

A Learning School
A Community School
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A Growth Mindset School
A Reflective School
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Gorse Hill Primary School

Newsletter week ending 8th September

We come to the end of our first full week in school and we would like to share how proud we are of all of our children. They have all settled well into their new classes and are putting 100% effort into their learning.

Staffing News

Next week, Mrs Dickinson will be going on maternity leave. We wish her well and can't wait to meet her new arrival.

Mrs Sharif will be working alongside Mrs Shuttleworth in Class 2, covering whilst Mrs Dickinson is away. Mrs Sharif has worked in our school on numerous occasions and is a fantastic addition to our team; she has already been in school since September getting to know the children.



Year 1 have started their first Art topic - Pop art. We have looked at what Pop Art is and the artist Andy Warhol. The children loved getting to use all the different media to create their own pop art portraits of themselves!



School Maintenance News

Trees: Some of our neighbours were concerned about some of our trees overhanging the alley way and their gardens. At the start of the summer holidays, school employed the skills of a tree surgeon to come and cut the trees back so that they do not cause our neighbours any problems during the Autumn when the leaves start to fall.

Lighting: Over the summer, we have replaced all of the lights in the hall, Reception corridor and in the nursery with energy efficient LED lighting.

Carpet: the carpet in the corridor outside of Y1 has been replaced making the learning environment much more pleasant and clean in this area of the school.

In **Year 2**, pupils have been busy working on Zones of regulation: understanding our emotions and making typography's to stay green. Pupils have also been enjoying reading activities and in Geography, pupils have been naming the four countries of the UK, capital cities and surrounding seas.

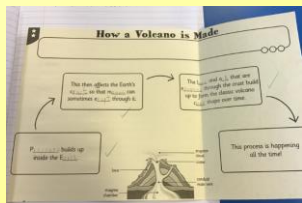


Year 4 Girls Football Team

We need Y4 Girls to make a football team. If you are interested; the girls' football club is 8:15am (before school) on the MUGA pitch. We look forward to seeing you there!



Year 3 have been busy this week. In our Geography learning we have been looking at tectonic plates and how they move. We have learnt this week how volcanoes are caused by a convergent movement of tectonic plates. We used card to simulate the different movements. Next week we will be looking at earthquakes!



Year 4, have been working very hard in maths mastering Place Value. We are so proud of how amazing the children are and how much they enjoy their mathematical learning.



This week, **Class 13** started their new Art topic inspired by the work of Hundertwasser. In this unit, we are going to be creating our artworks using the colours, shapes & patterns of Hundertwasser & using several different art techniques & mediums, including printing!



It has been an exciting week for **Year 5** pupils as they have started their swimming lessons at Stretford Lesiure Centre. Year 5 enjoyed their first swimming lesson this week. The children were all very excited about their lesson and look forward to making lots of progress over the coming weeks. All of the children put in 100% effort. Well done year 5!



In **Nursery** we have had lots of fun meeting our new friends and exploring our new classroom.



Reception pupils have settled really well into their new classroom; we have explored all the areas and have been making some natural faces using shells, pebbles etc We have also enjoyed painting our self portraits. We have also been in the hall to eat our lunch dinners in the hall.



September

20th Sept- Y3 Stone Age Day

25th- 25th- Y6 Residential

October

2nd Oct- Flu Vaccinations

4th Oct- Healthy Options Fair

17th Oct- Autumn Disco

20th Oct- Break up for half-term

