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GRIMES DYKE NEWSLETTER



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

ASPIRE ENJOY ACHIEVE

If you go down to the woods today....



If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise...the children in Reception headed to the woods on Wednesday with Mrs McDonough. They didn't go in disguise, as the song suggests, but they did go in fancy waterproof suits which can sometimes be a bit tricky to get on when you're four! The children all had a great time exploring but I don't think any bears were spotted on the way!



Our latest corridor mural is nearly complete.



We are once again working with local artist Sally Newton to transform our school corridors into vibrant learning spaces. The latest mural shows our whole history curriculum from start to finish with many local links woven in. The character to the left is famous local civil engineer John Smeaton, after who the high school is named. As soon as the mural is complete we will invite families in to come and read all the amazing facts and see the paintings. We all walk slowly down the corridor these days as there is so much to see and learn!

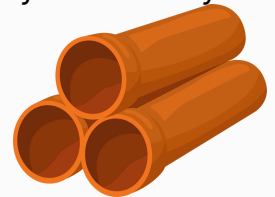
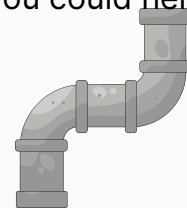


Outdoor Fun at Team GD



We are continuing to have lots of fun at playtimes and lunchtimes at Grimes Dyke and have been pretty lucky with the lunchtime weather so far. It is definitely getting colder and wetter though so children need to bring a coat and have a pair of school wellies. We still have a lot of children who are borrowing spare wellies because they don't have their own pair, please try and ensure your child has their own wellies they can keep in school. We are also always looking for new things for the play offer and you could help, do you have any:

- scooters or wheelie toys
- plastic drain pipes and guttering
- off cuts of wood / planks with smooth edges
- plastic buckets - strong builders buckets are the best



Jacob saved a slug!

We love to tell visitors to Grimes Dyke how nature friendly we are here, children are constantly amazing us with their knowledge of the outdoor world which is far better than many adults. It's even better though when this is seen in action without any prompting from the adults in school. On Thursday this week, Jacob in Y5 stood guard over a slug which happened to be crossing the main path into KS2 just as everyone was coming in. He guarded it and then made sure it was moved to a safer area.

School Timings

Can we please remind all families that school officially starts at 8.45am for **all** pupils. School staff open the gates at 8.40am; KS2 children then line up for their teachers and EYFS and KS1 children make their way around to classroom doors. Currently, we have a lot of families arriving later than this, especially in KS1 where gates are kept open for longer to allow time for parents to walk around the side of the building. Please try and arrive in school as the gates open, not as they are about to close. We know that sometimes there is an unavoidable issue but some children are late every day which impacts on their learning.