

Communication Bulletin 15 September 2023



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1. Recipients: Whole School Action Required: Information

Date: 15-Sep-23

Stars of the Week

Well done to all our stars of the week this week. We have been so impressed by all the hard work and effort that has gone into achieving this award.

	Year Group	Name	Name
	Reception	Flora	Jools
	Year 1	Tino	Appley
	Year 2	Shay	Amelia
	Year 3	Shanice	Almira
	Year 4	Cooper	Aari
	Year 5	Ava	Tikhon
	Year 6	Evlin	Kason

2. Recipients: Whole School Action Required: Information



George Grenville Academy's Citizenship Award

(for children in Years 5 and 6)

We are very proud to say that Lisa and Savannah have both achieved their **BRONZE** certificate award. They achieved this by the end of Year 5 and are both already working towards their **SILVER** award.



The children across the whole school learn about how to be a good citizen throughout their time at Grenville, starting at the very beginning of the school. They learn that by helping each other, showing respect and celebrating the diverse community and what it has to offer, only makes their experience at school better.

Children in Year 5 and 6, can work towards a series of awards that we have developed uniquely for the pupils at Grenville. These recognise and celebrate the ways in which our children contribute to the life of the school and get involved with their community beyond the school gates.

There are 3 levels of award: **Bronze**, **Silver** and **Gold**. The Bronze can be earned by simply being involved in at-school activities, whereas for Silver and Gold, children may need to get involved in more out-of-school activities as well.

We can't wait to see what the Year 5 and 6 children achieve this year and well done again to Lisa and Savannah!



As it is the start of the school year, we have begun our parent/teacher meetings. Thank you to those who have booked appointments. Please do contact your child's teacher via email, or the school office directly, if you are struggling to book a slot.

The meetings are around 15 minutes long and will give you the opportunity to share with your child's new teacher anything and everything you think they should know. You will then create a couple of targets for your child for the coming year (one academic and one pastoral), that you will review at January's meeting.

The dates and times available for each class are below:

Year 1 Tuesday 19th September 3.30 – 7pm

Year 2 Tuesday 19th September 3.30 – 7pm

Year 3 Tuesday 19th September 3.30 – 7pm

Year 4 Tuesday 19th September 3.30 – 7pm and Friday 22nd September 8:20 - 5pm

Year 5 Tuesday 19th September 3.30 – 7pm

Year 6 Monday 18th September 3.30 – 7pm and Tuesday 19th September 8.20 – 5pm

Best wishes,

Emma Killick

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Congratulations to all our Little Voices pupils (Sammy, Lisa, Joanna, Ava, Theo, Chloe and the Year 6 pupils who left in July) who achieved a **DISTINCTION** in their **LAMDA** exams in July. This is the higher possible grade and we are all so proud of you.

LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) exams are designed to develop your life skills, such as clear communication, self-confidence and teamwork, through the creative platforms of drama, literature and music. All exams offer the opportunity to improve self-expression, strengthen memory and, most importantly, have fun.

Once a child is a high enough grade, LAMDA exams count towards that all-important UCAS points total. Not only that, the qualifications can give your child extra confidence in their university interview and future university career.

We are also so pleased to hear that some of our ex-Grenville pupils, who started in the after-school club a few years ago, have gone on to achieve these all-important grades. Well done!

There are still places available in Grenville's after-school club. (see below) Please contact Jo Wright for details.

Monday 3.05-3.50pm Years 4,5,6 Limited Places Available

Our package includes all lessons during the school year (term time), a uniform of a polo shirt and a hoodie, a resource bag and ay resources required and an entrance into the highly respected LAMDA accreditation. This is normally £59 a month for 12 months of the year. This George Grenville class will be offered the same for £45 a month over 12 months.

To apply for a free trial please visit www.littlevoices.org.uk/locations/buckingham/

For further information please ring Jo on 07838451532

If your child is in a younger year, there are other Little Voices Lessons available. Please contact Jo for details.



6 Recipients: Nursery Action Required: Information

NURSERY CORNER

Next week we are excited to be introducing 'The Poetry Basket' to nursery children. This is a lovely programme that supports speech and language development through fun and simple poems and actions.



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Reception

This week, Reception have been doing so well at settling into big school for the very first time. We have made our teachers smile lots by trying our best to learn all our new routines. We have been learning about the Zones of Regulation, practising writing our name, playing nicely with each other and exploring our environment. We have particularly been good at tidying up! Mrs Brice smiles lots at that!

<u>Year 1</u>

Year 1 have been reading the Gruffalo this week. They have been acting out the story and drawing maps. Their rainbow challenge has involved writing about themselves, sorting objects and a self-portrait.



<u>Year 2</u>

This week, year 2 have been reviewing colour theory in Art by mixing secondary colours.



<u>Year 3</u>

This week, Year 3 have been working hard to create a clay cartouche. They had to roll out the clay and cut a slab. Then learnt how to add a coil and finally they carved hieroglyphics into it.



<u>Year 4</u>

Year 4 had fun applying their knowledge of place value to the outside world. They first had to create a place value grid with sticks and then make a number using leaves and stones, instead of place value counters. They then looked at each place value chart to read the number created.

<u>Year 5</u>

Year 5 have begun their forces work in science by investigating whether heavier objects fall faster than lighter objects.





<u>Year 6</u>

Year 6 have been busy with their Secondary Transfer Test this week, but have still managed to enjoy the nice weather during P.E. This half term, they are learning netball skills and this week they were focusing on catching and throwing.

Recipients: Whole School Action Required: Information

School Calendar

Please keep visiting the calendar page on our website to ensure you have all the most up to date information.

Autumn Term Key Dates

Monday 18th September – Year 6 Parent/Teacher Meetings Tuesday 19th September – Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Parent/Teacher Meetings Friday 22nd September – Year 4 Parent/Teacher Meetings Thursday 5th October – FROGGS AGM (7pm) ALL Parents/Carers welcome Friday 6th October – Harvest Assembly 2.30pm Thursday 18th October – Year 2 Trip to Warwick Castle Thursday 19th October – FROGGS UV Light Disco Friday 20th October – BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM 21st October – 30th October – HALF TERM Monday 30th October – NO SCHOOL – Staff INSET **Tuesday 31st October – School Starts Back** Week Beginning 31st October – Off By Heart Poetry Class Competition Friday 10th November 10.45am – Whole School remembrance Assembly Friday 17th November – Children in Need (non-uniform) Friday 24th November – Non-Uniform (FROGGS Rainbow Raffle collection) Friday 1st December 9am – Christmas Tress Decorating Assembly Friday 1st December 3.15pm – FROGGS Christmas Fair Friday 8th December – Secret Santa **Tuesday 12th December** – Christmas Dinner Day Thursday 14th December – Reception and KS1 Nativity at 2pm and 5pm Monday 18th December – Christmas Party Day **Tuesday 19th December** – Christmas Carols at 12pm – 1pm at Buckingham Parish Church Tuesday 19th December at 1pm – BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS 20th December – 3rd January – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 3rd January – NO SCHOOL – Staff INSET Thursday 4th January – School Starts Back Wednesday 24th January – Young Voices Concert



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