

# ***Greyfriars Academy***

## ***April 2022 Newsletter***

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the summer term and a lovely sunny return to school.

### **Let's make a difference to our planet!**

Last term UKS2 topic was 'The Ripple Effect' where we studied climate change and how our lifestyle choices can affect our environment, not only locally, but worldwide. We discovered that are many actions we can take to try and make the world a better place, from cleaning up our oceans by thinking about the amount of plastic we use; to looking at the use of palm oil in products we buy as production of palm oil is one of the main causes of deforestation.

The School Council this term will take on this challenge and consider what we could do in school, and at home, to help build a better world. The children will keep you informed!

### **We love Reading!**

We celebrated World Book Day last term with lots of reading and some wonderful book characters. Thank you for all your support! Each class voted for their favourite books - look out for their list on our website. Now that our library is open again; children are able to choose books to bring home for their own enjoyment. They should also be bringing home a reading book that they are able to read independently. It really supports your child's reading and understanding if an adult at home can hear them read regularly and talk about their books with them, too. A special mention goes to Sheringham this week...every child read at home to an adult last weekend, fantastic!



### **Greyfriars Pledges**

Last term, we introduced our 'Greyfriars Pledges' The children have opportunities for personal achievement in a range of areas linked to our logo- 'Greyfriars is ACE' - Achieving, Caring, Enjoying' The school pledges to provide these experiences and opportunities for the children, and they in turn, pledge to meet the challenges! Each child has their own 'Pledges Passport' to record their achievements and work toward special certificates. Greyfriars Pledges can be seen on our website.

### **Greyfriars Makes Music!**

It was fantastic to return to the stage and public music performances after two years! Years 3 and 4 children have been very busy with their music recently. They performed amazingly well at the Corn Exchange 'Schools Make Music' to a packed and very appreciative audience. The children also travelled to Norwich to take part in the County Music Festival, where they received glowing feedback from the adjudicator and a 'Highly Commended' in the 'whole class ensemble' section. Well done to all who took part - you were great!



### **Sports Tournaments are back!**

At last, we are once again able to participate in inter school sports tournaments.



Three teams of children from years 5 and 6 took part in the mid-Norfolk Primary Football Tournament. The children are all keen players and practise daily at lunchtimes. They have worked hard and really developed their skills both individually and as a team, and this paid off at the tournament. We were impressed by their great teamwork, stamina, and perseverance, as well as good sportsmanship. Well done, to all the players. Greyfriars won the tournament!

### **An invitation from the Mayor.**

We were delighted to receive an invitation from the Mayor of King's Lynn and West Norfolk to take part in a ceremony on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April at the Town Hall. Our School Council represented the school at this event, which was held on the Queen's birthday to commemorate her Platinum Jubilee. The children were each presented with a very special commemorative coin and further coins for every child in the school were also provided. School Council presented these to their KS2 classmates back in school. EYFS & KS1 will receive theirs later this week as part of a special assembly.

This was a memorable occasion, and we were proud of the behaviour and contribution made by our School Council- thank you children!

### **Staff Changes**

We said goodbye to Ms Black at the end of the Autumn term. Ms Black has been our year 5 teacher for the past 6 years. We will especially miss the excellent summer musical performances that she produced with our year 5 and 6 children. We wish her all the very best in her new school.

We also say goodbye and a big Thank you to Mr Blocksidge from Unity Education Trust who has been our interim SENDCo this term.

We will be saying goodbye at the end of next week to Mr Scase, our caretaker. Mr Scase has been in our school for 7 years and will be greatly missed by us all. In addition to his caretaking duties, Mr Scase has played an active part in supporting our pupils on school trips and the Y5/6 Residential. We hope that he will continue to stay involved with Greyfriars (he was originally a pupil at the school when it was known as St James School for boys!) and we wish him all the very best for a long, healthy and happy retirement.



We are delighted to welcome three new members of staff this term:

- Ms Fisher is teaching Blakeney Class.
- Ms Joyce is our new SENDCo and will also teach Winterton class for 2 days each week.
- Mr Gray is our new caretaker.

We are very pleased to have them in our team!