



A warm welcome from Mrs Sellers



Welcome back to a very warm start at TGS, already we are sporting PE kit in a bid to keep cool in this glorious weather. It has been a pleasure to see so many smiling faces – and our students seemingly growing many inches during the Summer!

I should like to welcome our new students and staff; everyone seems to have settled well and already feel part of our TGS community.

It's wonderful to see the new school uniform being worn so smartly, we know that the company has had a few supply issues; I should like to thank you for your cooperation and patience while the supply chain settles down. Hopefully outstanding items will be available soon.



The summer has, of course, been a busy time for many reasons. The class of 2023 came to collect their GCSE results and we were thrilled to be able to share in their successes – once again, Gregg students performed very well and we are very proud of their achievements, we wish them every success in their next steps.

The summer is also a time when we 'get busy' with our buildings and estates. Our LRC has had a makeover and our Forest School has gained some funky outdoor tables.

Amongst the painting and decorating, we have a brand-new Versailles panel floor in our school hall. The listing of the building required us to replicate the original design and, I am sure you will agree, it is looking splendid!



We should like to welcome Mrs (Commander) Scales as our new Bursar to our Senior Team. She joins us from HMS Collingwood, following an illustrious 22 year career in the Navy. She has very quickly assimilated her new job and is working hard behind the scenes to support our school operations.

Mr Chris Noyce is now our new Transport Manager.

Please do get in touch with him if you have any questions about bus routes.



I am really looking forward to a year where we galvanise our PTA activity and welcome our parents and visitors back into our beautiful school with some fantastic events.

We will be publishing this list very soon and I should like to welcome as many parents as possible in order to support The FROGS (Friends of The Gregg School) to make some new friends and enjoy being part of our broader community. Do come along to a meeting – you will be warmly welcomed.

We shall be inviting you to year group events very soon; in the interim, I look forward to meeting you all again and wish all of our students and staff a successful academic year. Mrs Sellers

Beautiful Borneo

From the 11th of July to the 31st of July, I was on a school expedition to the Malaysian part of Borneo for three weeks (run by an external company called Outlook Expeditions). The purpose of the expedition was to develop leadership skills, experience new challenges and contribute to the local community.



I raised money for my trip through easyfundraising, a generous grant from the Swanmore Educational Trust and I also sold honey, homemade by my grandfather and handmade Christmas and greeting cards. I did this around a year and a half before we went on the expedition. The benefit of fundraising helped me build my self-sufficiency.



In April, a few months before going on the real thing, we went on a practice weekend. I had to wake up early (4:30am!) as we were travelling to the Hope Valley in the Peak district. When we arrived, we had to put up our tents and we climbed the highest hill in the area which was 463 metres.

This was interesting because you could see the entire valley below and it felt like a great achievement. The next day we went to the nearby village of Hope. I really enjoyed going to the village because all the houses were really cosy and it



felt nice to go have a calming break before we came home.

On the morning of the expedition, I woke up full of an excitement and nerves but as we got to school, and I saw all my friends, I felt grateful and happy to be there. Before we could get going, we had to give out equipment and allocate jobs. I signed up to oversee transport, we then headed to the airport.

To get to Borneo we had to get two different flights one 13-hour flight from Heathrow to Kuala Lumpur and from there to Kota Kinabalu, which was 2 hours 30 minutes. However, we missed the second flight because of a delay on the first!

The next day we had a look around Kota Kinabalu and booked our travel and accommodation for the rest of the trip.

The following day we travelled to Sepilok, the home of the orangutan and sun bear sanctuaries. I was super excited to go here and I think it was definitely one of the highlights of my trip. I learnt lots of cool facts whilst we were there, for example: Sun bears are the smallest type of bear and are about 1.3 metres tall when standing on their hind legs.



Once we left the sanctuaries, we went to the tip of Borneo where we were doing the project, which was helping renovating a 3.5-acre wildlife reserve by building steps and making some concrete bridges.

We then went to Mt Kinabalu which is the tallest

mountain in southeast Asia at 4095.2 metres. On the first day of climbing, we went up 6km to where we would be staying for the night, and on the second day we woke up at 1:30 in the morning to leave at 2:30 so we could get to the summit in time for sunrise. There were clouds at the top, but we still saw an amazing view which made it totally worth the climb. That day we then returned to the base of the mountain which made my legs and feet hurt by the end but everyone else was saying the same thing. For dinner I had a tasty beef burger that made it all worth it!



