools.

These have been planted in containers so we now have a small tree nursery at Greys Secondary site. The trees will be planted in various locations around the schools in the Spring term.

Some trees were more mature and ready to plant, so we have our first two fruit trees in the ground, a pear and a plum …. yum yum!







Skills for Life



Maths skills – introductory workshops to build confidence with essential everyday maths skills and applying them to tasks at work and home.
Money skills – 4 workshops to build confidence managing your finances, covering • Cost of living support • Budgeting • Understanding borrowing and debt • Making the most of your money. *
Shopping skills – (4 sessions) become a savvy shopper with these tips and tricks to make your money go further in supermarket and retail shops. *
Cooking skills – (4 sessions) building your knowledge of how to whip up quick and easy meals, and tips to make food go further in the kitchen. *
Creative skills – workshops to support fine motor skills, exploring maths skills through creative activities you can also do at home.
Digital online courses – short, flexible and free! Access at your own time, complete at your own pace... and there are lots to choose from!

To find out more about upcoming skills workshops, please contact us
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The Engagement and Development Team are excited to announce our brand new group 'Junior Voice' this group is for children in years 3-6.

This group allows children from different schools to come together and discuss issues/ideas/opinions most important to them. We will be holding a group each term on a Saturday, 10am-12pm @ Bedford Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, MK42 9AP starting in February 2023. please see dates below;

SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2023, 10AM-12PM
SATURDAY 20 MAY 2023, 10AM-12PM
SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2023, 10AM-12PM
SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2023, 10AM-12PM

There will be lots of fun things to do in this group such as, meet new people, meet decision makers, meet members of the Youth Cabinet, discuss problems and talk about how we can make them better, discuss ideas and how we can make them happen.

If you would like to find out more or would like to join the Junior Voice group please get in contact using the details below;

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We look forward to seeing you there

Diary Dates

Easter Holidays	**3rd April—17th April 2023**
Pupils Return to School	**Tuesday 18th April 2023**