



## Red Nose Day 2024

COMIC  
RELIEF

A huge thankyou for all of your donations of money and cakes for Comic Relief. In particular, I would like to thank the parents who organised the cake sale. We made an additional £100 from the cake sale. It is lovely to see the community coming together and being so generous to support a worthy cause.



## Sporting events



**Dance** - Year 4 and 5 children had a fantastic opportunity to take part in Dance Taster sessions with Lauren Scott. The children learnt about the importance of using dynamics in dance, how to find a rhythm and move to it and being creative through movement.

**Darius** - Year 4 - *I enjoyed when we were taught how to find the rhythm and make moves to it.*

**Let Girls Play** - On Friday 8th March, all of our children took part in the Biggest Ever Football session. The event was organised by England Football and was promoted across the country with the aim to get as many girls involved in football activities on the same day. Our pupils completed two challenges - the Nutmeg Challenge and the Kick and Catch Challenge. We are proud of how well the children did!

**Hilala** - Year 4 - *I liked taking part in the kick and catch challenge because I kicked the ball a lot of times.*

## Theatre Visit—The Hobbit



On Wednesday 13th March, M&M Theatre Productions came to perform J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit* for Years 5 & 6! The performance was well-staged, involved incredible sound and lighting and very talented performers. Not only did the performance enable our pupils to experience a live performance based on a classic book, it explored characters and narrative to support our pupils' creative writing skills. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed watching an exciting story brought to life!

Huge thanks to Mrs Ramtohul-Butler for organising the visit.

## Junior Travel Ambassadors



On the 29th February our Junior Travel Ambassadors travelled to a local Dragons' Den Competition. The aim of the competition was to persuade members of Hillingdon Council to grant our school up to £500 for some different travel initiatives. The JTAs worked hard on their presentation for weeks and were excited for the event. The children successfully presented to an audience of 4 council members and 6 other schools. After a brilliant presentation, the children were successful and were awarded £390!

The children did a fantastic job and should be incredibly proud.



## Calendar dates 2024

- Wednesday 26th March—Yr.5 Mary Seacole Workshop (in school)
- Thursday 27th March 2024—Football Skills Panathlon (selected pupils)
- Thursday 28th March 2024 — Last day of Term **early finish 1pm**
- **Friday 29th March 2024—Easter Holidays**
- **Monday 15th April 2024—Children back to school**
- Thursday 18th April 2024 —Parents meeting (details to follow)
- Wednesday 24th April—Yr.4 Olympic s Festival 2024
- Thursday 25th April 2024—Yr.4 Science Museum trip
- **Thursday 2nd May 2024—Polling Day—School Closed to children**
- Monday 20th May 2024—Yr.3 Ancient Greek workshop (in school)



## Home time—Pupils being collected



If someone other than the regular parent or carer will be picking up your child, please notify the office as soon as possible.

Due to safeguarding, it is important for us to have your confirmation if someone other than yourself or the usual carer is collecting your child at home time. Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance

**Welcome to**  
Grange Park Junior School  
*Leaders of tomorrow*

**Did You Know... ?**  
In a School Year, if Your Child is Late Every Day by... Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately... or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

**Getting Your Child to School Really Matters**  
Remember Absence = Lost Learning Opportunity

Attendance

## Punctuality

It is important to leave home in plenty of time for your child to arrive on time at 8.40am, to start their learning at 8.45am (school gates open at 8:30 am)

### Reporting your child's absence

If your child is absent please ensure you call us promptly by 8.30am and leave a voicemail message on Tel: 020 8353 4265 (Option 2).

Evidence must be provided prior to all types of appointments eg; Doctor, Dentist, Hospital or any other appointment, however if the appointment is an emergency, including visiting A & E, please make sure you acquire an appointment card or letter of attendance for your child's school records.

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School Attendance	97%-100	Very Good
						96%-90%	Room for Improvement
<b>Attendance so far:</b>	96.6	95.6	96.6	95.9	96.2	Below 90%	Cause for Concern (Persistent Absentee)

# Historical FICTION

## SHORT STORY CONTEST

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Submission Deadline: 31st May 2024

Historical accuracy, A riveting read, A convincing story which uses historical knowledge and is creative and interesting

*Word count: 400-3500 words.  
Open to year 5 and 6*

Think about an area of History you have enjoyed learning about during your time at GPJS and get creative.

Looking Forward to Reading them!

Winner will win a £25 book token!



Please submit to Miss Perkis by 31st of May



SKIPZ PRODUCTION CIC PRESENTS

# EASTER

holiday and food programme

**Harlington School, Pinkwell Lane, UB3 1PB**

**Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 5th April 2024**

**10am to 2pm**

**St Martins Primary School, Rowan Road, UB7 7UF**

**Monday 8th April - Thursday 11th April 2024**

**10am to 2pm**

4 to 11 years old  
**FREE FOR FREE SCHOOL  
MEALS CHILDREN**

*Lunch provided | Siblings welcome  
Paying children welcome*

**In partnership with  
Hillingdon Council**

For more information and to register,  
please visit

<https://www.skipzproductions.org/skipzhafillingdon>

