



Great Chart Primary School Newsletter for Parents and Pupils



November 2020



MESSAGE FROM MRS PANG, HEADTEACHER

Following on from the October newsletter you are all aware that we are focusing this year on values. Strong values are extremely important to everyone at Great Chart Primary School: pupils, staff, governors etc. This term our Value will be:

Aspiration

Aspiration is linked to self-belief and is a concept which is becoming increasingly recognised as a key factor in learning and future success in life – To have this, children must have a positive growth mind-set. We will also be investigating other areas related to aspiration- Success, Effort, Determination, Commitment, Drive, Enthusiasm, Optimism and Hope.



This is a phrase I'm sure many of you have heard when watching the news. Schools have a huge task of trying to ensure children catch up. We have been really fortunate with the support parents have given and continue to give their children during this time. During the lockdown, Google classroom and keeping learning going was extremely effective. However, we still have a lot to do to ensure we give children as many opportunities to reinforce and embed their learning. We are doing this through a number of strategies:

- ◆ Our recovery curriculum focusing on key issues
- ◆ Extras tuition session for pupils in KS2
- ◆ Introducing a new Phonics package to support staff tracking progress and identifying next steps
- ◆ Language programme being used in EYFS
- ◆ Y5 being split across 3 groups for English and Maths
- ◆ Y4 being split across 3 groups for English and Maths- planning for this from Term 3

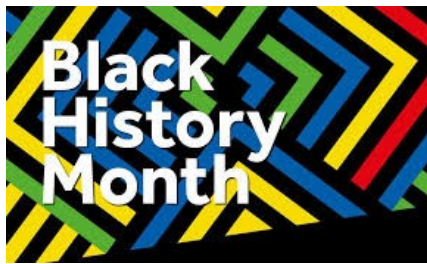
These strategies are in addition to the quality first teaching your children receive everyday from the teaching staff. Please could I thank KS2 parents for the support they are giving to the school ensuring their child attends the extra tuition sessions. These sessions are crucial so that any gaps in learning can be effectively addressed.

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During October we recognised Black History Month and focused our Assemblies and Circle Time sessions on a range of areas from Equality and Diversity to recognising the outstanding contributions people of African and Caribbean descent have made.

Another of our priorities within our School's Strategic Plan this year is to "Promote and celebrate diversity." We have been reviewing our planning to ensure that we provide opportunities for our pupils to celebrate diversity across the world. Even from the very youngest children they are recognising how important it is to see the uniqueness of everyone and to treat people with respect.

We will be looking forward to running our consultations 'virtually' this term and hope as many of you can 'join us' in discussing your child's progress and how you can support them at home. This is our first experience of holding our meetings this way so please be understanding if we encounter any teething issues!

Thank you for your continued support over the past months. We have all had to adapt to different ways of managing the situation but I'm so proud of how well the children have coped with the many changes. They are very resilient and handle situations better than sometimes we may give them credit for.

Thank you everyone.

Wellbeing Day

On Friday 2nd October, the whole school took part in our Wellbeing Day. Many wonderful activities took place and the children had a lovely day. As I walked through the school, I could feel a real buzz in the air which was lovely. Some of the activities were making dinosaurs out of junk in Year One. Year Four had a very active day whereby the children played team building games and benchball and Year 5 made lovely bird feeders using oranges and skewers. Then they were hung on the school trees by the children. A super day was had by all, children and teachers alike.

Mrs Bilham



Black History Month

The month of October has been 'Black History Month' and we have educated, reflected and embraced discussions and reading throughout the school. We have recently invested in some wonderful books to add to our collection of diverse literature.

The children from Early Years to Year 6 have learnt about why we have 'Black History Month' and they have enjoyed learning about so many influential people who have worked hard to make our world a more wonderful place where equality and diversity is celebrated. We have all enjoyed learning about the people who have had such an impact on the world we live in; from Martin Luther King and Ruby Bridges to Alice Ball, Jesse Owens and Ella Fitzgerald. Although 'Black History Month' has been a focus during the month of October, the celebration of diversity and diverse literature is fluid throughout the year.



Time to Shine



On Friday 9th October we had another 'Time To Shine' slot in our assembly; this time it was children in Year 3 and Year 6 who had the opportunity to share their talents in the large and small hall assemblies.



