

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

It's the end of another busy month at Grace Cook - we are now moving to the end of the first year open as a school but there's still plenty of learning happening!

You'll notice from the diary dates that I'm keen to have a very informal meeting related to setting up a PTA at Grace Cook. If you're interested in coming along to this I've set a date of Thursday 13th July at 3.30. This may not be the best time/ date for you all but it's a start. Please let me know via Dojo if you can attend or not.

You will also be receiving your child's reports before the end of term (Star class, Sun and Mercury class)

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What's coming up?

Thursday 6th July - Sports Blast  
Thursday 13th July - 3.30pm  
Thursday 20th July - Meet the teacher  
Friday 21st July - Last day of Term  
New Term Starts on Wednesday 6th September 2023  
Half Term Monday 23rd - 27th October  
Last day of term  
Wednesday 20th December

PD Days for 2023/24  
(Non pupil days)  
Monday 4th September  
Tuesday 5th September  
Wednesday 3rd January 2024  
Friday 12th April  
Friday 21st June



## Nursery - Star room

Our amazing children and their families raised over £200 for Barnardo's "Big Toddle", we had a great morning toddling and enjoyed a lovely picnic afterwards in the nursery garden. It was great to see and chat to everyone.

Star class - has been extremely busy and engaged in learning all there is to know about spiders. We have been making them out of playdough, using natural resources twigs and stones for eyes and legs. The children have been perfecting our fine motor skills by pegging legs on our spider templates and counting to 8. We have worked hard on number recognition, looking and counting objects in our natural environment. The children have been working as a team in the cafe serving up food and drinks and writing down orders. We have enjoyed mixing different natural resources with manmade, looking at solids and liquids. We even had time to construct and make our own spiders web in the garden.





## Moon Room



**Moon Room - Have been Exploring the enchanted world of fairies. The children have been using Miss Saunders flowers from her garden to make their fairy garden. They have been having a tea party with the fairies, setting this up in the home corner and role-playing tea parties. They have been exploring their senses by using the scoops and spoons to smell the oranges and lemons in the water. They have also been looking at different sizes of objects, constructing a house for the fairies to live in. The children have been helping one another put on their shoes, getting ready for outdoor play.**





## Sun Class



**WOW!, June has been a fun filled month for Sun Class. We had our trip to Lackford Lakes and our first Sport's Day, lots of things the children will hopefully remember in years to come.**

**In the classroom this half term we are exploring growing and healthy eating and have been trying new fruits and vegetables. As we approach our last few weeks in literacy we will continue to work on our stamina for writing and reading.**

**In maths we are consolidating our knowledge of shape and money along with addition and subtraction. We will also learn about the festival of Eid al-Fitr and Ramadan talking about how this is celebrated by Muslims and link it to festivals we celebrate.**





## Mercury Class



In Mercury class we have been continuing to widen our understanding of all areas of learning.

In Maths we learnt about multiplication and division; focusing on equal groups. In English we learnt about setting descriptions, nature poems and we are about to begin some instructional writing. We also loved all our sports day events and the day was a huge success!

Our school trip to Lackford Lakes was extremely popular and a great way to link to our Science learning about plants. Finally, in music we have moved our bodies to the beat and pulse of different songs. Alongside this we explored how music impacted on our emotions and we shared lovely stories about certain songs and what they meant to us.

Another wonderful half term together Mercury class. Well done!