

GRIMSDYKE NEWSLETTER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF GRIMSDYKE SCHOOL

MESSAGE FROM MRS BHUDIA

It is hard to believe that the half term break is already here. The past few weeks have flown by and have been packed with learning opportunities and memorable experiences for our pupils.

Across the school, children have taken part in a wide range of curriculum enrichment activities. Year 6 visited the British Library and also represented the school in a netball league match. Year 5 enjoyed a trip to Whipsnade Zoo, while our young musicians participated in a guitar festival. Year 1 visited Kol Chai Synagogue to deepen their understanding of different faiths, and Reception had great fun during their space themed day.

Alongside these experiences, we marked Children Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day, helping pupils reflect on wellbeing and online safety. We ended the week by celebrating Chinese New Year with a special themed lunch menu, which was enjoyed by all.

It's amazing to reflect on how much our pupils experience in such a short space of time. We are proud to be able to offer such a rich and varied programme that brings learning to life.

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2026



Safer Internet Day 2026 - This week we marked Safer Internet Day 2026 (SID 2026), an internationally recognised awareness day that promotes the safe and responsible use of the internet. In every class, pupils engaged in thoughtful discussions around important questions such as: Can we really trust the internet? What amazing things can we do online? How do I know if something is true? and How can I stay safe online? These conversations encouraged children to think critically about the digital world and their role within it.

As we become increasingly reliant on technology and AI, it is essential that we continue to equip our student with the knowledge and skills to navigate both the opportunities and the risks of life online. Much of this learning is embedded within our Computing curriculum, but awareness days such as this play an important role in reinforcing key messages around safety, respect and responsible interaction. We encourage parents and carers to continue these conversations at home, helping children develop safe and positive digital habits that will support them now and in the future.



Breck Foundation – On Tuesday this week, our pupils took part in age appropriate workshops delivered by the Breck Foundation to mark Internet Safety Day. These powerful sessions helped children understand how to stay safe online, recognise potential risks and know what to do if they ever feel worried or unsure.

Using Breck story, presenters delivered clear and sensitive messages about the dangers that young people can face online, while ensuring content was appropriate for each age group. Pupils were given practical tools to help them recognise when online activity may be becoming unsafe, along with clear guidance about how and who to report concerns to.

Thank you to the parents and carers who joined the Zoom webinar on Monday evening. We hope you found the session informative and that it strengthened your confidence in understanding the statistics shared, alongside practical strategies to support your child at home. For those who were unable to attend, we have emailed the recording link along with follow up resources to help you continue these important conversations about online safety.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We are now approaching our second Parent Consultation evenings of the academic year. These will take place during the week beginning 9th March. The booking system will open on 24th February, and a reminder will be sent to parents ahead of this date with full details on how to book your appointment.

We look forward to welcoming you and continuing to work together in support of your child's progress.

I wish all our students and families a lovely half term break.

MESSAGE FROM HOUSE CAPTAIN - WILLIAM

Over the last two weeks, our school has been busy with sports.

Last Tuesday, the netball team had a tournament at John Lyon School and successfully won 1st place. Four weeks ago, the NFL Tag team won a 40 minute match against Cannon Lane primary school at the Bannister Sports Centre by 1 single point.

This win put us through to the West London tournament in early April. Followed after that the Year 5 and 6 Boys football team will be playing against West Lodge Primary School in the Harrow tier 1 league.

Due to the rain year 5 and 6 Boys and Girls football training has been cancelled because of the waterlogged pitches.

Written by William 6M (Chantry House Captain)

FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2026
GRIMSDYKE SCHOOL, SYLVIA AVENUE, PINNER, HA5 4QE

Time: 7:00pm - 10:00pm

Book tickets @ WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/FRIENDSOFGIMSDYKE

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TICKET WITH FOOD:
ADULTS : £9.50
CHILD : £6.50

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CHILD : £1

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🎉 QUIZ NIGHT & AGM 🎉

Friends of Grimsdyke School (FOGS)

📅 Friday, 27th February 2026

📍 Grimsdyke School

🕒 AGM During Quiz Night

Thank you for your incredible support over the past year. Your generosity has helped FOGS raise vital funds that directly benefit our children and school community.

🎯 WHAT HAS FOGS RECENTLY FUNDED:

- Donations towards the whole school music provision
- Christmas pantomime visit for the whole school
- IT equipment for the new IT suite
- First News annual subscription
- Chrome books
- Wall art

The list could go on but these are the most recent things.

Despite the cost-of-living challenges, our Christmas Fair was our most successful yet — and there's more to come, including Quiz Night and the Summer Carnival!

👉 WE NEED YOU!

