

# GRASVENOR NEWS

Autumn Term 2019

## Attendance

**Ladybirds** = 93.71%

**Bumblebees** = 95.07%

**Dragonflies** = 96.64%

**Total** = 95.38%

## Assembly News

**Top Cat - Lara** - Always being kind and helpful and using great adverbs in your writing.

**Ladybirds - Lionel** - Amazing learning this week.

**Bumblebees - Rahnell** - His amazing knowledge of the Gunpowder plot.

**Dragonflies - Sam** - Trying hard in all areas of your learning and making a huge improvement in your work.

## House Points

Balmoral = 64

Windsor = 51

Holyrood = 67

Sandringham = 74

Well done Sandringham

## Assembly News

This weeks Reading Stars are:-

Ladybirds - **Charlotte** Bumblebees - **Damien**  
Dragonflies - **Ana**



## Green Tree School



This week we have been awarded the Silver Level by the Woodland Trusts Green Tree School Award. We have achieved this by all the work that is being done dressing the tree with messages a couple of weeks ago and then the Woodland Trust Badge group this week planted two trees in the grounds.

## Parent Questionnaire

Please can you find time to answer the Schools Parent Questionnaire that can be accessed by using the following link

<http://perspective.angelsolutions.co.uk/diagnostics/Survey.aspx?link=2843ed82-74fd-4436-858d-e534e9893903>

This will close on Monday 25th November.

## Dragonflies Trip to Lincolnsfield

Reminder that this is all set up on Parentpay for payments to be made whenever you can. If you missed the parent information session all the details are on the schools website under the tab which says Lincolnsfield. After reading this if you still have any queries please do not hesitate to speak to Nicky, Lorraine, Jessie or Sarah Jane.



## Dates for your Diary

**21-28 Nov** - Book People Book Fair

**27 Nov** - Dragonflies transition to Underhill pm

**28 Nov** - Open Day for Reception 2020

**29 Nov** - Whole School Trip to The Bull Theatre.

**2 Dec** - FOG decorating the School for Xmas am

**3 Dec** - Open Day for Reception 2020

**4 Dec** - Parent Maths Session 9 am

**5 Dec** - Parent Maths Session 3 pm

**6 Dec** - FOG Xmas Craft Fayre 3.30pm

**11 Dec** - Xmas production pm

**12 Dec** - School Closed Polling Station.

**13 Dec** - Xmas Jumper Day

**13 Dec** - Xmas production am

**16 Dec** - Xmas Present Shopping

**18 Dec** - Xmas School Dinner

**19 Dec** - Xmas Class Parties

**19 Dec** - Last day of Term

**7 Jan** - First Day of Spring Term

**8 Jan** - Parent Phonic Session 9 am

**9 Jan** - Parent Phonic Session 3 pm

## PE Kit

Reminder that the children can have tracksuit bottoms (green, navy blue or black) for PE at the moment especially Dragonflies who get changed before lunch and then go outside as their session starts at 1 pm. Please also note PE next week will be on Thursday (28th).



## Tissues

Can we once again ask for donations of Boxes of Tissues if you are able to.



## Polling Day Holiday Club

As the School will be shut on Thursday 12th December because we are being used as a Polling Station for the General election we are considering holding a Holiday club that day. Please can you register your interest with the Office by 29th November if you think you may need to take advantage of this. It will be open from 8.30 am until 5 pm.

## Learning Overviews

**Ladybirds** - This week has been Road Safety week so they have looked at safe places to cross the road, how to be safe travelling on the pavement and how to keep safe travelling in the car. The phonemes that have been learnt this week are j, v, w and x. For Maths this week they have been learning all about the number 7.

**Bumblebees** - This week in Maths they have been doing subtraction word problems. For Literacy they have made wanted Posters for Guy Fawkes. In Art they have all made a hat for Guy Fawkes out of recycled materials. For Science they have looked at the properties of materials.

**Dragonflies** - This week they have been looking at money. They looked at the different coins that there are and added them together. For Literacy they planned their own narrative about Toby and The Great Fire of London. They also looked at their senses and what it would have been like during the fire. For Science they looked at materials and their properties. During their History lesson they ordered the events of The Great Fire of London on a timeline.

November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Celebrating 20 years of enriching children's lives:**  
 It's more important than ever to help children succeed.

My name is [Vivica Kinoh](#) and I am a Professor of Education at Brunel University London. Earlier this year, I was awarded an [MBE](#) for my work with children over several decades.

Building on 20 years of research and my more recent work with over 1400 parents of primary schoolchildren from all backgrounds, Brunel University London has released a [new item and a video](#) for parents. It describes 7 steps parents can take to help children succeed in learning and, at the same time, improve their health and wellbeing.

The 7 steps are:

1. Intelligence is not fixed and we can change a child's learning potential
2. There is no universally accepted definition of giftedness, talent or high ability
3. Find and develop your child's passion
4. Develop your child's wellbeing
5. Children's abilities do not depend on their parents' social backgrounds
6. Spend quality time with your children
7. Fight low expectations in children with special needs

- showed higher motivation and more enthusiasm about learning
- had higher achievement
- were happier and had reduced anxiety levels

We have also produced a handbook for parents and grandparents, which explores the 7 steps in more detail, as well as other relevant topics.

I hope you find the video useful. The video also features our book, which formed the basis of our project for parents.

Best wishes,

Professor Valsa Kodiy MBE

Department of Education

