



OUR CORE VALUES

Aspirations Responsibility Respect Resilience Tolerance Equality

Message from our Head of School

Greetings everyone, and I wish you all a happy Friday!

I am pleased to report that we continue to be blessed with good health here at Grinling Gibbons, which means that the children have all been able to continue with their learning in school. I would like to thank all the parents and staff for your support in making sure that your children are following the guidance to keep us all safe at this difficult time. It is obviously working well so far.

A huge thank you also, to all of those who made sure that you met with your child's teacher at our recent target setting evenings. Teachers all commented on the levels of support that many of you are giving to your children, as we try to fill in the gaps caused by missing so much of school last year. It is only by working closely together, that we are able to continue to provide the best education for your child.

We are fast approaching December, which means that the children will be busy completing their end-of-term assessments. As you can imagine, Christmas is going to look a lot different this year, because of the restrictions on concerts and performances, but we will still find a way to share some of our musical achievements with you – please look out for the letter which went out today, and return the slip if this applies to you!

Lastly, we have created an exciting video tour for parents whose children start Reception in 2021. Have a look! <http://www.ggibbons.lewisham.sch.uk/>

Keep safe and all the best,

Mr Dean Gordon
Head of School

Upcoming Dates

Autumn term

**Monday 2 November to
Friday 18 December
(35 days)**

**Holiday: Monday 21
December - Monday 4
January**

Spring term

**Tuesday 5 January to
Friday 12 February
(30 days)**

**Half term: Monday 15
February to Friday 19
February**

**Tuesday 23 February to
Wednesday 31 March
(28 days)**

**Inset days (school closed
to pupils) Monday 4
January and Monday 22
February**

Summer term

**Monday 19 April to Friday
28 May (29 days)**

**(May bank holiday - 3
May)**

**Half term: Monday 31 May
to Friday 4 June**

**Monday 7 June to
Thursday 22 July**

(35 days)

**Inset day (school closed to
pupils) Friday 23 July**

Cashless and Sims Pay

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who have supported us in becoming a cashless and paperless school.

Due to difficulties around Sims Pay, we will now be accepting cash payments but only until the end of December.



From spring term, all payments made must be done online using Sims Pay. **If you need a code, please ask the school office who will then text you the code.** All payments for clubs, school meals & trips will need to be made this way. Please check your emails (including junk folder) for your unique code. Please keep up with school meal payments or you may need to provide a packed lunch from home.

Achievement Assembly



This week's winners of the Master of Maths Award are:

Isioma in Reception / **Modibo** in Year 1 / **Semi** in Year 2 **Ana Clara** in Year 3 / **Yaqoob** in Year 4 / **Vicky** in Year 5 / **Calvin** in Year 6

This week's winners of the Aspirations Value Award are:

David in Reception / **Ariyo** in Year 1 / **Emmanuel** in Year 2 **Amy** in Year 3 / **Maleek** in Year 4 / **Cualli** in Year 5 / **Amaris** in Year 6

This weeks winners of the Headteacher's Award are:

Josiah in Reception / **Mirac** in Year 1 / **Adna** in Year 2 **Harry** in Year 3 / **Jayden** in Year 4 / **Makai** in Year 5 / **Salim** in Year 6