Several committee members will be stepping down this year.

To keep delivering amazing events, we need new volunteers to join the FOGS Committee.

🗳️ FOGS COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

📌 Elections will take place at the AGM on **Friday, 27th February 2026**, held during Quiz Night.

🗳️ Want to stand for a position?

• Complete the nomination form •
Return it to the school office by
3:30 pm – Wednesday, 25th February 2026

Good to know:

- You may nominate yourself (with a seconder)
- Unopposed nominations are automatically elected
- Ballots will be held if roles are contested
- You do not need to attend the AGM to stand.

☀️ EVERY PARENT IS WELCOME

Whether you're new to Grimsdyke or have been part of the community for years — we'd love your support.

✉️ **Questions or interest?**

Email us: fogs.events@gmail.com

👏 **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING FOGS**
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PE

By: Mr Godfrey

This week in PE, we will share how Year 5 have been learning about Health Related Exercise. The unit is based around personal bests. Children took part in four activities in the first week and recorded their scores. Throughout the following weeks, children were learning about muscles and body parts, taking part in various exercise circuits (flexibility, strength, core) and developing their stamina with increased running tasks. In the final week, children again took part in the four activities they did in week 1. They were then able to compare their scores to see how much they had improved. Children were therefore learning how sustained physical activity can improve their fitness over a period of time.

Success criteria is based on the following;

- Do pupils understand the impact of exercise on their bodies?
- Do pupils continue to try and improve their own performance?
- Can pupils compare their scores and discuss the findings?

Next half term, Year 5 will be taking part in a throwing and jumping within athletics unit. This will be helpful for any children who have aspirations of being part of the QuadKids or Athletics team in the summer term.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

In the Autumn term, Year 5 were all taking part in a 'Playground Pal' training.

Children were learning over the course of 6 weeks how to be a good leader for KS1 children. This included learning about different games they could play, how to communicate with younger children, how to adapt problems within games to make sure it is inclusive for everyone and how to help deal with any issues that arise.

At the end of the 6 weeks, children were given the opportunity to deliver a game they had created in small groups to each other.

Mr Godfrey was very pleased with the effort and commitment of the children in delivering these games in a fun and safe way. Therefore, children were then given an opportunity to sign up to be a Playground Pal for the rest of the academic year.

An almighty number have signed up and children have been given a timetable of when to go and help at lunchtime in the KS1 playground.

Children will go out in small groups and aim to set up and lead games, encourage Reception, Y1 and Y2 children to take part and be active whilst at lunchtime. Well done Year 5!

SCHOOL SPORT

After recently winning all four matches at the competitive netball rally, another team of children visited John Lyon for a development tournament.

Unlike competitive tournaments, development tournaments do not have a pathway beyond the event and are for children to hone skills, have fun and experience match play.

A team of 7 children played in 4 netball matches at the development tournament.

Firstly, the team played against Stanburn winning 4-1. Another win followed against Whitchurch before a final group game ended in a draw vs Elmgrove. This meant that our team finished top of the group and then faced off against Newton Farm in a 'final'. That game ended in a 1-1 tie with both teams showing off fantastic defending skills. Well done to Anna-Maria, Reya, Kaiya, Amelie, Zahra, Casey and Musawir.

Our competitive netball team will be participating in a 'finals day' in March with the winner due to represent Harrow at the London Youth Games.

Unfortunately, our league netball matches and a Y5/6 Boys football match did not take place as planned due to the wet weather making pitches unplayable. We hope to rearrange these for Spring 2



GUITAR FESTIVAL AT HARROW ARTS CENTRE

Well done to the following children who proudly represented the school at the Guitar Festival last week: Nayan (6M), Amelie (6R), Casey (6M), Diyan (6M), Vian (6M), Anuar (5O), Iyla (5O), Lukas (5CM) and Kaylan (5O).

They showed fantastic commitment by learning their parts and performed confidently alongside children from other schools across the borough, performing to an audience of family and friends.

A special thank you to their guitar teacher, Jagdeep, for his dedication in supporting the children and preparing them so well for this event. We would also like to thank Harrow Music Service for organising such a wonderful and inspiring festival.

MUSIC AT GRIMSDYKE

Year 5 and Reception have been learning about music inspired by space during their music lessons. As part of this exciting project, the Year 5 children composed their own pieces of music and performed them to the Reception classes, who also shared a song they had been learning.

The Year 5 pupils performed confidently, showing great creativity, teamwork, and excellent leadership, with some fantastic conductors guiding their groups. It was a wonderful opportunity for both year groups to perform, listen, and enjoy making music together.



We've had another exciting week of learning in class!

