

Message from Shona Pitcher

Co-Headteacher

Its starting to feel Christmassy in school! The decorations are up (thank you GASPA!) and we are all excited for the Fair. Come and say hello to the staff on the Lapland Magic Money stall or supporting other stalls and events throughout the day. Thank you to all parents and carers who have been working towards making this day a fabulous day for our families. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Our Year 6 children have been busy sewing their Advent creations, they look amazing! Thank you to our volunteers who have been in school helping with this project. Look out for further events this year to support the wider community, including our Christmas Jumper Day.

Last week I was delighted to accompany our Year 6 Charity Champions and Mrs Claridge on a visit to the Don's Charity. It was wonderful to see how this charity supports families during the year and particularly in the winter months.

Grand Christmas Fair

**Sat 25 Nov
12noon - 3pm**

Christmas gifts, Santa's Grotto, tombolas, games, local businesses, hot food, sweets, mulled wine, performances by Grand Singers & Little Voices, Country Dancing & lots more!

Grand Avenue Nursery and Primary School, Grand Avenue, Surbiton KT5 9HU

Christmas Trees

On sale at the Grand Avenue Christmas Fair - Saturday 25 NOVEMBER

Or order online: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/gaspa/>

Prices:
5ft - £40
6ft - £50

* Price includes delivery to the KT1, KT3, KT4, KT5 and KT6 postcodes

Delivered to your door on Monday 4 Dec*

Any questions email committee@gaspa.org.uk

AVENEWS

www.grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk

Autumn Term (page 2 of 4)

Friday, 24th November 2023



Grand Avenue boys' football team competed in the Kingston Borough Cup Competition against Green Lane Primary. It was a 6-4 thriller which we were unlucky to lose!



Congratulations to Ailish in 4A who competed for her gymnastics club, Avondale, this past Sunday in the Neon Gymnastics competition and won the gold medal in her category for her vault and floor routine.



It was a busy week for the girls' football team. This was another strong performance from the girls. They enjoyed their game. Well done to all that took part.



The girls' football team played in a competition at Fulham FC! They were competing against schools from across Sutton and Merton and the standard was extremely high! Unfortunately, we didn't come away with any medals but competed really well across the competition. Well done everyone!

AVENEWS

www.grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk

Autumn Term (page 3 of 4)

Friday, 24th November 2023

Last Friday the Charity Champions visited the Dons Local Action Group food hub. This was the charity that we donated all our wonderful Harvest festival food to. The children had a fantastic day, they were shown how the operation all worked, packed a few boxes, played a quiz and had a behind the scene tour of AFC Wimbledon football club. The club and the charity both commented on how polite, well behaved and interested the children were throughout the day. A great day was had by all.



Children and Young People Contextual Safeguarding training, two hour workshop

Friday 8 December, at the Kingston Library, 11am to 1pm
 The free training workshop will help to safeguard Children and Young People (CYP) by raising awareness on County lines, child exploitation and grooming, and present drug problems within society, to name a few. For parents and school professionals who may like to become more aware of the risks and pressures children and young people may face during leisure time and outside of school; ideal for parents who are experiencing difficulties with their children engaging in substance misuse and may be, or are at a risk of exploitation. Places are limited, please email [Sanya Walker](mailto:Sanya.Walker@kingston.gov.uk) to register. Delivered by Gwenton Sloley, a Director of an organisation called Crying Sons. More information on their work via this [link](#).

Dates for your Diary

Sat, 25th Nov	ALL	GASPA Christmas Fair
Thurs, 30th Nov	3W	Ukulele Performance
Fri, 1st Dec	ALL	Inset Day
Tues, 5th Dec	5S	Trumpet Performance @2.30pm
Weds, 6th Dec	RBF	Nativity Performance @ 9.30am
Thurs, 7th Dec	RL	Nativity Performance @ 9.30am
Thurs, 7th Dec	ALL	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri, 8th Dec	Y6	National Army Museum Trip
Mon, 11th Dec	LV & GS	Christmas Performance at John Lewis
Tues, 12th Dec	N	Christmas Sing A Long
Weds, 13th Dec	RBB	Nativity Performance @ 9.30am
Weds, 13th Dec	R-Y6	Christmas Lunch
Weds, 13th Dec	N&R	Anxiety Separation Workshop @1.45
Thurs, 14th Dec	Y2&3	Christmas Performance
Fri, 15th Dec	Y2&3	Christmas Performance
Tues, 19th Dec	Y4	Peter Pan Theatre visit
Wed, 20th Dec	N	Christmas Party
Weds, 20th Dec	Y1	Christmas Assembly @9.30am
Thurs, 21st Dec		Last day of Autumn Term



Spotlight on attendance

Congratulations to **Rabbits** who have had the highest attendance this week (100%).