



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 2025



Headteacher end of term update

What a lovely term we have had. Despite the cold weather, the children have enjoyed some clear sunny days on the playground as we have been introducing lots of new play equipment to further enhance our breaks from learning. Children have told me how much they are enjoying the table tennis, giant Jenga, connect 4, chess and dominoes, as well as the increased colouring, books and drama that is on offer. We intend to continue to improve and schedule this after the holiday. If you have anything to donate, please let Mrs Garland or the FSA know.

The Year 3-4 children have presented their class assemblies and I was very impressed with the learning and knowledge they shared with both parents and pupils. They were confident and articulate as well as clear with their messages.

After half term I will be back to GHF full time as Welbourn has appointed a permanent Headteacher. I have enjoyed my time with them and I was really glad to have been able to support them when they needed someone.

We are saying goodbye to Miss Stephens, and we wish her all the best as she starts her new adventure, we will miss her.

Have a great break and we look forward to seeing you in Term 4.

Jayne Watson

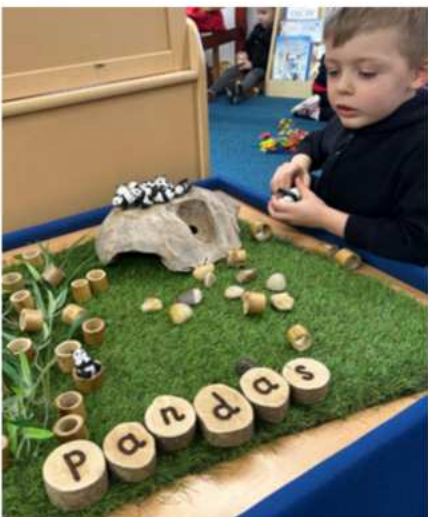
KEY DIARY DATES

- w/c 24 Feb - Year 5 bikeability
- 5 March - school choir at Grantham Music Festival
- 13 March - Year 5 and 6 healthy relationships workshop
- 25 March - Yr 3/4 Performance - 9.15 am
- 26 March Easter Services - KS2 - 9.30 - 10 am St Sebastians, EY/KS1 - 11 am
- 26 March - Yr 3/4 Performance - 5 pm
- w/c 31 March - Year 6 residential

Reception



We have started to look at China and Chinese culture, making Chinese flags and dragons. Thinking about Chinese culture that we may see in England, we talked about food and had great fun role playing and 'telephoning' for a takeaway! We have learnt all about the Chinese Lunar New Year, celebrations, and Chinese writing. Miss Chan came to talk to us about Chinese culture and her life in Hong Kong.



PE lessons have seen us showcasing our gymnastics moves. We are learning how to use the equipment and jump and land safely.

We have been singing 'Five Little Speckled Frogs' and learning all the different ways to make five.



The Hub



I'm walking 5k this April for the National Autistic Society



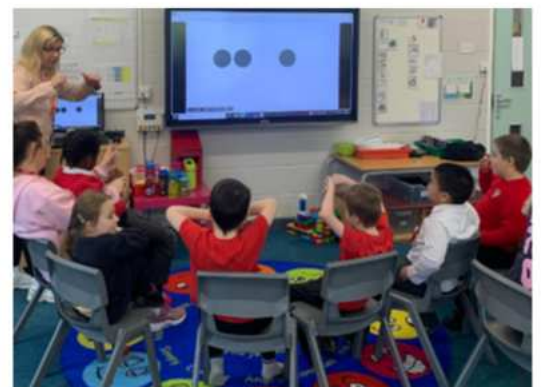
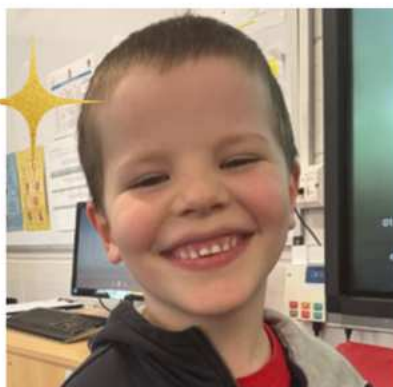
Pathfinders SG have been blowing us away with their fabulous reading and phonics!

We like to encourage being active even when it's been cold, so we have wrapped up and enjoyed playtime in our fantastic outdoor area - the children love the trikes!



The class are superstars every day, but once a week we celebrate the diamonds with an award for being extra sparkly.

One of our families has organised a sponsored walk to raise awareness and funds for the National Autistic Society - more information and a fundraising link can be found here: [Fundraising](#)



Year 1



What a great start to the new year! We have been learning all about the alphabet, making lists of words in alphabetical order.

In Science, we have been learning about different materials and how we can change them into different shapes.



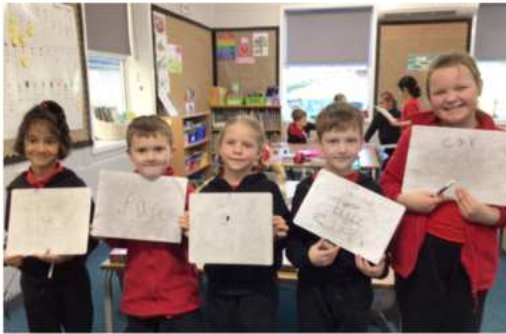
In Maths, we have been looking at the numbers 11 - 19, and all the ways we can use them to make 20. We have used our number lines to work out how close numbers are to each other.

