



# GRAPPENHALL HEYS NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

May 2022

**Welcome to our May Newsletter. We hope you made the most of the long Bank holiday weekend.**

**Staffing Update** – A letter from Mrs Jackson is attached to this newsletter with updates of recent staffing changes. I can now confirm that we will have 45 children joining us in Reception for September. They will be split into 2 classes. Details on class arrangements will follow in due course.

**Building Update** – Thank you for your co-operation with the new access arrangements into school during the building works. We really appreciate your understanding and support. Can we also request that **Children are not left unsupervised outside of the main reception before the doors open at 8.45 am.** We appreciate that some of our older children walk to school but if you could ensure they are not arriving too early. The front of school is now very busy and it is adjacent to the car park road. Children are beginning to arrive early, many unsupervised, playing chasing games and ball games, making it unsafe. Please support us by supervising your child until 8.45 am.

**Staff Car park** – Thank you to those parents who are now parking outside of the staff car park to drop off and pick up from link club – this is really helpful. If we please could ask for the small minority who are not doing so to begin to use the lay by on Stansfield Drive and avoid the staff car park at all times during the building works. Those displaying a valid blue badge are obviously welcome to continue to use the car park. We are just trying to manage an increase in the volume of traffic at peak times and keep it as safe as possible for all concerned.

#### **Link Club**

Link Club will be moving back to being located in the hall as of Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May to allow for works to begin internally. Please continue to use the Link Club bell and drop/collect your child from the porch at the main reception. Can parents please ensure that you have your mobile phone with you to call link club during the afternoon sessions in case they are outside on the playground. This avoids waiting for school staff to facilitate collection. The number for Link club is **07873223294**.

#### **Aya's – Final push!**

You should have received a Parentmail earlier today with our plans to support and encourage Aya in her final few metres of her cycling challenge tomorrow morning. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

#### **Jubilee Celebrations**

We are looking to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee week commencing 23rd May. We have lots of exciting things planned to make it memorable for our children but we may need a little parental help! A separate letter will follow later this week with details and requests for various costumes. Apologies in advance!

#### **Lost property**

This is just to remind parents/carers that we have a small lost property box outside the main entrance. Prior to Easter Holidays Mrs Gordon collected and sorted the items in the box. These items have been washed and put into the Friends cupboard to be sold as pre-loved and has calculated that they were **worth a total of £520**. All other non-school uniform has been donated to charity. Please ensure that your child's uniform is labelled with their name, so that if it is lost in school or taken home accidentally by another family, it can be returned to the right child. Thank you to Mrs Gordon for all her help.

## Forthcoming events

### Summer 1 2022

#### **Monday 02 May**

Spring Bank Holiday School Closed

#### **Tuesday 03 May**

Guitar lessons for children who have booked with Paul Reay each week

#### **Wednesday 04 May**

Reception visit to the Walled Garden

#### **Thursday 05 May**

Y1 Audiology Session – recall session

#### **Friday 06 May**

Y5 Level 2 Bikeability (for those children who only completed Level 1 on Wed 27 April)

#### **Monday 9 May**

Y6 SATs week commences  
Y3 Residential to Tattenhall

#### **Tuesday 10 May**

Y3 return from Tattenhall

#### **Thursday 12 May**

Y6 SATs Party

#### **Monday 16 May**

Early Years 'Learn with your child' sessions. A separate letter will follow to parents in Nursery and Reception

#### **Thursday 19 May**

Magistrate visit to Y6  
Y5/6 Football Tournament – Locking Stumps

#### **Monday 23 May**

Jubilee Week

#### **Friday 27 May**

Open Assembly

After School Clubs finish  
School Closes

### Summer 2 Term

#### **Monday 13 June**

School opens and After School Clubs start



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### May is National Walking Month

Living Streets who run the Walk to School Challenge, where we ask children in Reception to Year 6 to take active journeys to school, have launched a webpage full of inspiration for making walking part of our daily routine. Please see the links below:

[https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/national-walking-month?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=engagingnetworks&utm\\_campaign=email&utm\\_content=NWM22+One+week+to+go](https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/national-walking-month?utm_medium=email&utm_source=engagingnetworks&utm_campaign=email&utm_content=NWM22+One+week+to+go)

### 16-20 May is Walk to School Week -

The five-day walking challenge is an annual celebration of the walk to school and the perfect activity to celebrate National Walking Month this May.

### Teen Yoga

Our yoga club has been a popular after school activity for some time. For families who have older siblings interested in yoga, our teacher Sylvie will be running teen yoga classes on Friday afternoons between 5-6pm at the Yoga Space in Warrington for the summer term, starting on 22 April. If you are interested, please contact Sylvie on 07429 466 001, or [sylvie@sylvieballyoga.com](mailto:sylvie@sylvieballyoga.com).

### Unwanted items needed for Art Projects

If you are having a sort out at home, please could we have the following: Unwanted metal keys, can ring pulls, broken/ unwanted jewellery, beads, unwanted scrapbooking paper or items. Broken/unwanted watches in any condition. Items can be dropped off via the class teacher to pass onto Mrs Gordon or via the main office. Thank you!

### 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.

### April's Class of the Month: Year 4 - Congratulations!

April 2022 – 179 badges awarded across Reception – Year 6, 78% active trips to school.

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

Cai B	Jonny B	Theo C	Florence C	Nathaniel D
Lucas G	Mattie G	Finley H	Anabelle H	Audrey H
Alexander H	Meha J	Willow L	Chloe L	Paddy L
Teddy M	Isla M	Mae M	Hazel O	Garvika R
Lucia R	Raffaella S	Skyla T	Cody W	

**A Very Happy Birthday to you all!**

### Friends News

Friends of Grappenhall Heys and Comedy at Work are excited to be hosting our first adult comedy night at the school on Friday 24th June. This event is ticketed, with only 100 tickets available so don't miss out! £20 ticket includes corkage fee so please feel free to BYOB / soft drinks.

Tickets available now on ParentMail with no limit on how many you can purchase so bring your friends along and enjoy a fine night of comedy.

### Attendance

**Our school target is 96%.**

**For the year our current attendance 94.9%**

**Week ending 29 April 2022**

Year	Attendance (%)
Nursery	97.0
Reception	97.9
1	94.0
2	97.6
3	95.5
4	99.3
5	99.0
6	96.7

**Well Done Year 4 !**