

Greystoke Newsletter



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Handwriting

This is an area which has changed considerably in the new curriculum so I thought it might be useful for parents to understand what their children need to achieve at different stages in handwriting.

At the end of Year 1 children need to

- Form all letters correctly, starting and finishing in the right place, including capitals and digits.

At the end of Year 2 children need to....

- Form lower case letters in the correct size.
- Start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined.
- Write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters.
- Use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters.

At the end of Year 4 children need to

- Use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined.
- Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting [for example, by ensuring that the down strokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch].

At the end of Year 6 children need to

- Producing legible joined handwriting with all letters joined appropriately using Greystoke Script.

As these new requirements are harder for children to achieve it is unlikely that children will reach the standard for a pen licence until Year 5 or even Year 6.

Copies of Greystoke Script which we use in school are available from the office. If you have any questions please talk to your child's class teacher for an explanation.

House Points

Dragons	176
Minotaurs	225
Phoenix	186
Unicorns	205

Well done Minotaurs

With this newsletter:

- Red Nose Day Dinner Menu - attachment
- Parent Information - attachment



Sainsbury's Active kids Vouchers

The school will be once again collecting Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsbury's this year. These vouchers have benefitted the school in the past by enabling us to order sports apparatus, digital cameras and kitchen equipment. Please send vouchers into the office.

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Term Dates: 2016/2017

Spring

School closes Friday evening 7th
April 2017 for Easter

Summer

School opens Monday 24th April 2017
May Day - Monday 1st May 2017
Half Term - Monday 29th May - Friday
2nd June 2017
School closes Thursday evening 13th
July 2017 for Summer Holiday

School Dates:

Thursday 9th March - Yellow Class
Assembly
Thursday 16th March - Keyboard
Class Assembly (Parents Welcome)
Friday 23rd March - Red Nose Day
Saturday 25th March - Cross Country
Prestwold Hall
Monday 27th - Wednesday 29th
March Beaumanor Hall Residential
Tuesday 28th or Wednesday 29th
March Year 3/4 Visit Botanic Gardens
Wednesday 29th March - Brockington
Choral Concert
Thursday 30th March - Orange Class
Assembly

Gymnastics

Well done to our gymnasts who
competed last week at the South
Leicestershire competition in vault,
body management and on the floor.
Our Year 2 team made it through to
the county finals next week, our Year
3/4 team were placed 5th and Year
5/6 finished in 3rd position.
Good luck for the finals!

Certificates

Last week certificates were awarded to:
Faith from Emerald Class for a fantastic big write
based on a video narrative.
From Crimson Class Thomas for making his own
series of books at home.
In Aquamarine Class Olivia for her great descriptive
writing in her big write.
In Violet Class Mansi for working exceptionally hard in
maths and applying her knowledge.
From Purple Class Lucas for finding fraction amounts
of numbers.
Georgie from Green Class for finding hot/cold places
in the world.
From Orange Class Zac for knowing coins and notes
in maths.
Bradley in Blue Class for super naming of an
instrument and playing of different rhythms in music
and for brilliant ordering of the months of the year in
maths.
From Red Class Millie for her fabulous farm for
homework.
Nursery were pleased last week with Dilys for her
lovely owl puppet.
10 Star Certificates have been awarded to: Grace,
Kyra and Oliver in Turquoise Class, Zack, Luke,
Amelia and Lily in Blue Class, Charlie, Isabella,
James, Declan, Lilly, Harriet, Rhys and Ava in Orange
Class and Oliver from Emerald Class. Well done!

World Book Day

The children had a wonderful time last Thursday as
the school celebrated World Book Day by dressing up
as their favourite book character. We had some Mad
Hatters, Horrid Henrys and lots of Harry Potters in
school and even Noddy joined us!
The day started with a book quiz in the hall where
children competed for points for their house team. It
was all very exciting. Well done to Minotaurs for
winning.
We were lucky enough in the afternoon to have some
parent volunteers to come and read to all our year
groups, which the children all thoroughly enjoyed.
Thank you to those parents who joined us.
Also many thanks to parents for providing some
brilliant costumes

Red Nose Day

The school will be supporting Red Nose Day on
Friday 24th March by asking the children to donate £1
to this charity to wear something red for the day.