

Well Done Year 6 Football

On Tuesday 5th September, some of the year 6 went to a football tournament at Kingswood School. The Tuesday before they also played there and won a match, drew a match and lost a match. They got through and played their hearts out on the following Tuesday. On the first match, Gretton played Thrapston and won 2-0. After the celebration, we played Oundle A and had a scoreless draw. Then we played Our ladies and lost 1-0. We started to lose hope until our coach (Andy Chambers) told us we were through to the semi-finals. We were all speechless and we celebrated until we played our next match. We were up against Priors Hall. We played our best but we ended up losing 2-0. We had an amazing time and did a brilliant job. We came 3rd out of 20. All of us enjoyed it.



Written by Nia Lloyd in Sycamore Class

Music Reward

We are proud our school has received a certificate of recognition in music and has been nominated to become a "Music Mark School"

Maths Escape Room Day

On Tuesday 5th October our school had a maths escape room. In Sycamore, Maple and Willow we all had to find codes to save the school from romantrons; we did multiplication, weighing and many other things. In Key Stage 1 they had to clean up the Queens Palace but with maths; they had to clean up the leaves by putting them on the right number, using a magnet to put tickets in the correct buckets and using shapes to help them. We all had so much fun and thank you to the PSA who paid for this and the guy who provided us with the equipment.



Written by Freya Brown and Bleu Grant-McAlinden in Sycamore Class

Harvest Festival

In consultation with Governors we have decided that Harvest Festival will go ahead in church but without parents. We are monitoring the covid rates and will do a virtual ceremony if necessary.



Sports Crew Training

Our wonderful sports crew have now been properly trained and will be planning activities for the children to complete at lunchtimes. This will encourage everyone to become more active as well as work together as a team and build confidence and friendships with others.



Goodbye to Mrs McClintock

We have said goodbye today to Mrs McClintock who has been a fabulous learning support assistant in our Early Years classroom for many years. She is leaving to run a new family business and we wish her every success for the future.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 20th October
Parents Evening

Thursday 21st October
Parents Evening

Friday 22nd October
Staff Training Day

End of Term

Monday 1st November
School Opens

Monday 2nd November
Individual School Photographs

Thursday 9th December
PSA Wreath Making Night

Monday 13th December
Class Christmas Parties

Tuesday 14th December
2.00pm & 6.30pm
Christmas Production

Thursday 16th December
Christmas Jumper Day

9.30am Christingle Service St James' Church, Gretton

Friday 17th December
Pantomime in school

End of Term

Harvest Festival Donations

This year we will be donating to the Corby Food Bank. Any donations of dried or tinned food would be gratefully received. There will be a box in the school entrance to put any donated goods in. Thank you.



MacMillan Cake Sale

We raised a fantastic £267 at our MacMillan cake sale! Thank you to everyone who donated and bought cakes!



Reminder

Friday 22nd October is a staff training day.

Reminder!

First Aid Training

We had some First Responders come in and teach us how to do CPR and bandages. Rowan, Oak, Ash and Willow did bandages and bleeding. Maple and Sycamore learnt CPR to the beat 1234 and the song baby shark. It was a great day, everyone loved it. Written by Lauren Machar in Sycamore Class



Learning Support Assistant Position

We are recruiting for a part time learning support assistant for a child with learning difficulties in Year 1. For more details regarding this position, please visit the school or Brooke Weston Trust website.

Queen's Jubilee- extra bank holiday

As the country will be celebrating the Queens' platinum jubilee next year an extra bank holiday has been given during the May half term break. As schools are already closed that day the Brooke Weston Trust have decided that schools will close a day earlier in summer which means that the last day of the summer term will be **Thursday 21st July** not Friday 22nd July as previously stated. Please also see the term dates attached and on the school website for 2022-23 and take careful note of these when booking and holidays.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

We will be holding a second hand uniform sale in the next couple of weeks on the play-ground after school. All items will be £1/£2. Details coming soon.

New Canopy

Our new canopy was fitted at the weekend. Thank you again to Smurfit Kappa and the parents and children at Chirpy Chicks for raising the funds for this. Also a big thank you to Mrs Cowley and her partner Mark for helping put it up! We think it looks great!



Purple Mash

Your children should have a log in for "Purple Mash". If you can't find it or if children have forgotten it, please email Lucy Parkin - lucy.parkin@grettonprimary.org



Times Tables Rockstars-Coming Soon!

We are going to be launching a big Times Tables competition from Year 2-6 over the next few weeks. The children will compete against each other in their own class and across the school so that we can identify our Times Tables champions in every class. There will be prizes for those children who know their times tables inside out and back to front and for our class champions.

To make this more fun we have subscribed to Times Tables Rockstars and your child will shortly be given a log in to this programme of daily times tables practice. Please visit the website for more information. <https://trockstars.com>



Class attendance for w/c 27th September goes to: **Maple Class with 98%**

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Great attendance will be a big focus for 2021-22!



Our value of the month is:

Respect

Respect is listening to others, doing the right thing and accepting differences.

Treat others how you would like to be treated

PSA News

- **New Committee for 2021-2022:** As the School Parents Association is a constituted charity, each year at the Annual General Meeting, every member of the committee stands down and a new committee is elected. At this year's AGM we nominated and voted in the following:

Chair: Katie Marshall

Vice-Chair: Julie Collins

Treasurer: Katie Collins

Secretary: Sara Cooke (until Dec 2021)

▪ **Class Reps:**

- Rowan Rachel W and Rachel Y
- Oak Lucy P and Katie C
- Ash Dora C and Hannah M
- Willow Zoe M and Donna C
- Maple Caroline C and Carla H
- Sycamore Leah C and Claire T

▪ **Save the Date**

- KS1 Movie Night: Tuesday 9th November, straight after school.
- KS2 Movie Night: Tuesday 16th November, straight after school.
- Wreath Night: Thursday 9th December at 7pm, in the school hall.