After the mountain we went to a nature lodge for three days and we saw lots of the local wildlife such as a herd of Pygmy Elephants crossing a river, including a few calves, which felt a bit like being in a David Attenborough show. We also had a cooking class where we made fish curry, chicken curry and rice.



Finally, we came back to Kota Kinabalu when we went to the TAR islands and did white water rafting, which was fun, however, there seemed to be a lot of paddling and not a lot of actual white water.

Lastly, we came home on two flights. I was very tired by the end of it, but I enjoyed the trip so much. I think the expedition made me more independent and I felt in control of what we were doing. All in all I felt that this trip led me to many new opportunities, and I felt like I made the most out of it. William D (Year 11)

Summer Student News

Sailing Success

Congratulations to Harry O (Year 8) who came 10th in the UK RS Tera Nationals in Cowes and 23rd representing his country in the RS Tera World Championships in Italy this summer.



This is a culmination of rigorous training at his club and around the UK as part of the GBR training scheme, complete grit, skill and dedication to his sport... and hours and hours on the water.

This is a great result for his debut year of competitive sailing and we wish him luck competing in the future.

Dancing Queen



Cee-Cee J (Year 11) and her partner Isa have been hard at work building their reputation in the under 16 Latin category. They have competed at several dance competitions, representing The South of England and Wales at "The English Gala" and more recently becoming United Kingdom Closed Vice-Champions

(missing out on the coveted UK title by a single mark!). They have just been asked to represent Team GB at the forthcoming Imperial competition at the end of September, which is a prestigious build-up to The International Championships. This will see the top dancers from all over the world come to the UK to compete. In November, they will be travelling to the Netherlands for The Dutch Open and World Championships, before heading up to Blackpool for the British National Championships. Good luck Cee Cee.

Football Stars - The Gothia World Youth Cup (a parents view)

The second week of the summer holidays saw students from Year 8 and 9, head to Gothenburg to compete at the Gothia World Youth Cup.



They were travelling to the tournament having been selected for the Prep Schools' Lions, the Independent Schools Regional Representative Football Team.



Lexi P, Avani S, Amelie W and Jana SA from Year 8 and Lexie P and Izzy E from Year 9 represented the school for the girls' teams, and Samuel H, Declan S, Harry L and Archie L from Year 8 and Myles O from Year 9 for the boys' teams. Players from over 100 schools had attended the trials in October and November last year so selection in itself was an achievement.

The squads also attended a Training Camp at Tonbridge School, Kent in the Easter holidays in preparation and headed off to Gothenburg full of excitement.

The Gothia World Youth Cup is the world's biggest youth event. 58,000 people, including



many parents, family and supporters of the players, were in the famous Ullevi Stadium for the Opening Ceremony. This was a spectacle that all will remember for a long time, with 1,878 teams from 69 nations which resulted in over 4,770 matches played across 39 different arenas in the tournament.

The football itself was fast and furious against teams which in many cases are professional academies and feeders for some of Europe's top senior sides. The standard was very high, but the teams performed well under some excellent coaching. There were some very tense matches, going through to penalties in the later stages of the competition.



The staff included an experienced Coaches and Sports Therapist and outside of matches the players attended workshops covering a wide range of topics such as nutrition, hydration and sleep.

The trip provided an opportunity for players to gain independence and develop life skills away from their parents! There was also time off to explore the city and visit the Lisberg theme park.

For the children who were lucky enough to be selected, this really was an experience to

remember. It is not often that you have the chance to pit yourself against some of the best young players in the world and they have all undoubtedly returned to England better for the experience.

For the parents who went, it was equally exciting! Quality football played in the right spirit and a thoroughly enjoyable week.

Mrs Przybycin

European Day of Languages - Cake Sale!

We will be celebrating the European Day of Languages on Tuesday 26th September.



What's happening?

The Gregg Euro Café is back on in the Hall on Tuesday 26th September with all proceeds raised going to Macmillan Cancer Support.

