

Newsletter

Spring Term 2024



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Friday 8th March 2024

Dear parents/carers,

We recently welcomed Julia Katherine, Director of Lifelong Learning in Surrey, to Guildford Grove when she came to visit us with Jack Mayhew, CEO of Learning Partners Academy Trust. We took Julia on a tour of our school and she was able to see wonderful learning right from Nursery up to Year 6. She was so impressed with our pupils' focus during their reading and phonics lessons and could see how skillfully our teaching assistants were leading interventions across the school.

We talked to Julia about all the things that make us proud of our school including how our pupils learn British Sign Language and how it is part of our curriculum in Key Stage 2. We showed her how inclusive and diverse our school is and how we celebrate that at GG.

Our pupils and staff were a real credit to the school and showed impeccable learning habits and incredible manners when welcoming Julia and Jack.

It was a great opportunity to ensure Guildford Grove, and the community in which we serve, remains an important part of the educational landscape in Surrey.



Jack Mayhew, Mrs Sheik, Julia Katherine, Miss Mackie with some Year 4 pupils

Important dates for the term

Friday 22nd March	Guildford Grove's Got Talent (Years 5/6)
Thursday 28th March	Easter performance to parents in the morning (Year 3/4)
Thursday 28th March	Early Closure 1pm
Friday 29th March	Easter holidays – School closed
Monday 15th April	Start of the summer term
Monday 13th May	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 27th May	Half term – school closed
Monday 1st July	INSET day
Friday 19th July	Early Closure – 1pm End of the summer term

New lunchtimes zones

We have been so pleased with the changes we have brought to our lunchtimes. It is a real delight to see our pupils playing in safe zones with peers of a similar age.

We have just purchased a range of new equipment and it has been such a delight to see our pupils bouncing on a space hopper, building structures with giant foam bricks and scootering around on our floor scooters.



Book Character Day!

Yesterday, our pupils celebrated Book Character Day. It was so lovely to see our pupils dressed up in such a wide range of book characters. We celebrated the day by having a whole school assembly where teachers shared extracts from some of their favourite children's books. During the afternoon, pupils then got to take part in a range of reading activities including pairing up with reading buddies from across the school. It was a delight to see how our older pupils supported our younger pupils in their reading.

As you will know, reading is at the heart of our curriculum and our school aim is to ensure that all pupils can read by the time they leave Guildford Grove. We were delighted to see so many parents and pupils visiting our Book Fair and purchasing an exciting new book to take home. Thanks to the money raised from the Book Fair, we will be able to purchase some new books to go into our class book corners. We have worked hard on our book corners in class to ensure our pupils have a real love of reading.

Please continue to support your child's reading at home by sharing stories together and hearing them read their school reading book.



Attendance