We had a variety of acts this time which included singing a Welsh lullaby, magic tricks, Taekwondo, football skills and a variety of ballet and modern dance moves.
Well done to all of these pupils who performed - (Isabella-Paige, Christopher, Nicholas, Poppy, Emily, Oliver, Jayden and Ruby)
- they did an amazing job!

Mrs High

Headteacher's Award



As we are unable to host our Headteachers' tea party due to current guidelines, we have decided to do it a little differently this year. Each teacher will choose someone from their class to receive a Headteacher's Award, they will receive a certificate and at the end of the school year each child that has received a Headteacher's Award will then get invited to an end of year Headteacher's tea party where they will celebrate their achievement. Children that received a certificate in term 1 were:

F Griffin Ralph	4 Griffin Emily
F Toke Autumn	4 Toke Alexander
1 Griffin Charlie	5 Griffin Victor
1 Toke Minnie	5 Toke Ellie
2 Griffin Ruby	6 Griffin Alfie
2 Toke Florence	6 Toke Isabelle
3 Griffin Millie	Goldwell Daniel

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE

SEPTEMBER 2021 ADMISSIONS



Unfortunately due to the school trying to limit the number of people on our premises and also the number of contacts we have, we will not be able to carry out our usual Starting School tours. We have recorded a virtual tour of our school and a Headteacher presentation that will be available to view on our website www.great-chart.sch.uk Date to be confirmed of when this will go live.

Parent/Teacher consultations

You can make your own appointment for parent/teacher consultations. Please visit the link below to add or amend the appointments. <https://greatchart.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

- EYFS Griffin 9th, 12th November (both)
- EYFS Toke 9th, 12th November
- 1 Griffin 9th, 10th, 11th November
- 1 Toke 9th, 10th November
- 2 Griffin 9th, 10th (Mrs Qureshi), 18th, 19th November (Mrs Thomas)
- 2 Toke 9th, 10th, 18th November
- 3 Griffin 10th, 12th November
- 3 Toke 9th, 10th (Mrs Willemse), 11th November (Mrs Mowl)
- 4 Griffin 9th, 11th November
- 4 Toke 10th, 11th November
- 5 Griffin 9th, 10th, 12th November
- 5 Toke 9th, 10th, 12th November
- 6 Griffin 10th (Mrs Sims), 11th November (Mrs Carter)
- 6 Toke 9th, 10th November

These are 10-minute video appointments. For more information, please visit the link below:

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

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Diary Dates

Monday 2nd November—First Day of term

Thursday 5th November—Friends' Association Non Uniform Day

Monday 9th November— Video Parent/Teacher Consultations for EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, 3 Toke, 4 Griffin, Year 5, 6 Toke

Tuesday 10th November—Video Parent/Teacher Consultations for Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, 4 Toke, Year 5 Year 6

Wednesday 11th November— Video Parent/Teacher Consultations for 1 Griffin, 3 Toke, Year 4, 6 Griffin

Thursday 12th November—Video Parent/Teacher Consultations for EYFS, 3 Griffin, Year 5

Wednesday 18th November—Flu Vaccination EYFS-Y6

Wednesday 18th November—Video Parent/Teacher Consultations for Year 2,

Thursday 19th November—Video Parent/Teacher Consultations for 2 Griffin

Friday 20th November—Year 5 Victorian Day

Wednesday 25th November 7pm—Friends' Association Meeting

Upcoming Exciting Dates

Thursday 5th November—Year 1 Forest School

Thursday 12th November—Year 4 Viking Day

Thursday 12th November—Year 6 Forest School

Thursday 19th November—Year 5 Forest School

Wednesday 25th November—Year 3 Forest School

Thursday 26th November—Year 2 Forest School

Poppy Appeal 2020

Due to the current situation we are unable to collect money this year for the poppy appeal in school. Parents can still support The Royal British Legion by donating online or purchasing something from The Royal British Legion shop. Please visit their website by following this link

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/things-to-do/fundraise-for-us/11-11-challenge>



Head Girls and Head Boys



In term 1 we appointed 2 Head girls and 2 Head boys to carry out important duties during the first term. Well done to:

James 6 Griffin

Hannah 6 Griffin

Jack 6 Toke

Ruby L 6 Toke

In term 2 we have appointed new Head Boys and Head Girls to carry out important duties during the second term. Well done to:

Zachary 6 Griffin

Ranita 6 Griffin

Oliver 6 Toke

Kahlan 6 Toke