How do you make an umbrella? We looked at materials to see if they were waterproof. In PSHE we have learned about what makes a good friend and how to share successfully.

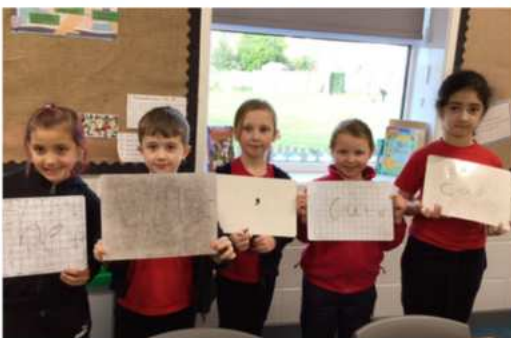


What are the differences between life in the UK and the Arctic? We have talked about differences in food, houses and clothing. Ask your child what differences they can tell you!

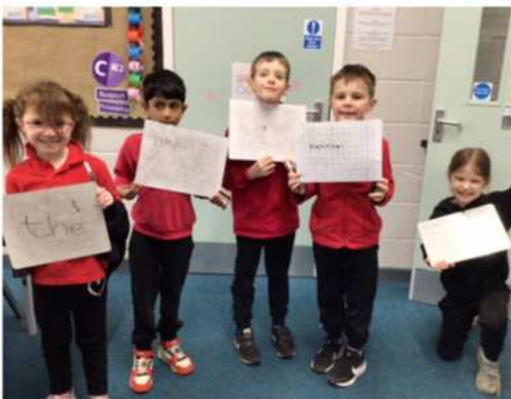
Year 2



In English we have been working on expanded noun phrases, learning how to build up on a noun word. We have also begun a new text, and have read the story and then used drama to re-tell it.



In Maths we have been learning about money in pounds and pence, and how to count this up.



In Science, we have been looking at shapes and the properties of solid objects. We also looked at what makes objects waterproof and what would make a good umbrella.

In Art, we have been looking at different materials and putting them into categories.



Year 3 and 4



The children have been creating Banksy style artwork, which is linked to their topic, 'Cry Freedom'.

In science, we have been learning about shadows, making different shapes with objects and torches.



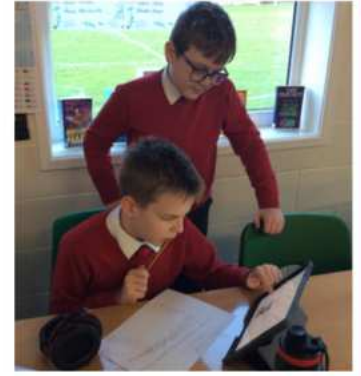
In PE the children are working on their fitness and multi skills in circuit training, focusing on improving their balance and coordination.

We have been learning about modern day slavery in history. The children read letters about a young man telling his story, and then presented what they had learned to the class.



How do we use centimetres and millimetres? The children have been learning to convert measurements and have been using their knowledge to measure things in the classroom.

Year 5



In RE we have started new topic, Creation and Science. We have looked at the Big Frieze and identified bible links, stories and pictures within it.

We prepared for our cultural celebration event in Art, making portraits in the style of Picasso so show how art can portray messages.



We have had circuit training in PE lessons - so many different areas to use and train - we were all worn out!

Our PCSO visited the classes to teach us about the impact of hate crime on society.

The class learnt about Nelson Mandela so that they could present a timeline about his story to the class.



Year 6



The children did a fantastic job researching the life of Nelson Mandela to understand how he changed South African society. Please ask your child to tell you what they have learnt.



We have played games to consolidate our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages.



In computing, we have used a program called Scratch to simulate physical systems.



In PSHE we spoke about why some drugs are illegal, and how this can affect people's health. The children tackled this subject with maturity and asked some very thoughtful questions.

Cultural Celebration



We had a fantastic response to our cultural celebration event! The GHF family is proud of its diversity, and this was a fantastic opportunity to come together and learn about different cultures and ways of life, while meeting families, both old and new, for a chat over some great food.



The children showcased their fantastic Picasso inspired artwork which was displayed in the hall, while our families enjoyed taster plates of food from around the world.



Thank you everyone who supported this event and made it so successful, by sending food donations or by cooking us such wonderful dishes to try, and by attending in such large numbers to join the event.

Miss Rowland and the Year 5 and 6 team did an amazing job organising this for us all - well done and thank you for all of your hard work.

Superkind project 'Say no to bullying'



The school are taking part in the Social Impact Schools Award. Part of this involves organising some activities which will make a positive difference.



The children tackled the subject of bullying, and spent the lessons in 'time together' creating posters for their cause. We then organised a school protest at the school gates, to showcase our posters and to create awareness.



The children behaved impeccably, and after the event used words like 'proud', 'supported', and 'powerful' to describe their feelings.