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EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES



Another year and another successful European Day of Languages was celebrated at the Gregg School on Thursday 25th September.

We would like to say a massive **thank you** to all of our pupils and families who took part in our celebrations this year. This is an annual event held in order to recognise the diversity of languages spoken in Europe and to promote lifelong language learning. It is a special day for many Modern Foreign Languages Departments across the country and we are extremely proud of our celebrations here at The Gregg School.

A number of fun events were organised for the day, along with activities being celebrated in language lessons throughout the week.



In advance, our Year 7 students made some wonderful posters to advertise our "Euro Café".

On the day, our students brought in delicious cakes for our Euro Café sale in the hall at breaktime. Not only did they look brilliant, but they also tasted amazing! There were cupcakes with flags, tiramisu, sweet pretzels and traditional polish cakes to name but a few.

We also had a 'guess the name of the Teddy' competition (who was called Leon by the way) and 'guess how many sweets are in the jar', where students had to speak their guess in a foreign language.

We also held on Macmillan Coffee Morning in the hall that morning where many of our parents and families came along to enjoy some tasty European treats whilst raising money for this wonderful charity.



In total, we managed to raise an **astounding £543.90**. *Très bien! Fantastisch! Gracias a todos!*

Along with the celebrations on the day, Mrs Lay held assemblies, there was a competition in tutor groups to guess the language the Disney songs were being sung in, and some University of Southampton students came in to teach our Year 8 students a lesson linked to a cultural aspect of the language they are studying. Our Year 10 students had a talk from an ex-student, Henry Pearson, who was one of our dual-linguists who studied German and Spanish at GCSE and is now studying Spanish at college.

The day was a special occasion for the students, but it was also valuable in highlighting the importance of celebrating other cultures, traditions and people, as well as learning a language.



COLOUR RUN



On Friday 26th September, the school came together to help raise money for the Southampton Hospital School. The students (and staff!) had a great time running through clouds of coloured powder paint, turning the grounds into a joyful rainbow of movement and laughter.

It was a fantastic way to celebrate effort, community, and creativity.

We're thrilled to announce that through these events, we raised an incredible £1,200 for Southampton Hospital Schools.



Thank you to everyone who donated and helped make a difference.

A huge thank you to all staff, volunteers, and student leaders who made these events possible. Your energy and organisation were key to their success.

All of the photos from the day can be found in the Parents Area of Firefly under School Photos.



FUTURE CHEF

As The Gregg School enters their third year of the prestigious Future Chef competition, we have seven talented cooks from Year 9 and 10 all wanting to show off their show-stopping dishes. Each student will have a budget of £5 for one dish and one hour to wow our judges.

The local heats will take place during Open Evening on Thursday 9th October.



NATIONAL POETRY DAY

To celebrate National Poetry Day, Ms King - our school Librarian ran a competition to inspire our young wordsmiths to write a poem on the theme of PLAY. The winning poem was written by Charlotte C from year 8 and she received a bundle of tasty treats.

Aiming to inspire a love of poetry, this annual event provides a fantastic opportunity to explore and celebrate poetry. From engaging with familiar poems we love, to the creative fulfilment of crafting new works.

What it is to Me

To me
To play is to live life to its fullest
To be free
In other words, happiness in its purest

You can play an instrument
You can play with a friend
You can play with someone's feelings
The list never ends

You can play with a toy
You can climb a tree
You can play ROBLOX
You can swim in the sea

But not just children play
Adults do to
But they don't show it to me and you

The whole world needs more play
We are taught to play
Because the games are limitless
But weirdly, it is not on the syllabus

By Charlotte C

BOOK TRUST'S BOOKBUZZ

Book Buzz is an exciting reading programme developed by Book Trust which gives ALL of our year 7 and 8 students the chance to CHOOSE and KEEP a book they'll love, from a collection of 16 fantastic titles. We have been running it for some time and it is a highlight of Ms King's year to be able to give books away!



BookTrust
Bookbuzz



MRS KING'S BOOK CORNER



October October by Katya Balen

Perfect for the seasonal swing into autumn. An evocative tale for anyone who ever longed to be wild, and how sometimes change is difficult but always works out in the end.



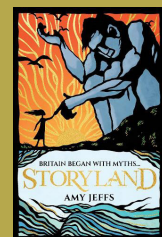
Midnight Treasure by Piers Torday

A spectacular, irresistible treasure hunt with clues, spells, imprisonments and escapes, fights, betrayals and overall- a tale of courage and hope.



