

GRASVENOR NEWS

Spring Term 2021



Attendance

Ladybirds = 76.70%

Bumblebees = 85.42%

Dragonflies = 95.04%

Total = 86.25%

Terms Attendance

Ladybirds = 93.28%

Bumblebees = 87.70%

Dragonflies = 94.15%

Total = 92.01%



Letter from Jessie and Sarah Jane

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done for a really successful return to school. It is lovely to have the school full of smiley faces again. The pupils have amazed us with how well they have settled back into school life and are following our covid procedures. Thank you to all of you again for your hard work at home, preparing them for the reopening and following our covid procedures, such as the one way system. Many of the children have made great progress at home with you during lock down, which is a big achievement considering the strains and stresses we have all been under at this time.

Thank you to everyone who attended parents meetings with the class teachers to touch base on your child's targets for the next term. This is a really crucial term to help children meet the end of year expectations. If you were unable to keep your appointment please do book in for after the holiday.

At this point of the year we are sadly losing a few staff members. Paige has been a wonderful Reception teacher and will be really missed by the Ladybird class. Paige not only was an excellent teacher but also introduced many wellbeing initiatives to the school for staff, which were well received. Thank you Paige and we wish you lots of luck for the future. We also welcome back Laura from maternity leave. Laura will be teaching Reception and has spent some time in school this week. Our student Karris has finished her placement in Year 2 at Grasvenor and will be moving on to another school. We wish her lots of luck for her future teaching career. Louisa, who has spent time in Year 1, Reception and as an MTS has now finished her role as a 1:1 TA but we hope to still see her around school on an ad hoc basis.

Dates for your Diary

19th Apr - Start of Summer Term

3rd May - May Day Bank Holiday

6th May - School Closed Polling Station

31st May-4th Jun - Half Term

24th Jun - Class School Photographs

22nd Jul - Last Day of Summer Term



Barnet have asked schools to remind parents about the risk of strangers following some incidents locally with older pupils at Barnet schools being followed. Although our pupils do not walk to school we felt it prudent to still take this opportunity to remind parents about being vigilant about their child's whereabouts when out and about, ensuring that they do not run or ride off far ahead. We all get distracted by phones or chatting from time to time but during the holidays we really encourage you to be mindful about who is around and keeping your child supervised. As we all start to get out and about a bit more, please take the opportunity to reinforce road safety with your children and general "being safe" messages around the home. This will support our PSED teaching.

As you may be aware, Relationships and Health Education must be implemented in schools by summer term 2021. For the age group of our pupils this will not include sex education beyond naming body parts and in Year 2 that animals, including humans, have offspring (but not how reproduction occurs). This is covered as part of the statutory Science teaching and parents do not have the right to withdraw pupils from Science teaching. Our new Grasvenor Relationships and Health policy containing more information is now available on the website and Parents have been notified of this by text. This is now our consultation period with parents on this policy. If you have any comments or questions please do email the office on office@grasvenoravenue.barnetmail.net and we will consider your feedback and make any necessary changes. Consultation closes on 14th April; please note, this is during the holidays- apologies for any inconvenience.

After the holidays we will be starting an informal coffee morning time for parents to join with FOG, Jessie, SJ and Lorraine for a zoom coffee and catch up. We can use this slot for various things during the time so if you have ideas of topics you'd like more information or guidance on, or just to informally chat about, please do let us know. The first one will be an opportunity to hear more about FOG and have a catch up. We hope to move to an in person coffee morning as soon as we can. We will send more information after the holidays.

And finally we would like to wish you all a lovely holiday and a

happy Easter or Passover for those celebrating.

Easter Craft Competition Winners

Ladybirds - Eggs 1st Esme 2nd Priyen 3rd Eva Hat 1st Aarohi 2nd Lara 3rd Jordan
 Mask 1st Towba 2nd Billy 3rd Laura

Bumblebees - Eggs 1st Ruby 2nd Grace 3rd Arsha Hat 1st Anik 2nd Aditi 3rd Charlotte
 Mask 1st Reilly 2nd Lily 3rd Vasili

Dragonflies - Eggs 1st Bella 2nd Samuel 3rd Damien Hat 1st Yvette 2nd Justin 3rd Mark
 Mask 1st Diyani 2nd Maria 3rd Farah

Clubs

We are really pleased to announce that after the Easter Break we hope to start up some of the After School Extra Circular clubs. Further details will be out in the first week back after the holidays with the clubs starting in w/c 26th April.

Competition

Need Your Vote! It's competition time at Grasvenor Avenue Infant School as we are in with the chance of winning [a canopy!](#) A&S Landscape, [a supplier of dining canopies](#), is awarding [a shade sail](#) to one lucky school. The winner of this competition will be the school will the most votes so please help us to win! [You can click here to vote for our school.](#) We encourage outdoor play even more so since Covid. The shade sail will make all the space usable whatever the weather.



Once you have voted don't stop there! Please spread the message on friends, parents and supplier's websites as well as social media to help us win!

Food Bank

Just a reminder that if you are struggling to get Food and need access to a Food Bank please contact the School to speak to Lorraine in confidence.

Useful Information

