16th December 2024

THE GREYS GAZETTE



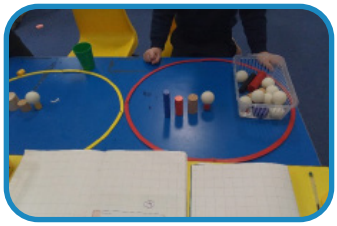
Pantomime

The Primary pupils had a wonderful time at Milton Keynes theatre watching the Pantomime Peter Pan.

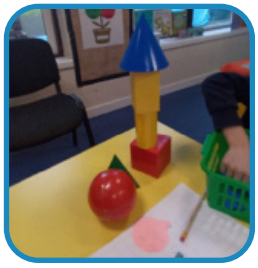
We would like to thank the Bedford Rotary Club for supporting us in this trip and sharing the cost with us.

Elijah: I loved every minute of the singing and dancing.
Carly: I adored it, it was amazing.





Bonsai



Maths

In maths, we are learning about 2D and 3D shapes! We started with 2D shapes like circles, squares, and triangles, which are flat. Then, we explored 3D shapes like spheres, cubes, and pyramids, which you can pick up and are more like real objects we see around us. We enjoyed finding different shapes, building with them and colouring some in.

Omarie: Corners are pointy!
Jude: A sphere is like a ball.
James: The sides are the bit around the edge.

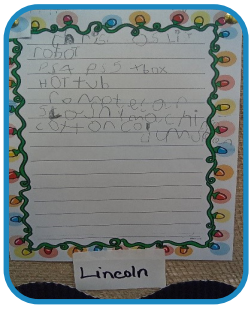




English

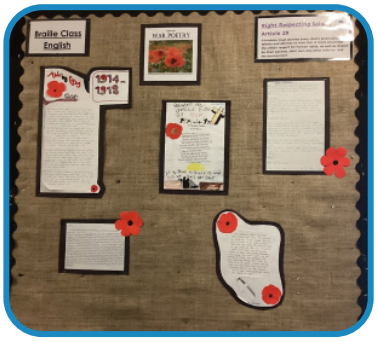
In English we have looked at a book called 'Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas present'. We sequenced the story and can now retell it, by only looking at pictures!

We began to wonder what his present could be and thought about the presents that we would want this year too.



We put our ideas into a Christmas list and made sure our list had; a title, items of different lines and super handwriting.

Mason: You get presents on the nice list!
Lincoln: I'm going to post my list to the North Pole.
Darius: I want a bow and arrow.



Braille

Braille class have been working hard on their final English task. They have been studying war poetry by Sassoon, Owen and McCrae.

They analysed and evaluated each separate poem and finished their topic by writing a first-person descriptive piece for a wonderful display.

Ocean said, "The poem by McCrae In Flanders Fields has the lines "We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, loved and were loved" I think it means they experienced a fulfilling life and it makes me feel happy because even though they died it was for their country."
Courtney commented, "My writing piece was about a soldier suffering from PTSD after all the horrors he had witnessed."
Harmonie has just started in Braille but managed to complete a moving account of a soldier in WW1 for our display.
Rylee wrote a very detailed account of what a sniper might have been feeling in the first war.

Year 11 Round Up

We are delighted to reflect on a wonderful Autumn term with our Year 11 students. It has been a term filled with hard work, dedication, and impressive achievements. We are especially excited to announce that the class formerly known as Malala will now be named King, in honour of Martin Luther King Jr. "Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step." - Martin Luther King Jr.

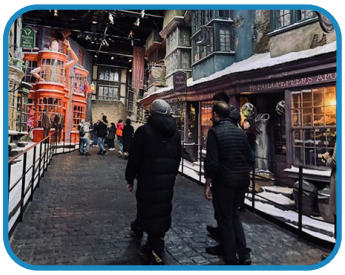
Our students have demonstrated commendable efforts in both their vocational courses and their mock GCSE exams. Their commitment to their studies is truly inspiring and sets a high standard for the entire school.

At the end of term, we had the pleasure of taking some lucky students on an Art and Careers trip to the Warner Brothers Studios to see the magical world of Harry Potter. The students' behaviour during the trip made us incredibly proud. They represented the school with utmost respect and enthusiasm.

