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GRIMES DYKE NEWSLETTER



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

ASPIRE ENJOY ACHIEVE

Mr Williams is off to pastures new!



This week we are very sad to announce that Mr Williams will leave Grimes Dyke at Christmas. He leaves us to move to the north east, where he and his wife and daughter are relocating to be closer to family. Mr Williams has worked for Team GD for over ten happy years and has taught many children over this time; some more than once, we will all miss him enormously. We have already introduced Y2 to their new teacher Mrs Wheelhouse who joins us officially in January, we are sure she will make an excellent replacement for Mr Williams, she has very big shoes to fill! I'm sure you will all see Mr Williams over the next few weeks before he leaves and wish him well for his new adventure.

Remembrance Day



Children around school marked Remembrance Day in many different ways this week not just by buying and wearing poppies. The children in Leading Linguists Club even learned about the French equivalent the 'Bleuet de France' a blue cornflower which this year celebrates its 100th anniversary. Children in EYFS and The Hive used art to represent poppies and made them in many different ways.





Team GD Fame at COP30



COP stands for "Conference of the Parties where many countries around the world meet to make promises about climate change. This year is the 30th annual climate meeting and is being held in Brazil. Lots of important people are there including world leaders and members of the royal family. This year Team GD were there too, albeit virtually.



We were asked to make a short film about our school which Sonny in Y6 did on our behalf, we heard about this in last week's newsletter. We were incredibly excited though when we joined the call to find out that over 1000 schools worldwide were also watching our school.



Another chance of fame...



Last week, we invited in a member of the charitable organisation 'The Greggs Foundation' to see our after school clubs. This charity supports the school in many ways including helping to fund some of our after school provision. They were so impressed with what they saw they are coming back next Tuesday with a film crew! They want to film some children lighting campfires and cooking on them as well as filming some of our general play offer at lunchtimes. They will then stay to film some staff and possibly pupil interviews before filming after school clubs too. The film will then be shown at Greggs national conference before going out to wider audiences. We of course need permission to film and whilst we can't guarantee every child will appear on screen we need to secure permission from parents. Please return a signed consent form coming out today and return it to school without delay on Monday.

KS1 are batty about bats!



We invited children's author and illustrator Emma Reynolds into school this week to chat to KS1 pupils about her book Amara and the Bats. The children listened very carefully to the story and asked some great questions about being an author before learning how to draw a bat.

Please make sure you are registered for Healthy Holidays to take advantage of our Christmas holiday clubs - <https://healthyholidays.leeds.gov.uk/Account/Register>