Last week, we read the book *Look Up!* by Nathan Bryon. Inspired by the character's fascination with a meteor shower, the children learned about how some stars form constellations and had fun creating their own star patterns. It was wonderful to see their curiosity about space and their creative ideas.

In maths, we focused on odd and even numbers and doubling numbers up to 5. The children explored these concepts through practical, hands-on activities and discussed how we can find them in everyday life, such as on ladybirds, butterflies, and dominoes.

Our space topic was a huge hit, and we had a fantastic time finishing it with our theme day. It was lovely to see all the imaginative costumes, and we hope it's a day the children will remember!

This week, we have been learning about Valentine's Day and Lunar New Year. We shared the story *Frog on Love*, and the children talked about the people they love and care for. They also enjoyed learning about Lunar New Year and took part in a range of creative and cultural activities.

We hope you all have a lovely and restful half term. Next term, our new topic will be 'Once Upon a Time', where we will be exploring traditional tales and stories.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to another fun week of learning!





Last Wednesday, we visited Kol Chai Synagogue in Hatch End. It was nice to see all the things we had previously learnt about in our R.E lessons about Judaism. We even got to taste some grape juice and Challah bread!



In science we have continued our unit on materials and now applying our knowledge to various investigations such as the best material for a shelter for a dinosaur and the best material for a boat for Naughty Bus. This week we investigated which material would make the best surface for Naughty Bus to drive on.



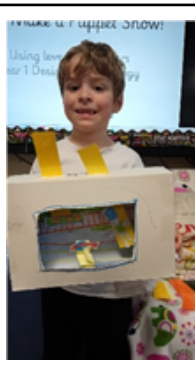
The Victorian puppet theatres we have been creating in our design technology lessons are really coming along. We have added mechanisms so that the characters and scenery can move.

Thank you for all your help at the early stages of the design.

The children are so proud and desperate to bring them home to show you all!



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Charles 1M



Aadya 1M



Mihira 1M



Roman 1M



Sarina 1M



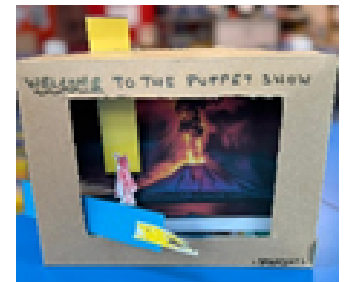
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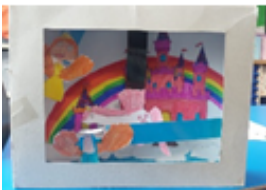
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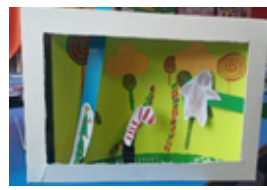
Mokshil 1D



Avni 1K



Mahi 1K



Anelys 1K



Trisana 1K



Laiyah 1K

We cannot believe that we are nearly half way through year 2!

The children have done so well and we are proud of all of their progress.

Over the last 2 weeks, we have been learning about multiplication and division in maths.

In English the children have been building their own stories over multiple lessons. The children have written some really creative stories using expanded noun phrases, speech marks and similes.

In art the children have been evaluating their artwork and in geography the children have been revisiting all they have learnt about China. The children recalled so much amazing knowledge during our geography lessons this week. In computing we are finishing off our work with beebots and in PSHE we have been focusing on team work. The children also really enjoyed showing each other the habitats they made at home. The children have worked so hard over the past 6 weeks and we hope you all have a wonderful break.

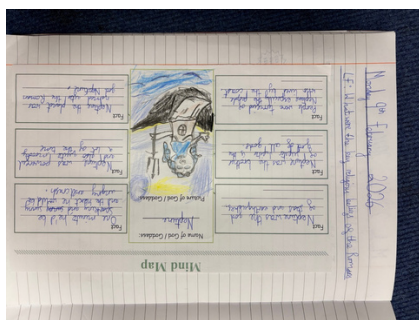




We marked Safer Internet Day by coming together as a phase to share an assembly from the Breck Foundation.

Terms such as cat-fishing, grooming and scamming were introduced and explained carefully.

Children were reminded of the possible dangers of being on-line. They learnt what to look out for and also what actions they could take to keep themselves safe.



In History this week, the children used Chromebooks to research and explore the religious life of the Romans. They discovered that Romans were polytheistic - believing in many gods and goddesses. The Romans even thought that their emperors were gods on Earth. Children chose one God to focus on and researched their symbols, families, festivals and even their Greek equivalent name.