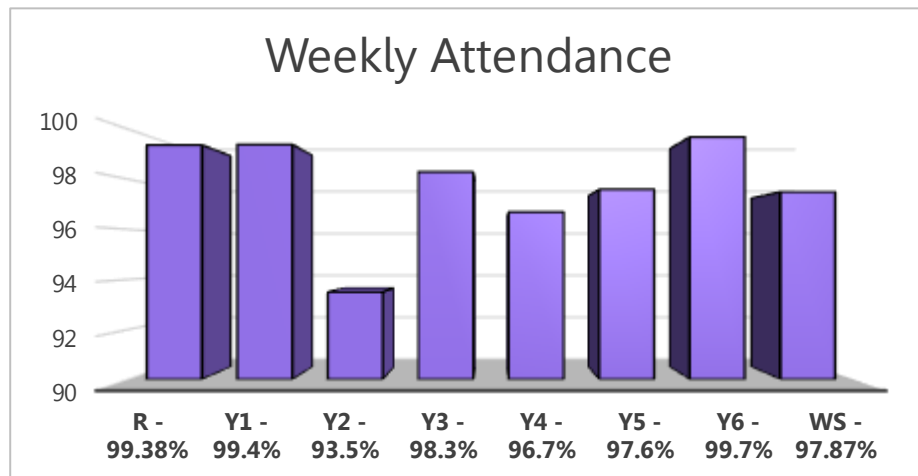
Thought of the week

"One child, one Teacher, one book, one pen can change the world!"
- Malala Yousafzai

THINK
ABOUT
THINGS
DIFFERENTLY

Attendance Matters

Weekly Attendance



Well done to Year 6 for the best attendance this week!

It is important that all children come to school every day and on time. As a school, we take attendance very seriously, and regularly monitor this. If your child's attendance drops below 90%, your child will be a persistent absentee. You will then be referred to the Local Authority Attendance and Welfare Officer, who will contact you.

The Education Act 1996 states that it is the responsibility of the parent or carer to ensure that their child attends the school at which they are on roll. A failure to do this, could result in legal action being taken by the Local Authority, and a penalty being issued. Please report your child's absence to avoid this.

0 DAYS ABSENCE 100 % PERFECT ATTENDANCE
6 DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE 96 % GOOD ATTENDANCE
11 DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE 94 % REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT
19 DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE 90 % PERSISTENT ABSENTEE
29 DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE 85 % CONCERN / COURT

CONCERN / COURT

85 %

School Uniform

School uniform should consist of the following:

- ≈ Black or grey trousers or skirt
- ≈ Red cardigan or sweatshirt with the school logo
- ≈ Red, white or navy polo shirt
- ≈ Plain black shoes

The P.E. kit should consist of the following:

- ≈ Black jogging bottoms
- ≈ White t-shirt with the school logo
- ≈ Black trainers



School uniform can be purchased from:

Whitehall Clothiers Limited

For General Enquiries:

Phone: 020 8852 8967

For Online orders or enquiries please email:
online.orders@whitehallclothiers.co.uk

Address: 244a Lewisham High Street
London, SE13 6JU

Click here to visit their website:

<http://whitehallclothiers.co.uk/acatalog/Grinling-Gibbons.html>



School Safety Notice!

Please be mindful when driving and parking near school. It is integral that you **do NOT drive or park recklessly near school** as this is dangerous as well as being illegal. Please help keep our children and adults safe on the street. Thank you for your support!



Flu Nasal Spray

It is almost time for your child to receive their annual flu vaccination. The school Nurses are now inviting parents / guardians to register consent for the flu vaccination. They have a secure online link. The process is quick and easy to use.

Flu nasal sprays for Reception to Year 6 will be on Tuesday 1 December 2020

Please click on this link to access the eConsent:
<https://qlink.uk/LGflu/100685>

Here's a video on how the eConsent portal works: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/7321177>

Please contact the Lewisham School Health Immunisation Team on **0203 049 1897** or lg.shshimmunisation@nhs.net if you have any questions or require any further assistance.



Parent Support Group

Miss Amber's Parent Support Group is held every Friday on Zoom. With aim to discuss how Covid has affected us, what we as a school can do to support families and how best to talk to children about the ever-changing situation.

We warmly invite you to these sessions to meet and discuss concerns, queries or difficulties in a safe space. The meeting links have already been sent via email.

EYFS - 9:00am
Year 1 and 2 - 10:00am
Year 3 and 4 - 11:00am
Year 5 and 6 - 12:00pm

Parent Representatives

We would love to invite a Parent from each year group to become a Parent Representative.

If you or another Parent you know are interested, please do let us know.

