



GRAPPENHALL HEYS NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

February 2022

Yesterday we celebrated Lunar New Year. It was a lovely day in school and the children looked wonderful. Thank you to all the parents who came into school to help to inform our children about why it was an important day in the calendar and run activities in each class. After school, our parents will be on the EYFS playground selling any leftover items from yesterday's sale. Items are priced between £1 and £5 and all profits will be donated to school. Please bring cash for the event. We will let you know the overall amount raised from this. Thank you for your support

Covid update

As a school we have had a tricky January as a result of significant numbers of staff and some pupil absences linked to Covid. Thank you for your patience and understanding when staff have not been available and appointments have been cancelled. We are pleased that we have managed to maintain face to face teaching for all classes during this period and would like to thank all staff for what they have done in terms of prioritising education and pupil wellbeing with reduced capacity. Whilst it has been challenging, the main thing is that everyone is well. Although we have had a number of cases in school, we would like to thank parents for continuing to be vigilant to symptoms and testing children if they suspect that they are unwell as this is ensuring that we reduce the risk of transmission through classes. Our numbers of Covid cases has dropped and we hope that this remains to be the case.

Punctuality

We have a growing number of children who are arriving at school persistently late. **School registration is between 8.45 and 8.55.** The impact of children arriving late in school increases the workload of the admin team at a very busy time of day. It also interrupts teachers and children who want to start their day well. Please support us by ensuring that your child arrives promptly within the 10 minute window.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday, 8 February 2022 we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day. The theme is "Together for a better internet". Our aim is to make the internet a safer and better place for all our children, ensuring they are responsible digital citizens. Please look at the wealth of resources on our website for parents and children to support us with this at home.

Nursery admissions for September 2022

Just a reminder that admission forms for children who are currently in Nursery and who are continuing in Nursery in September have been sent home via the class. If your child is due to start Nursery in September 2022, please contact Mrs Hamblett in the school office for an application form and booklet. The application and Information booklet is also available to download on this website www.warrington.gov.uk/schools. Parents are requested to return forms to their first preference school by the closing date of 2nd March 2022. Parents/carers should be informed by the school of their first preference whether a place is available by the end of April 2022. The sessions allocated may be confirmed at a later date.

Opal Project

If you can spare some time to help develop the outdoor play space for KS1 and KS2, we would really appreciate any time that you can spare!! This is open to parents/carers/grandparents. Our first project is to create an impressive mud kitchen in KS1 and KS2. Please contact the school office if you can help in terms of materials, resources or time.

Guitar Lessons

Schools – Liverpool Music School

We work with many Schools throughout the Northwest supplying expert Musical tuition to individuals and small groups. If you are interested in having your child attend lesson in their school please complete the following form: liverpoolmusicschool.co.uk

Forthcoming events

Spring 2 2022

Tuesday 1 February

Lunar New Year Celebrations
Year 5 Swimming Broomfields – weekly

Year 4 Samba Drumming and lasts for 11 weeks

Guitar Lessons for students who have booked lessons

Tuesday 08 February

Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 09 February

Year 5 visit to Liverpool World Museum

Thursday 10 February

Year 6 Parliament Workshop online

5-6pm Year 2 and Year 6 SATs Information Evening

Friday 18 February

Open Assembly -TBC
After School Clubs finishes
School closes

Monday 28 February

Spring 2 2022
School opens and After School Clubs start



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WOW Tracker Walk to School Challenge

Remember that to qualify for a WOW badge each month, a child needs to actively travel to school (Walk, Cycle, Scooter, Park and Stride) one day per week to qualify. The aim being to reduce the amount of car traffic/pollution in and around the school during drop off and pick up and encourage active travel to school.

January's Class of the Month: Year 2 - Congratulations!

January 2022 – 164 badges awarded across Reception – Year 6, 68% active trips to school.

The following children have are celebrating their birthdays in February and have received or will be receiving their birthday pencil and sticker...

Dawood A	Oliver O	Jessica S	Maya S	
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A Very Happy Birthday to you all!

Friends News

2022 Challenge

Please join us in supporting our 2022 challenge in which we hope to raise over £4000 which will go towards purchasing vital fixed play equipment as part of our new Opal Garden Programme.

We are challenging each child to raise **£20.22** and to come up with their own unique ways to raise their funds.

Some examples of ways to raise funds; bake sale, washing up, sponsored run. A great way to enjoy the half term break whilst helping your school.

Sponsorship forms will go home this week.

We ask all children to bring in their completed sponsorship form and funds in the envelope attached **by Tuesday 1st March**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance

Our school target is 96%.

For the year our current attendance is 95.1%

Week ending 28 January 2022

Year	Attendance (%)
Nursery	98.7
Reception	83.7
1	90.3
2	91.0
3	95.3
4	86.3
5	99.3
6	86.7

Well Done Year 5!