



GRINLING GIBBONS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR CORE VALUES are

Aspirations, Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Tolerance and Equality

Upcoming dates

Autumn term

- Friday 4 September to Friday 23 October (38 days)
- **Half term: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October**
- Monday 2 November to Friday 18 December (35 days)

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 will be taken on 3 May)
- **Half term: Monday 11 May to Friday 4 June**
- Monday 7 June to Thursday 22 July (35 days)
- Inset day (school closed to pupils) Friday 23 July**

Message from Head of School

I am pleased to say that we have had a wonderful start to the year, despite the challenges and difficulties, the children have really settled at school and are doing extremely well despite the uncertainties at present.

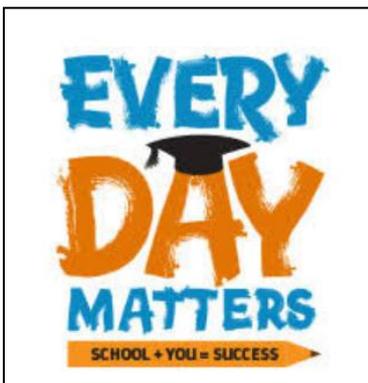
The month of October is Black History Month nationally, though at Grinling Gibbons we are working hard to embed Black history throughout the curriculum. We believe it is not just a month and will be keeping you informed on this as we move forward.

Once again, a gentle reminder about the importance of all of us being vigilant for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. If your child or any member of your household shows any symptoms, you must notify us, self-isolate and get tested. Once the test results prove negative then your child may return to school. I know we would not want the school to have to close and I would like to thank you for your dedication and vigilance in regard to potential infection.

We are carefully following all the guidance that comes out from the government to ensure maximum safety and protection for our community.

As always, thank you for your ongoing care and support within our community!

Mr Gordon



Attendance and Punctuality

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 directly.

The Education Act 1996 states that it is the responsibility of the parent/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.



School Uniform

School uniform should consist of the following: -

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

The P.E. kit should be black jogging bottoms and a white t-shirt with the school logo on and black trainers.

School uniform can be purchased from: -

Whitehall Clothiers Limited
244a Lewisham High Street, London, SE13 6JU



Black History Month

Black History Month runs nationally every October to commemorate the history, tremendous achievements and contributions of Black communities in the UK. At Grinling Gibbons, we truly believe that it is more than just a month and whilst we normally invite parents into school to participate, this year, we are having to adapt to the circumstances. We will keep you informed regarding the activities and learning that is planned and will try to showcase this virtually, through zoom and class dojo. Our first focus will be 'Young, Gifted and Black' by Jamia Wilson.

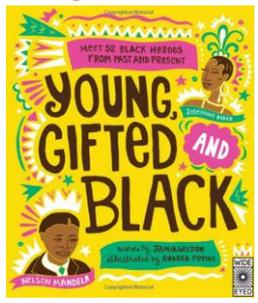
We are looking forward to sharing this enriching knowledge and collaborating together to celebrate Black History Month.

We also invite you to visit Lewisham Council's online events page here:

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/events/black-history-month>

As well as more events and activities on I am Lewisham's website here:

<https://www.iamlewisham.uk/black-history-month>



Farewell

Terry Faucher, our Premises Assistant, has left our school. We would like to thank Terry for his hard work and commitment to our school during his 4 years with us.



Paperless & Cashless School

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



Due to difficulties around Parent Pay, we will now be accepting cash payments 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 dinners & trips will need to be made this way.

We are also a paperless school and any correspondence we send out will go out via email or text message. It is important that you keep the office up to date with any changes to your contact details. In order to be kept up to date, it is integral that you check your email regularly so that you do not miss an important message.

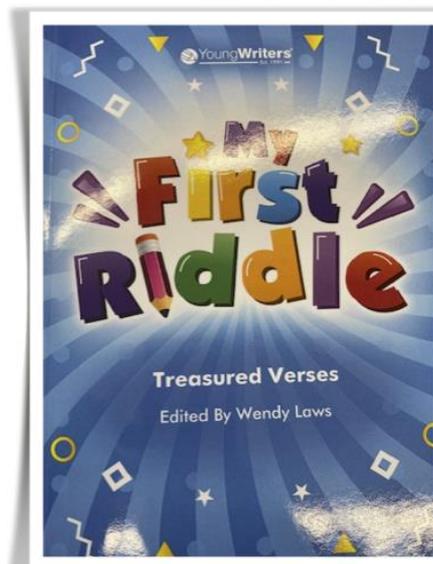
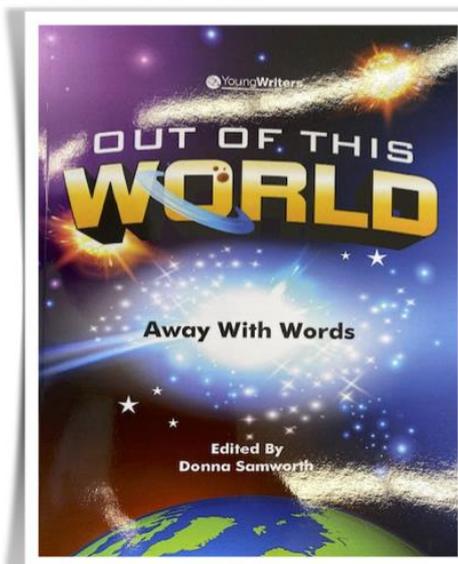
Teachers will also send regular messages via class dojo so please make sure you sign up for child you have.

GRINLING GIBBONS GOOD NEWS



We are really proud of Soriah, one of our Year 6 pupils, who has been appointed the new Hair Editor for the brilliantly fresh and zesty Cocoa Girl Magazine! Soriah has grown in confidence since her new found fame and we look forward to seeing her future projects. In the meantime you can visit www.cocoagirl.com for more!

Our Young Writers have made us beyond proud - they have written brilliant poems that have been published in these anthologies! Get a copy and you could read their fantastic work.



Massive well done to:

Daniel (age 8)
Fadeel (age 9)
Vicky (age 9)
Cualli (age 8)
Angel (age 9)
Damaris (age 8)

Massive well done to:

Ariana (age 5)
Michai (age 4)

For more info please click below to create a parent account;
<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/online/publishing-portal/>

Please note: These poems can be found on pages 57 - 62

Children from Years 5 and 6 were interviewed by ITV about their views on Race and Racism. They articulated their points and views impeccably and made our school very proud. I was with them throughout the whole process and I am every pleased with the questions they asked and the comments they made. It goes to show that primary school pupils are not too young to have these important conversations about Race and Racism. Please read below for more!



Message to Mr Gordon from Charlene at ITV;

"Thanks so much for yesterday... I'm just going through the footage now. Those kids are just incredible. I'm sat in an edit suite with an editor who said, "How on earth are these kids in primary school?? They're amazing!" And they really are. It's hugely appreciated that you set it all up for us. It airs on Sat 3rd October during "Scrambled" on ITV and CITV, and it will be available on the ITV Hub. I'll be sure to email you a link once we have it."

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