



Grove Park Primary School



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Growing our Community The PTA



Grove Park has always benefited from the generosity of our parents. The PTA spearheads many wonderful events that enrich our lives. Many of you will not realise that the IT suite was funded by the PTA when I first arrived in 2006. The school has benefited from additional music equipment, laptops for every teacher, video and digital cameras, the parents' shelters, air conditioning in the IT suite, loads of new resources for the Nursery and Reception classes and thousands of pounds worth of books and tables and chairs over the years. The PTA provides additional funds for all our trips, so the school can subsidise them and keep the costs down. Without this additional money the school would not have achieved such a positive Ofsted visit and the children would not have such an exciting education.

The PTA also runs an annual Valentines' Disco for all our children, which is always eagerly anticipated. This year's is to be held on Thursday, 12th February and the details are in the PTA newsletter, which is attached. These social events draw our community together and are great fun as well as being memorable and much talked over events for the children. Thank you PTA and all parents for this amazing support.

Helping at School—We Need You!

We rely on your help in many ways. I am still looking for support with our allotments. I realise it is still a little cold to begin the growing season, but I hope parent reps will be on the look out for your enthusiasm in this project.



Support from Outside the School

On Friday, 6th February, Sandra and Kaysta are coming to our coffee morning (9.30a.m.) to talk about the new Dukes Meadow Children's Centre, based at Cavendish School. This brand new building provides a huge range of services. Already a parent and toddler group runs with visits from a midwife. A kids' kitchen is planned for February half term. Baby massage sessions and bookstart information are both planned for the near future. Sandra is especially eager to hear what WE want as a community so she can tailor the provision. Some things can be provided at Grove Park School, if the demand is high enough. I really hope you will be able to come along.

Applications for places at Grove Park Primary School

Nursery open morning, Thursday, 26th March 2009 9.15—10.15am

Applications for a Reception place at our school MUST be returned to the school by Tuesday, 10th February 2009

Keeping our Children Safe

There have been a number of reports across the borough of strangers approaching children after school. The descriptions vary, so we believe there may be several different people involved. PLEASE be extra vigilant and tell your children about Stranger Danger strategies. Please talk with your children about the importance of staying close to the adult who is taking care of them and not going with strangers. We can never be too careful on this subject.

Parent Consultations

Please sign up for time to talk with your child's teacher on Wednesday, 11th February. The signing up sheets will be available from Wednesday, 4th February outside the classrooms. Look out for them.

Action Medical Research Fund Raising

Winners of our most imaginative wellingtons and those who made the best effort were Skye (Nursery) Lucy (Reception) Sabi, Yeva and Gus (Year 1) Mohammed (Year 2) Ben B and William E (Year 3) Freya (Year 4) Matt, Jamie and Annie (Year 5) and Jessica (Year 6) A special prize was awarded to Fahad in Year 6 just for getting his on—they were a struggle!! These children all received book prizes in Monday's assembly. The winners of the welly wanging competitions were Zhane and Fahad in Year 6, Tarun in Year 5, Tyrese in Year 4, Yuri and Adam in Year 3, Jayden and Leoni in Year 2, Ernie in Year 1 and Santiago in Reception. Winners of the design a wellie competition were Maia in Year 5, Jayesh in Year 4, Ayeisha in Year 3, Grace and Sara in Year 2 and Jack in Year 1. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to this extremely worthwhile charity. We will let you know next week how much we raised!

Places available in Fun Time Club After Care

Please see Jyoti if you would like to book a place at Fun Time club which runs 'til 6pm every day. Fun Time club provides lots of great activities for our children. The club needs to fill its places and give fun to even more children!

Gunnersbury Baptist Church Holiday Bible Club

Activities based on the Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian provide lots of fun for children from years 1—6 at Gunnersbury Baptist Church, Wellesley Road Chiswick from 10—12 pm from 17th—20th February. This club is FREE and the leaders are all CRB checked. There will also be a café running for parents to stay and chat if they wish to wait for their children. Please phone 020 8987 2965 for more details

Parent Mail

Thank you to those of you who have already given us your email and mobile numbers for Parentmail. We are pleased to be getting very positive feedback from those already who have already signed up. Apologies to some parents who may feel there has been a slight delay in getting their details onto our database, this should now be up-to-date, so if you are not receiving information and would like to, please make sure you fill in a form. **Don't miss out!**

