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GRIMES DYKE NEWSLETTER

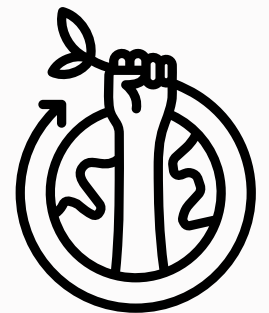


GRIMES DYKE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

ASPIRE ENJOY ACHIEVE

Climate Education University Visit for Y3 and Y6

The children in Y3 and Y6 completed their Leeds University project work last Friday by being invited to speak in person at Leeds University. A group of around 40 people gathered at the university to meet the children and find out all about their work. These included climate researchers, members of the council, university representatives from all over the country and other very important people! We were very proud of the children as we watched them talking in discussion groups with adults about their work and of course we got involved in some fun university activities too! Many children were starting to think about whether they would like to study at university in the future.



Y4 had their first swimming lesson this week, we were very proud of how everyone had a go regardless of their ability and were also super quick at getting changed.



Design our Core Values Logo

To go alongside our school values of **Aspire, Enjoy and Achieve** we have recently introduced some new core values to our children. These will be taught alongside our curriculum and will also feature in assemblies. These are; *ambition, responsibility, identity, curiosity and knowledge*. The staff talked about these as part of our training day in September and we looked at several designs for logos which were kindly produced by Mrs McDonough's husband. Unfortunately the staff couldn't agree on any of the designs so we have handed this job over to the children instead - there's a prize for the best one! Please encourage your child to have a go at creating a design for us, this can be drawn, painted or created with technology but must include the following:

- The key words which must be clear to read - **ambition, responsibility, identity, curiosity and knowledge**.
- A tree design of some sort
- Our school values - **Aspire, Enjoy and Achieve**

Have a look at Mr McDonough's designs and see if you can beat him, otherwise we will have to give him the prize! Designs must be handed in by October 9th.



Collection and Drop Off

We take the safeguarding of children very seriously at Grimes Dyke, which is why we have routines in place for getting children into school, and safely returned to their parents / carers at the end of the day. This has to come first before any chats with parents about lost jumpers and lunch boxes for example. With this in mind, could we please remind all parents and carers to help by:

- Saving your questions for staff until **all** children are safely dismissed, please don't be offended if you are asked to wait while children are still present, safety comes first.
- In EYFS / KS1 **wait outside** the classroom until your child is released, please don't come into the classroom until all children have left and do not send younger siblings in to collect their big brothers or sisters, keep them outside with you.
- In KS2 please come into the playground and wait for your child to tell their teacher they can see you. If all parents start shouting their child to come to them as soon as they walk down the ramp teachers easily lose track of who has been collected. Please show some patience.
- Finally, much like all other public services, school staff deserve respect. Recently some staff have been on the receiving end of rudeness or aggressive behaviour from parents - this will never be accepted in school - lost jumpers are no reason to be grumpy with staff.