In Art, we have continued our Roman theme! We researched a variety of Roman mosaic designs, before asking the children to create their own. Then, using natural colours of beans, lentils and rice, they carefully arranged their designs and secured them to a card tile. The results astounded us and the enjoyment that the children had whilst making them was also very clear to see!

EGYPTIAN ART

This term, Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the world of Ancient Egypt through art. Inspired by the history and imagery of Ancient Egypt, the children created their own Egyptian-style artwork, including detailed pharaoh headdresses, carefully drawn hieroglyphic cartouches, and striking profile figures in the traditional style. They worked hard to use bold colours, repeating patterns, and symbolic imagery just as artists did thousands of years ago. We are proud of their creativity and focus..



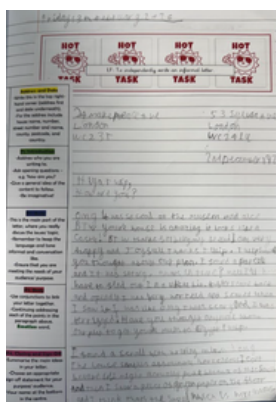
ENGLISH

In English this term, Year 4 have been diving into the exciting adventure story *Secrets of a Sun King* by Emma Carroll. Inspired by the mystery and drama of the story, the children have been writing their own informal letters in role as characters from the book. They worked hard to capture the characters' emotions, use a friendly and lively tone, and include features such as greetings, questions, and expressive language. We have been so impressed with their creativity and their ability to write as if they were right in the middle of the adventure!

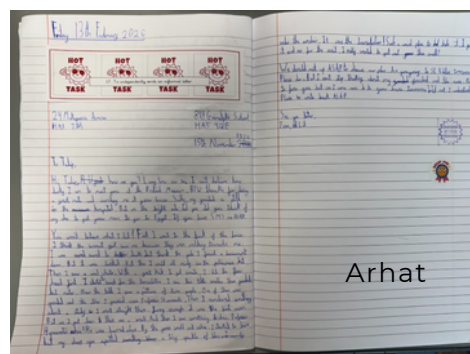
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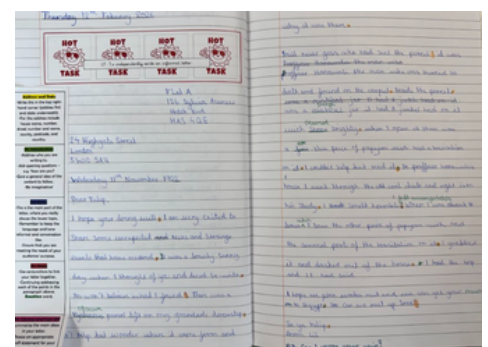
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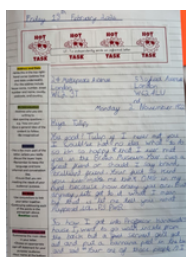
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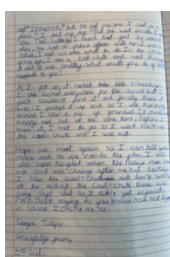
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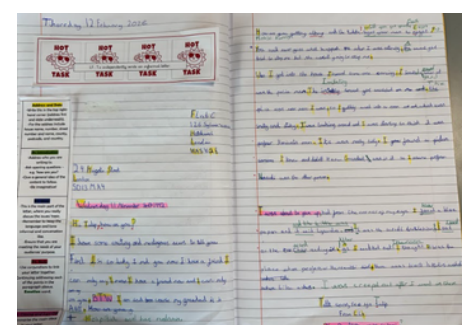
Samarth



Caitlin



Dylan



Tristan

ZSL WHIPSNADE ZOO

Year 5 had an amazing day out at Whipsnade Zoo! We were very lucky it did not rain, and most animals were outside. The children loved walking around and seeing all the different animals. Some of the favourites included the giraffes, the lions, the playful monkeys and elephants! It was fantastic to see the animals up close and learn more about where they come from and how they live.

