



What a super term! The children have worked so hard since September, settled into new routines and classes, taken part in a whole host of activities, events and trips. Thank you to you all for your unending support and contribution to our community. All of the staff here at GG wish you a restful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year break and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 2nd January at the usual times.

Christmas week in school:

It really has been a wonderful week in school with memories to treasure for all of our children. To start off our celebrations the whole school were treated to the pantomime 'Dick Whittington' performed by Troubadour Productions.



This week's star of the week winners:

1LG	Rose / Eliza	1KD	Max / Chloe
2CA	Tom	2EH	Jakob
3ER	Chloe / Phoebe	3KC	Freddie / Amelia
4RD	Betsy / Brody	4TF	Alba / Maisie
5HC	Arthur / Amelia	5CT	Isabella / Katie
6BA	Violet	6HB	Ivy



Attendance:

The classes with the highest attendance:

Last week: **6BA 99%**

This week: **4RD 98%**

The child with 100% attendance

Last week: **Chloe 3ER**

This week: **Oscar 4RD**

PE star of the term:

KS1 Harlow KS2 Elliott

Sports News:

Our last event of the term - KS1 Santa Dash!

With nearly 40 children from GG this has been our best supported event by children and parents. I can't tell you how proud I am of the children who have taken part in both of the KS1 Angmering Half Mile.

This was a slightly more relaxed event with only the top 3 boys and top 3 girls gaining places. Hannah from Year 1 gained a medal with a 3rd place finish. There were also medals for best dressed!

This has been a great start to the academic year with about 260 children taking part in events over the Autumn Term. A massive thank you to all that have supported and taken children to events. But also a big well done to all the children that have taken part.



Christmas Lunch and a surprise visitor:

Our annual Christmas lunch / jumper day was once again a real success. Hopefully, by now you have heard all about it from your children but these photos will give you a flavour of the day. With grateful thanks to the elves, aka PTA, who supported Father Christmas in giving a gift to every child.



Choir:

Members of the choir from Years 4,5 and 6 have been out to sing at the local dementia day care centre, 'The Laurels'. Their Christmas songs were very much enjoyed by everyone there.

They also performed in our final assembly on Friday then led us all in a sing-song of some Christmas favourites. What a great way to end the term.

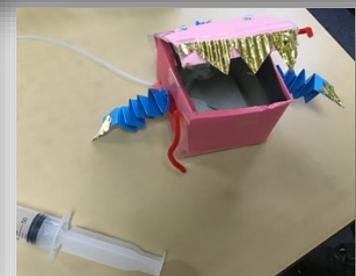
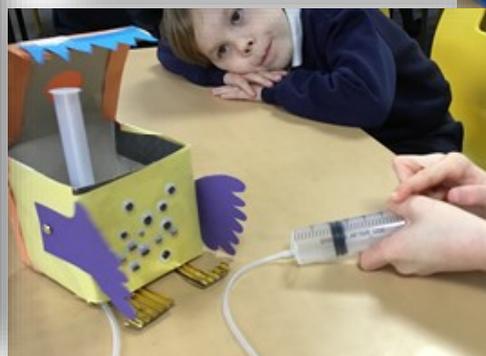
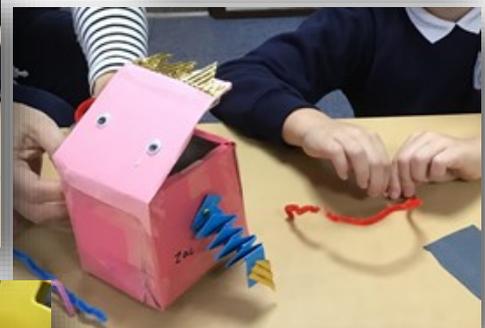


Year 3:

Year 3 explored pneumatics and made Loch Ness monster toys during their recent D.T day.



Year 3 celebrated British Culture with their Best of British Day. They listened to British music, made Pop Art inspired by David Hockney and enjoyed traditional cream tea.



KS1 Nativity:

The KS1 parents had the pleasure of attending the nativity last week—and what a great show it was. The children had worked so hard to learn their lines for the songs and acting and it showed—every line was clear and every song sung with gusto.



The **Stormbreak** website provides activities for children which address their **mental health and emotional wellbeing** through physical activity. The activities can also be used at home with parents, as well as school. It is possible to sign up for a free account with Stormbreak, which gives access to many of their videos, including the specific ones designed for the Christmas period (which we know can be overwhelming for some children). [the magic hat | stormbreak CIO](#)

Important Reminders:

- Please ensure that your child’s **PE kit** is in school all week. We have had a lot of children without kit or in the wrong kit. Please also check that their trainers still fit. Y3 and 4 will have PE on the first day of term in January.
- **Phone school before 8:30am if your child is unwell** and then every day that they will be off. We have to be able to account for every child in school as early as possible after the registers close.
- Only drive into school if you have a **permit**. This includes if you are late.
- Please ensure your child is in school **promptly** (8:50am for KS2, 9:00am for KS1).

Year 4 Cookies:

Year four made and decorated some cookies as part of a DT unit. We all had lots of fun deciding which sweets to decorate them with.



2023—2024 Term Dates:

INSET DAYS ~~1st–September 2023, 4th September 2023, 20th October 2023,~~ 15th April 2024, 3rd June 2024

5.9.23 First day of autumn term	23.10—27.10.23 half term	15.12.23 Last day of term
2.1.24 First day of spring term	12.2—16.2.24 half term	28.3.24 Last day of term
16.4.23 First day of summer term	27.5— 31.5.24 half term	23.7.24 Last day of term