

Grands Vaux Primary School

Headteacher: Miss Maria McCool



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Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of the Spring Term. I want to say a huge thank you to all the staff for their efforts during the recent review. It has come at a challenging time for us all as we still work our way through the recovery phase following the flood. I am not able to share any findings from the review as we need to wait for the report in full, once this has been ratified the report will be made public.

Yr 5 and 6 Peer Mediators:

The children have started their Peer Mediation sessions – these have been positively received and the children are already making a difference. Well done and keep it up!

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

Celebration Check In:



The Proud Sharing Check Ins have gone really well – the children have spoken very eloquently about their learning, progress made in the week and any worries. This has been a really valuable opportunity for us to talk to the children in a small group setting.

British Science Week 10-19th March 2023 - Parent/Carer sharing Monday 20th March:

The turn out to the sharing of our work undertaken during British Science Week was incredible. I am sure you agree that the children worked extremely hard in their science investigations into bridges and how they are made and how they work. It was a great pleasure to see the pride and engagement from the children when sharing their work with you all.

Durrell's Tortoise Takeover:

We are very excited to be taking part in Durrell's Tortoise Takeover this summer! The winner of the Grands Vaux tortoise design competition has been revealed following many wonderful design entries. Well done and thank you to everyone who submitted a design. We would like to congratulate Bethany Broadbent with her winning design 'Edmund' which she said was inspired by King Charles III and the upcoming coronation.



To celebrate the Grands Vaux Tortoise design reveal, we had two special guests in for our assembly — Artist Amrit Singh and JTC Business Development and Marketing Manager Harriet. Amrit has been working around the clock over the last couple of days painting JTC's large tortoise sculpture. He gave us a sneaky peek of the finished design which you will be able to spot on the trail over the summer. He also shared his passion for art and gave us a glimpse into life as an artist. I know this will have inspired many of our young artists within school.

EYFS Easter Breakfast: Tuesday 28th March



Thank you to everyone who attended the Early Years Foundation Stage Easter event on Tuesday. It was so lovely to see so many adults involved with their child in the Easter activities.

The next event we will be delivering is on Thursday 4th May from 9-10am with a Maths focus.

'50 things to do before you're 5' Birthday event: Saturday 15th April

Please find attached an invitation to '50 things' 1st birthday event on Saturday 15th April, from 10.00am to 12.30 at Millbrook Park Pavilion.

The app provides a universal offer to help families develop their home learning environment, suggesting a wide range of low cost and no cost activities, including local links, top tips, and signposting to island events.



The '50 things' approach supports early language and literacy, motor skills, and resilience. As a result, children thrive cognitively, physically, and emotionally, building firm foundations to make sense of and manage new experiences.

The event will include free stalls and activities from representatives from across the Early Years sector offering exciting activities from the app, such as bubble blowing, sing & sign, sensory play, stories and poems, den building, water play, face painting, bug hunting, forest school activities, live theatre & music, and more. 300 free goodie bags to give away to children attending.

DATES:

INSET Monday 5th June 2023 - school closed to the children Additional Bank Holiday - Monday 8th May 2023

I want to wish you all a lovely Easter break with family and friends and we welcome the children back to school on Monday 17th April.

Kind regards
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Miss Maria McCool – Headteacher