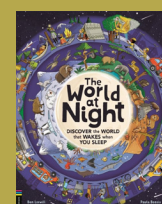
Make Me A Monster by Kayla Bayron

Why not bring in spooky season with a twist? This perfect young adult read has echoes of Frankenstein in an atmospheric mashup of horror and romance which sees the corpses from Meka's family funeral home refusing to stay dead...



Amy Jeffs Storylands (Children's Edition)

This is a vivid and beautifully illustrated mythology of Britain, filled with tales of magic and adventure, giants and demons, princesses and prophecies. Also, a wonderful complement to current year 7 English scheme of work



World at Night by Ben Lerwill

Filled with incredible facts and brought to life with beautifully quirky illustrations, the book takes readers to the ends of the earth and everywhere in between to uncover the hidden wonders of our nocturnal planet.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY



Last week, our school grounds were buzzing with excitement as students took part in our House Cross Country event.

Students from all year groups showed incredible determination and team spirit as they raced to earn points for their houses. Whether sprinting to the finish or pacing themselves through the course, every participant contributed to an atmosphere of encouragement and pride.

Congratulations to Spartan House for claiming the top spot on the day and well done to everyone who took part.

A special mention to Amber G from Year 8, who was the fastest girl of the day, and Johnathon P from Year 7, who was the fastest boy.

An amazing achievement for both runners.

Individual House Cross Country Winners

Year 8 Boys

1. Ryan L
2. Luca I
3. Naadir D

Year 8 Girls

1. Amber G
2. Anabelle G
3. Abishana A

Year 9 Boys

1. Charles D-T
2. Declan B
3. Jonathan M

Year 9 Girls

1. Bonny K
2. Ava D
3. Lucia E

Year 10 Boys

1. Jack B
2. Declan S
3. Archis L

Year 10 Girls

1. Camilla W
2. Eva M-M
3. Jana SA

Year 11 Boys

1. Sam A-R
2. Oscar I
3. Will Rice

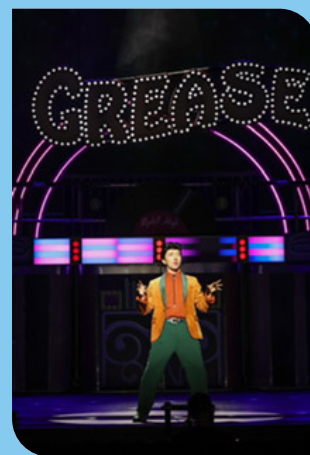
Year 11 Girls

1. Alexandra P
2. Izabelle E
3. Emily B



ALUMNI NEWS

CHARLIE C



We are pleased to share the news that former student Charlie is going to Drama School at the end of the month.

It will come as no surprise to those of you that knew him or have seen him perform at the Mayflower/MAST Theatres over the years, that he is off to the Oxford School of Drama, for their 3 year actor training.

Break a Leg Charlie!

FERGUS N



Our former student Fergus N made it to the final assesment day for the Hampshire U17 squad coached by our very own Mr Bayford.

YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY

Year 11 had a very successful time collecting valuable data on the impacts of the bypass on Botley Village, in preparation for completing their coursework.

Students spent a double lesson in Botley completing a variety of surveys including traffic count noise pollution environmental quality and land use.

Students saw firsthand the number of lorries and the volume of traffic that flows through Botley within the day. Students also analyse the shops realising that a number of them are high order unique shops.

This valuable data will be used over the next coming weeks to assess whether the Botley bypass will

positively or negatively affect the village specifically the trade and quality of life of people living there.



Coursework is a vital part of the geography GCSE and the Gregg's school students conducted themselves fantastically when out in the field.

BOVINGTON TANK MUSEUM



This week, Year 9 visited Bovington tank museum in Dorset. The students took part in three workshops covering medicine on the Western Front, 'Tommy in the trenches' and a session inside a WW1 tank that is not open to the public.

This really brought their learning of WW1 to life and it was great to see such great participation.

Our students were complemented for their standard of behaviour and politeness as well. All round a wonderful day of learning outside the classroom with Year 9!



SCIENTIST OF THE MONTH

This Month Jack H is our Scientist of the Month for Key Stage 3. He has worked really well at the start of the term and has demonstrated determination and resilience in his learning.



For Key stage 4, Harry OC was awarded Scientist of the Month for his great attitude and a determination to succeed.



SPORTS NEWS

Gothia World Cup - A Swedish Adventure

After weeks of training with their respective teams James and Alex M-G set off from Gatwick with the Phoenix Football Academy to play in the Gothia World Cup football tournament in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Both boys' teams made it through the group stages, but unfortunately Alex's team were knocked out of the competition by a local team from Gothenburg in the first round of the playoff stages.

