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We hope you enjoyed the Half Term break. We were treated to a beautiful Lunar New Year celebration from the Inner Mongolia National Opera and Dance Theatre on our return to school. The performers danced, sang and played musical instruments for us, which was very special indeed.

Year 4 enjoyed their Viking day this week and were immersed in lots of Viking learning from rune writing, making viking scones, brooch designs and a viking battle.

Year 6 loved their Macbeth campfire experience on Tuesday as they toasted marshmallows and soaked up the atmosphere listening to the storytellers. Thank you to our surprise three witches who added to the magic. What a fabulous way to start their English unit!

[Check out the photos on our Photo Gallery!](#)

### Safer Internet Day 2024

Thank you to Mrs Buesnel for organising our Safer Internet Day activities - we can't wait to see the children's video which will be shared on the school website very soon!

### Class Photos

We have our class photos on Tuesday 27 February. Please make sure children are wearing their correct winter uniform (shirts & ties for KS2). If they have PE on Tuesday, please send in PE kits (all named) in a separate bag for children to change in to. Thank you!



### Grouville's Big Read!

Congratulations to Margot for winning our January Big Read Raffle and to our 'story in a jar' winners - Kit, Bea and Rosie. It certainly wasn't an easy task for Penny to choose the winners and she was super impressed with everyone's fabulous creations.

February's Big Read Challenge is to share a photo of reading somewhere unusual. Photos can be printed or sent via email to [bigread@grouville.sch.je](mailto:bigread@grouville.sch.je) We will be sharing the photos on our social media, so if you send it in via email we will take that as your consent.

In the meantime - don't forget to keep recording those reading miles! Extra forms can be collected from Mrs Turner and Miss Bithell.

### PSA Update

EYFS and KS1 loved their Hot Dog lunch and KS2 are looking forward to theirs tomorrow. Once again, a big, big thank you to all our organisers and helpers. We hope you enjoyed the Valentine's PizzaBox offer too!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this week's PSA meeting - the minutes have been uploaded to the PSA page. Keep an eye out for the PSA World Book Day fundraiser!

**Article 28:** All children have the right to learn and go to school.

**Article 29:** All children have the right to become the best that they can be.



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## World Book Day - 7 March

The focus for this year's World Book Day is celebrating reading for pleasure. Children are more likely to enjoy reading when their choices are championed and we make reading fun.

The evidence base shows there are 6 elements which support a child to read for pleasure:

- ✓ Being read to regularly
- ✓ Having books at home and at school
- ✓ Having a choice in what to read
- ✓ Finding time to read
- ✓ Having trusted help to find a book
- ✓ Making reading FUN!

We are inviting children to dress up this World Book Day as it's an exciting way for children to get book recommendations from each other. The book choice is key - even if it's just a prop or a clue make sure your child is recommending something to read with their costume.

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without the support of parents and carers - thank you!

## A note from our well-being Team...

Next week is well-being Wednesday. We will all be practicing our breathing strategies and thinking about how everyone's well-being can be looked after in the classroom. Perhaps you could ask your child to share their breathing strategies with you at home.

## Dates for the Diary...

23 Feb - KS2 PSA Hot Dog Lunch  
27 Feb - Class Photos  
28 & 29 Feb - French Eisteddfod - Y5 & Y6  
7 Mar - World Book Day  
11 Mar - Parent Forum @ 6pm - 4G  
13 Mar - NSPCC workshops for Y2 & Y6  
19 Mar - PSA meeting @ 6pm - 5K  
21 Mar - Y3 Egyptian Day  
25 Mar - Y5 visit to Merchant House/ Y2 visit to Grouville Church  
26 Mar - Y5 Victorian Day & Y2 Great Fire of London Day  
27 Mar - Last day of Spring Term/ PSA Dressdown Fundraiser

## A few reminders...

### Please, please...

- make sure all items of uniform are clearly labelled.
- keep the traffic circulating at collection times.
- do not leave children unsupervised before the gates open at 8:30am.

Thank you!

## Scooter and Bike Safety

We had an incident earlier this week where a parent was hit by a child's scooter. Please can all children 'walk' their scooters and bikes when on school grounds - including through gates and on the track path. That way children can control their scooter/bike and keep everyone safe. Thank you