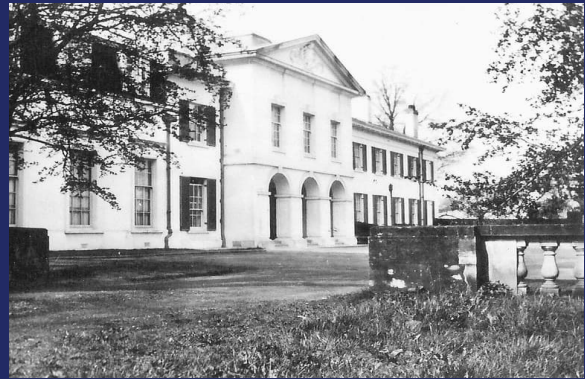
The events below have been organised to promote languages and raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support:

- 'The Gregg Bake Off' House Competition with cakes to be designed with a languages theme eg, flags, famous monuments etc. These will be sold at the Euro Café at break and lunchtime.
- A "guess how many sweets are in the jar" competition where you will have to say a number in a foreign language.
- Name the Teddy competition with the names being foreign language names.

So let's get baking and bring change that day to enter the competitions at break and lunchtime!

Mrs Lay

Heritage Day



Sunday 10th September is Heritage Day and Townhill Park House and gardens will be open to the public for self-guided tours between 2-5pm.

Admission is free, parking is available on site and entertainment will be provided by Uke Box Glory.

This is a lovely opportunity to bring family members for a wander around the main house and gardens, with refreshments available throughout the afternoon.

Year 6 Activities Morning

Do you have a Year 6 pupil or know someone that does? If so, why not sign up for our Year 6 Activities Morning on Saturday 16th September 8:45am - 12:20pm?

This will be a fun filled morning full of activities in a wide range of subjects: Maths, Science, MFL, Drama, Geography, History, RE, PE, Music, Computing, Art and Food & Nutrition. Click on the following link to book:

<https://thegregg.applicaa.com/events/2>

Open Evening

Our Open Evening is being held on Thursday 5th October. This is open to all families of any year group who are interested in finding out more about The Gregg School. All classrooms will be open, teachers available to talk to and Head teacher presentations at 4:30 and 5:30pm, please spread the word.

To book please click on the following link. <https://thegregg.applica.com/events/12>

FROGS (PTFA) News



Welcome to all parents new and old! The FROGS (Friends of The Gregg School) are a friendly group of parents and staff who organise events to raise money for the school.

New members are always welcome so please look out for the email with the dates of our next meeting.

Our next event is the ever popular 'Cocktails and Canapes' which will be held at the school on Friday 29th September. This is a fun evening and a lovely opportunity to meet other parents in a relaxed environment and watch the sunset from the terrace. Please keep an eye out for further details soon.

FROGS Lotto

You've got to be in it to win it!

Did you know that the FROGS run a monthly lottery? For a monthly subscription of £5, you could be in with a chance of winning one of three prizes (£50, £25 and £10) each month.

All you have to do is complete the Standing Order mandate at the end of the Newsletter and return it to us via the school office. Then simply sit back and wait for our monthly draw. Fingers crossed!

EasyFundraising

Thank you to all our supporters for raising FREE donations for FROGS. Simply by shopping online, your donations have raised over £7,700 which has made a huge difference to our fundraising. It's easy to use - all you have to do is sign up and do your usual online shopping via easyfundraising to raise free donations for the school.

There are thousands of retailers to choose from including Just Eat, eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Amazon and many more. If you're not supporting us on easyfundraising yet, please sign up here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thefriendsofreggschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-f2

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 10th September Heritage Day 2 -5pm

**Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th September
Year 11 Geography trips to Botley**

**Wednesday 13th September Whole School
Individual Photographs (smart full uniform)**

**Wednesday 13th September Soton City Athletics
Championships**

**Saturday 16th September Year 6 Activities
Morning**

**Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th September
Year 9 History Trips to Bovington**

Friday 22nd September INSET Day

**Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th September Year 10
D of E Assessed Weekend**

**Tuesday 26th September European Day of
Languages – Cake Bake/Macmillan Coffee
Morning**

**Wednesday 27th September Class of 2023
Presentation Evening – Barton Peveril**

**Thursday 28th September Year 9 Geography Trip
to Fleming Park**

**Friday 29th September FROGS Cocktails &
Canapes**

**Please note school will close at 12:45pm
on Thursday 5th October to prepare for the
Open Evening**

The FROGS* Lotto – Standing Order Mandate

*Friends of The Gregg School

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