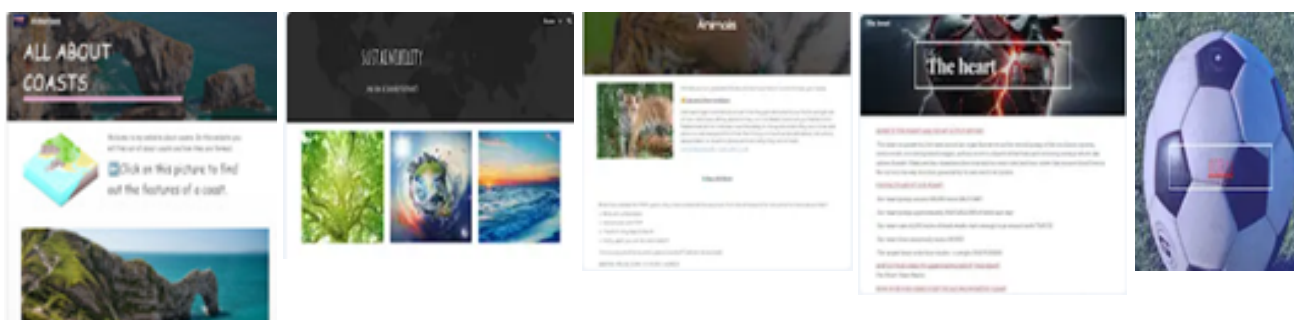
One of the highlights of the day was our plastic pollution workshop. The children took part in fun activities and discussions where they learned about how plastic affects animals and the environment. They discovered how small changes, like recycling and reducing single use plastics, can make a big difference in protecting wildlife. The staff at the zoo were very impressed with the children's knowledge and thoughtful questions.

Year 5 represented the school well with their excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the day. Most importantly, they had great fun while learning lots of new and interesting facts.

In D.T., Year 6 children successfully completed their cushion-making project. Throughout this unit, children explored various cushion designs by creating their own mood boards, which inspired their own creative designs. The children demonstrated enthusiasm and skill as they designed their cushions, incorporating personal touches that reflected their individual styles. Furthermore, they acquired essential sewing techniques, learning to operate sewing machines with confidence and precision.



In computing, children planned the structure of their own websites, paying attention to the navigation paths (the way that pages are linked together). They then created multiple web pages for their site and used hyperlinks to link them together as detailed in their planning.



Year 6 children visited the British Library to take part in a workshop. The session explored the arrival of the Empire Windrush in Essex in 1948 and the wider social and historical context of this moment. They investigated the experiences of Caribbean people who came to the UK in the 1950s and 1960s.



SPRING TERM 2026

16th - 20th Feb	Half Term Break
Tues 24th Feb	Y3 visiting Verulamium Museum 3R Parent Consultation
Tues 3rd Mar	Y5 CREW - Space Y5/6 Tag Rugby League
Thurs 5th Mar	World Book Day
Mon 9th Mar	Science Boffins Workshop Table Tennis Tournament
Tues 10 th Mar	Parent Consultations - early close for all classes at 3pm
Thurs 12 th Mar	Parent Consultations - early close for all classes at 3pm Reception visiting St Anselms Church
Fri 13th Mar	Y3 and Y5 Visual Reality Workshops
Tues 17th Mar	Y4 visit from Mr Egypt Reception Vision Check Y5/6 Tag Rugby
Wed 18th Mar	String Festival
Thurs 19th Mar	Y4-6 visit from Nonsuch Orchestra
Fri 20 th Mar	Red Nose Day
Mon 23 rd Mar	Y5/6 Boys Football League Y5 African Drumming Performance (11:30am)
Tues 24 th Mar	Reception Vision Check
Thurs 26 th Mar	KS1 Sports Festival
Fri 27th Mar	Last day of Spring - close at 2:30pm (ASC clubs will not be running on this day)
30th Mar - 10 th Apr	Easter Break
Mon 13 th Apr	Start of Summer Term
Thurs 16 th Apr	Y2 visiting Windsor Castle
Fri 17 th Apr	Parent Forum - 9am
Tues 21 st Apr	Breck Foundation Digital Citizenship
Wed 22 nd Apr	Y1 visit from Ranger Stu
Fri 8 th May	5BM visiting HEHS for Art Workshop
11 th - 14 th May	Y6 SATs week

TERM DATES
Spring Term

Mon 5 Jan - Fri 13 Feb
1/2 term break: Mon 16 Feb - Fri 20 Feb
Mon 23 Feb - Fri 27 Mar

Summer Term

Mon 13 Apr—Fri 22 May
1/2 term break: Mon 25 May—Fri 29 May
Mon 1 Jun—Mon 20 Jul

PDD dates

Fri 17th Jul
Mon 20th Jul

2026/27 TERM DATES
Autumn Term

Wed 2 Sept - Fri 23 Oct
1/2 term break: Mon 26 Oct - Fri 30 Oct
Mon 2 Nov - Fri 18 Dec

Spring Term

Mon 4 Jan - Fri 12 Feb
1/2 term break: Mon 15 Feb - Fri 19 Feb
Mon 22 Feb - Fri 25 Mar

Summer Term

Mon 12 Apr—Fri 28 May
1/2 term break: Mon 31 May—Fri 4 Jun
Mon 7 Jun—Thurs 22 Jul

PDD dates

TBC