As a school, we have been greatly impressed with the way our young people have made serious efforts to maintain a smart appearance this term, and we greatly appreciate the support of all parents and carers who have contributed to this. Our young people are setting high standards for themselves and a good example for others. In the words of W H Auden "All education is a preparation for life. It must teach people how to do the things which will keep them alive, and it must teach them how to live together." And as we draw to the end of the Autumn term, we are proud that our pupils at Greys have indeed embraced education.

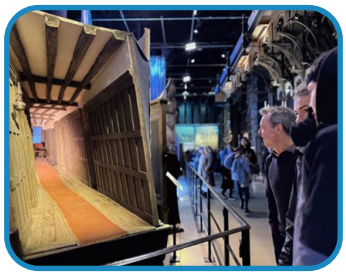
We wish all our Year 11 students a well-deserved rest over the coming weeks and a very Merry Christmas. Enjoy your holiday, recharge your energy, and come back ready for a successful Spring term.

Tutor - Caroline Deaville
Tutor – Rachel Rothery
STA – Adam Galicza





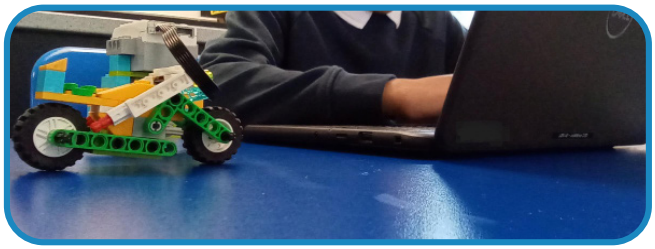
Sycamore

This week, our budding engineers tackled an absolutely brilliant motorised bike project!

The children were thrilled as they assembled the cool motorbike, piece by piece, watching it take shape before their eyes.

Once built, the real excitement began as they dove into the coding aspect, creating commands to bring their two-wheeled wonder to life. The classroom was buzzing with delight as their motorbikes zoomed into action, showcasing the perfect blend of creativity and technology.

It's been fantastic to see how the LEGO WeDo 2.0 kits have sparked such enthusiasm and joy in our young innovators, helping them discover the marvellous world of coding and engineering in such a hands-on, engaging way!






Walnut



During our Mindful Movement intervention this week, we took on the persona of the wind to express our feelings through movements such as swaying, twirling, wind sprints and wind pushes.

We used wind words like breezy, calm, blustery and strong to describe our mood.

Reegan: When I was the wind, I felt like I couldn't control my body.
Janos: My favourite part was making wind noises when we were deep breathing.
Riley: Being the wind made me feel strong.



Christmas Tree Donation



A big Thank you to the Box End Horse Feed Merchants for donating a beautiful Christmas tree.

Chestnut Class pupils went and chose a tree and brought it back to school for all the pupils to help decorate and enjoy.

Ted: Lets find the biggest tree.
Matthew: I like this tree, this is a good tree.



End of Term Message



As we approach the end of term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many memorable experiences and successes we have shared together. It has been a term filled with hard work, laughter, and a wealth of opportunities for our students to grow, learn, and create lifelong memories.

As we break for the Christmas holidays, I encourage everyone to rest, recharge, and spend quality time with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming our students back in the New Year, ready to engage with the next chapter of their journey.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vanessa Millar
Headteacher

Coffee Mornings

Come and drop in for a chat at our new coffee mornings.

These will be held on the first and third Thursday of every month, from 9.30 am -11am at Primary, but open to all parents from primary and secondary provisions.

The first coffee morning will be on Thursday 16th January 2025

Greys Primary Chestnut Avenue, Bromham, Bedford, MK43 8HP

This is a drop-in coffee morning, where Gloria Mills will be available for a friendly chat, ear and shoulder and of course a cuppa or two!

If you have any questions then please contact Gloria gloria.mills@biltt.org

Diary Dates

Wednesday 18th December 2024 - Last Day of Autumn Term

Thursday 19th December 2024 - Friday 3rd January 2025 - Christmas Holidays

Monday 6th January 2025 - Pupils Return to School