



Grands Vaux Primary School

Headteacher: Miss Maria McCool



Thursday, 16 March 2023

Dear Parent and Carers,
Welcome to newsletter 12 of this academic year.

Yr 5 and 6 Peer Mediators:

We have 14 of our yr5 and 6 cohort who have applied and been successful in their application to become Peer Mediators. Mrs Romeril will be the staff liaison for this group of children and is currently co-ordinating their work base and resourcing needs. We hope to update you with a start date, but for now congratulations to those successful applicants!

More information about Peer Mediation can be found here – <https://theresolutioncentre.com/peer-mediation/>

Parent/teacher Association AGM 15.3.23:

Thank you to parents/carers and staff that were able to attend the PTA AGM.

Successful elections were held for the 4 committee roles

Chair Person – Miss O'Connor

Vice Chair Person – Mrs Albuquerque

Secretary – Miss De Gouveia

Treasurer – Mrs Harrison

The new PTA are very keen to follow on from the fantastic work of the outgoing PTA, however, there will be a period of hand over prior to any events being organised – there are administration tasks that need to be completed.



Celebration Check In:

Ms Tanner and I will be undertaking a new regular 30mins dedicated check in slot for children across the school to share the work they have been really proud of – this will be a chance for them to celebrate their work with us. There may be the added bonus of hot chocolate and biscuits! If you do not want your child to have biscuits or hot chocolate in this session please do let us know. The first session is planned for tomorrow afternoon.



Play and Connect Monthly Drop in Session: (for more info see attached flyer)

Discover how play and connection can promote positive mental health for your children and teens. Join practitioners from CAMHS Early Intervention team, Mind Jersey and the Children and Families Hub to learn about play and discuss any concerns or worries you may have about your child's development or mental health.

Who is it for? For parents, carers and their children up to 18 years old

When is it happening? The last Tuesday of every month starting 28th March, at The Bridge Child and Family Centre between 12:30 – 14:30

How can I take part? Please feel free to drop into The Bridge on the above date and time, or for more information contact the Children and Families Hub team on 01534 519000, or email childrenandfamilieshub@gov.je.

British Science Week 10-19th March 2023:

This week is British Science Week and the theme is 'Connections'. To celebrate the week, all year groups will be investigating bridges and how they are made and how they work. Every child will be a scientist and will investigate how to make a strong bridge. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to use their science knowledge and skills.



On Monday 20th March from 2.45, we would like to invite parents and carers to come to the school hall and see the amazing work your children have been doing. Please pick your child up first and let them talk to you about their fantastic work. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Cycle Helmets:

A reminder that children under the age of 14yrs old are required by law to wear a cycle helmet. There have been a few yr 6 children arriving at school with no helmet. I have spoken to parents about the requirement for a helmet, not just legally but from a safety point of view. Please can you ensure that children who cycle to school wear a helmet and that you are confident in their cycling abilities, preferably they would have undertaken their cycling proficiency training.

More information on this can be found here –

<https://www.gov.je/Environment/ClimateEmergency/TacklingTransport/CyclingWalking/Pages/CyclingSafely.aspx>

Comic Relief Red Nose Day – Friday 17th March:



Our red nose celebration this year will be a non-uniform/wear something red theme. Please bring in a donation of 50p if you want to take part. We will not be selling red noses, feedback on the durability and expense of the noses has meant we do not feel they represent value for money so we plan to show our support for this charity through our 50p non-uniform donations.

Chewing Gum:

A reminder that chewing gum is not permitted on school site. This causes real issues when trying to remove it.

Supervision of Children at the end of the day:

Please can I ask for your continued support with supervising your children at the end of the day. Forest School is closed when the children are not supervised by staff. Access to this space has been impacted by damages or it being left untidy. This is not due to out of hours visitors to the school site, children have been seen 'playing' in this space unsupervised at the end of day. Please support us with ensuring that all areas of school are kept tidy and safe for our children to access.

DATES:

INSET Monday 5th June 2023 - school closed to the children

Additional Bank Holiday - Monday 8th May 2023

As always, if you wish to discuss anything in the newsletter, please do get in touch.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. McCool".

Miss Maria McCool – Headteacher