James's team fared much better and made it through to the quarter finals only to be knocked out on a penalty shootout after dominating a 0-0 game by an academy team from Beirut, the eventual winners of the competition.

Both boys played really well and Alex was announced as the Coaches Player of the Tournament for being the team's top goal scorer at a post tournament awards ceremony, praise indeed considering the standard of players within the team.



MATCH PHOTOS



CONGRATULATIONS INDIA!



Over the summer, India N-J set herself the task of completing the UK Diabetes Swim22 challenge. Over a twelve-week period, participants could swim as many sessions as they wish, recording the distances swum to make an individual combined total. They could choose from three target distances which were the equivalent of crossing the English Channel, either to the halfway point (11 miles), a full crossing (22 miles) or all the way to France and back (44 miles). India elected to attempt the furthest distance.

Working hard through the summer, she achieved a staggering total distance swum of 82 miles within the timeframe, coming close to earning her 44 mile medal twice. Most importantly she raised over £200 in sponsorship for UK Diabetes along the way.

Well done India!



Open Evening

Thursday 9th October
4.30pm-7pm

Welcoming all families who would like to discover more about The Gregg School. Mrs Sellers will be giving introductory presentations at 4.30pm and 5.30pm.

Visitors are welcome to wander around the classrooms, talk to teachers and get involved in the activities.

Current parents are also welcome to come with their friends and family!

Book online here:
<https://tinyurl.com/4wxudknc>



Open Mornings

The Gregg Prep - Thursday 13th November
The Gregg School - Wednesday 19th November
9.30am-11.30am

Visitors are welcome to tour the school with our students, talk to our teachers and visit the classrooms.

Please share with your friends and family!

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COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

Sparsholt
4th October



Itchen College
9th October & 11th October



Fareham College
14th October



If would like to attend any of these events, please make sure you book your place on the college website.

TOWNHILL PARK EVENTS

5TH NOVEMBER 2025
GATES OPEN 5.30PM

**THE
GREGG
SCHOOL
FIREWORKS
NIGHT!** FIREWORKS, FOOD AND
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

TOWNHILL PARK HOUSE, CUTBUSH LANE,
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WWW.TOWNHILLPARKHOUSE.CO.UK/WHATSON
EVENTS@THEGREGGSCHOOLS.ORG

ADULTS £10
U16 £7.50
UNDER 5'S FREE



 *Mr & Mrs Middleton*
of Townhill Park House, Cutbush Lane, Southampton SO18 3RR

Invite you to help them celebrate the birthday of

Jane Austen
at her 250th Anniversary

Regency Ball

Saturday 13th December
6.30pm - carriages 11pm

Tickets £95

Invitation includes:
Regency ball called by Dr Helen Davidge of Georgettes of Oxford
Live music on period instruments
Canapes with tasting bowls & sumptuous desserts
Cards and entertainment with Miss Austen and friends
Complimentary pre-ball dance workshop
Licensed Bar - all set in beautiful, historic Townhill Park House

Ticket Sales: <https://www.townhillparkhouse.co.uk/box-office>
Information: events@thegreggschools.org
Dress Code: Regency

**FUTURE
FROGS
DATES**

WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2025 - AGM - 18:00 - 19:00

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2025 - FIREWORK NIGHT

SATURDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2025 - THE GREGG BIG CHRISTMAS

WEDNESDAY, 28 JANUARY 2026 - PTA MEETING - 16:00 - 17:00

THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2026 - VALENTINES SOCIAL 18:00 - 20:00

THURSDAY, 21 MAY 2026 - AFTERNOON TEA PICNIC - 16:00 - 17:30

SAVE THE DATE



 The Gregg School 

**CHRISTMAS
CRAFT FAYRE**

29th November 2025

11am-5pm
Plenty of free, level parking with disabled access.

**Handmade gifts and treats
for the whole family!**

*Creative crafts, food, mulled wine, afternoon
teas, raffle, games, story time with Santa,
and loads more! Come for a browse!*



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KEY DATES AT SCHOOL

Thursday 9th October

School closes at 1 PM for Open Evening

Friday 10th October

Year 9 Trip to Fleming Park River
Wear Yellow Day

Monday 20th to Friday 31st October
Half Term

Wed 5th to Fri 7th November
St Ives Art GCSE Trip

Monday 10th November

Anti-bullying- Wear Yellow Day

Thursday 13th November

The Gregg Prep Open Morning

Friday 14th November

Children In Need Day

Thursday 19th November

Open Morning

Thursday 4th December

Winter Concert

Thursday 11th December

Year 7-8 Panto Trip

Friday 12th December

Festive Wear Day
Rowing Challenge

Monday 15th December

Carol Service

Hope to see you at our Open Evening!

