



28<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week has been one of our favourite weeks of the school year; it's Take One Picture Week! Throughout the week we have been examining a painting from the National Gallery in London in detail and have based all curriculum work around this painting. This year it is **Men of the Docks** (1912) by George Bellows. The children



from nursery to Year 6 have produced some amazing work from this theme including art work, DT, poetry, maths, writing and much, much more! The painting was set in New York so a lot of classes have been inspired by the landscape and culture of the city. Have a chat to your child and see if they can tell you what they've been up to this week! The next



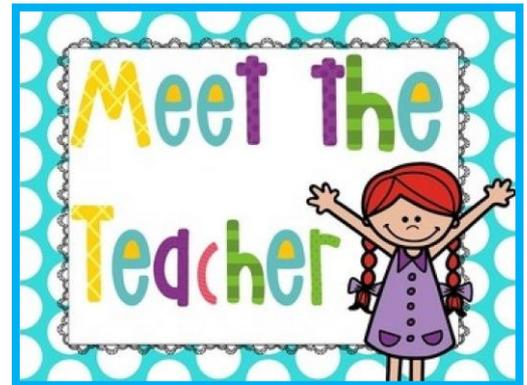
stage is to send photographs and or videos of the work to the National Gallery in London to see if it is chosen to be exhibited in the gallery itself! We have been selected before and took a group of children to London on the train to see their work on display so let's hope the National Gallery appreciate this year's work!

We are now in a position to let families know about staffing for the next academic year. There are a few new names on the list and a few names missing as we prepare to say goodbye to some staff. Firstly we welcome to Team GD; Mr Akhtar, Mr Gould, Mrs Whitaker, Mr Kelly and Mr Warraich. You may know Mr Kelly and Mr Warraich as they have been with the school for the past two terms, but they now join the team permanently. We sadly say goodbye to Mrs Clarke who has provided additional reading and phonics teaching for the past nine years in KS1 and has made a tremendous difference to children's opportunities and chances in reading – thank you Mrs Clarke! Miss McLean is also leaving the school at the end of this academic year to spend more time with her children. Miss McLean has worked at Grimes Dyke for ten years mostly in nursery and reception meaning that the majority of children in school will have been in her class at some point, we say a massive thank you on behalf of all the children she's nurtured over the years. I'm confident she will stay in touch and we may see her very soon. We also say farewell to Mr Cowles, Mrs Potts and Mrs Barrett all of whom joined the school part way through the year and have done a great job teaching and supporting in Y3, Y4 and in reception. Huge thanks to all of them. Please see the table below for staffing and look out for a '**meet the teacher**' event which will take place during transition. (Bold type = Senior Leadership)

Class	Teacher	Support Staff
Nursery	Miss Jackson	Mrs Tetley / Mrs Newsome
Reception	Mrs Vastel / Mrs Whitaker	Mrs Adam / Mrs Kelsey / Mrs Wilcox
Year 1	Mr Williams	Miss O'Brien / Mrs Cantelo
Year 2	<b>Mrs Read / Mrs McDonough</b>	Mr Kelly
Year 3 (Currently Y2 Megaminds)	Mrs Marshall / Mrs Michie	Miss Lythe
Year 3 (Currently Y2 Brainiacs)	Mrs Walker	Miss Chuen
Year 4	Mr Gould	Mrs Carver
Year 5 (Currently Y5 Trailblazers)	Miss Pickup	Mrs Zubrzycki
Year 5 (Currently Y5 Adventurers)	Miss Bennett	Mr Warraich
Year 6	<b>Mr Akhtar</b>	Mrs Walton

Thank you to everyone who has now completed a parents' questionnaire, there are spare copies at the office if anyone would still like to fill one in. We have listened to feedback, most of which remains positive, but would like to offer all parents and carers two opportunities to come into school before the end of term. These will be as follows:

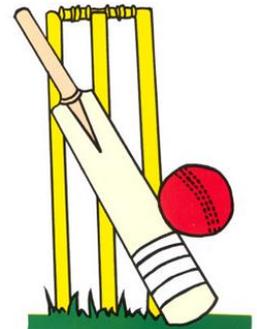
1. (Before transition) Class teachers will be inviting parents into class either at the start or the end of the day to come and look at your child's books and share their learning with them. This will be an informal session where you can chat to your child about the learning they are proud of and ask any questions you would like to ask.
2. (During transition) New class teachers will invite parents / carers into school to meet them and have a look at the classroom where your children will spend their next year in school. Y6 parents may have to use their imagination a little when it comes to the classroom as building work is taking place over the summer holidays to transform their classroom. (We'll invite you in for another look in September to see the new space!)



We're still hopeful that a group of parents / carers may come and help us start up a PTA. We've not had any volunteers yet but I'm certain the skills and expertise are out there to help us improve after school events for children. Please come and chat to me, Mrs Chapman or Mrs Taylor – we've got a few ideas and experience of running events we just need a bit of help from you.



The girls' Y5 & Y6 cricket team took part in a cricket tournament yesterday and came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall securing themselves a place in the Yorkshire finals on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July. Well done girls we're so proud of you all!



Sticking with sports; we are keeping our fingers crossed that Sports Day will go ahead next Tuesday afternoon. The weather looks good for the weekend so hopefully the school field will be dry enough for races. Children can come in P.E. kits in their team colours on this day. Parents and carers are all welcome to come and watch from 1.30pm. The gates will be open from 1.15pm to ensure you get a good viewing spot!



Congratulations to Mrs Taylor who this week became a nanna for the first time, she now has beautiful baby Freddie to show off! I'm sure there will be plenty of photos of Freddie to see next week for anyone who comes into contact with Mrs Taylor. Congratulations to her and her daughter.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Hill