

Parents Update Autumn 2024

Grindleford Primary School

A community built on Learning and Growth

At our school, we believe in fostering a warm, inclusive environment where every child feels valued and inspired to achieve their best. Our dedicated staff and wonderful school community are committed to ensuring every student thrives, both academically and personally.

Celebrating our success

Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM):

We've achieved the PSQM, recognizing our commitment to outstanding science education.

School Games Gold

Award: Our sports program has been awarded the prestigious School Games Gold Award, reflecting our dedication to physical activity and sportsmanship.

Ofsted Success: We're proud to have achieved a 'Good' rating during our November 2023 Ofsted inspection.

New facilities

Our school has undergone some refurbishment,



Strengthening our Curriculum

- **Phonics Success:** We've introduced the Little Wandle Synthetic Phonics Scheme, thanks to a £9,000 grant secured by Mrs. Gemmell from the Sheffield English Hub. This new approach helps our youngest learners gain the reading skills they need to succeed.
- **Accelerated Reader:** With an investment of £500 in new books, children continue to enjoy quality reading material that is age-appropriate, covering important topics including diversity and inclusion.
- **Personal, Social, Health & Economic (PSHE) Education:** We've invested in a new PSHE curriculum to support healthy relationships and meet statutory requirements.
- **Enthuse Partnership:** As part of a £20,000 bursary-funded partnership, we are strengthening our Science, Mathematics, and Technology teaching.
- **French Lessons & Leadership:** This year, we welcomed Mrs. Green as our specialist French teacher and recruited Mrs. Crease as our Deputy Headteacher, adding expertise in subject leadership.

including a new and welcoming staff room/teaching space and updated classrooms. The quiet gardens has also been developed as an extra outdoor learning space.

Special Events and Celebrations

From World Book Day to the Summer Musical Showcase, we love celebrating key events and creating lasting memories for our students. Here are just a few of our favourite moments from the last year.



- **Science:** We have joined the local cluster Enthuse Science Partnership to support staff development and strong subject leadership.

Building a Stronger School Community

We are always looking for ways to enhance our students' experiences and connect with our local community:

- **Clubs:** We've expanded our after-school clubs to provide a wider variety of activities that rotate and include fitness club, art club, singing club, science club and comic club. To encourage a wide variety of enrichment activities.
- **Grindleford Gallop & More:** Our students actively participate in local events, from artwork at the Horticultural Show to selling Christmas cards in the village shop.

Keeping you in the Loop

We've improved our communications with:

- **Newsletters:** Twice termly Headteacher updates and half term class-specific newsletters.
- **Class Dojo:** An interactive platform to share students' learning.
- **Facebook Page:** We've launched a new page to keep our families and community updated.

Our Vision for the Future, a New Year, a New Vision.

In the New Year we want you to join us in helping to decide the new Vision for our school. We intend to hold a Vision evening where we ask parents and carers to support Governors and Staff to build and outline our Vision for the school. Putting our school at the centre of the community, highlighting what makes Grindleford Primary School so special and attractive to parents old and new. Ensuring we continue to invest in innovative teaching, enriched experiences, and community ties. We believe in nurturing every child's potential through creative learning, academic excellence, and strong community connections.

Join us as we look forward to an exciting future together and welcome two new starters after half term!