

# Grove Park Primary School



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## Newsletter No 16

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope you all had a good break over the holiday and that you have returned to school with lots of energy and enthusiasm. Our whole school focus for Habits of Mind this term is 'Questioning and Posing Problems'; "How do you know?" So you can expect, and encourage children to be asking lots of questions. Our youngest children are also responding with awe and wonder (Oh Wow!) Year 1 and 2 are gathering data through all their senses (look, listen, touch and feel!) Year 3 and 4 are Creating, imagining and innovating (Think of a new way!) and Years 5 and 6 are Thinking Flexibly (looking at it another way!).

Grove Park is expecting a quiet half term with a focus on English and Maths, but in March we will have Philosophy Week, which will be great fun.

Grove Park was opened on 7th January 1952!  
So we wish Happy Birthday to our own school!

### CLUB GRANT MONEY

The club books come out today, so don't forget to come along and sign up. We have nearly 50 assisted places this term with all children who are registered for free school meals being eligible plus additional children at the Headteacher's discretion.

### COME AND ASK FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR AN AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITY! THERE IS A POT OF MONEY WAITING FOR YOU!

Some children have already expressed their hopes for a club place, so don't hold back, the money is waiting for you. Don't forget that if your child has dreamed of a club that operates outside our school we can also use our grant!. If you need special equipment for a club, again we can use our grant. While the money is there, please come along to use it up!

### CURRICULUM LETTERS WILL BE EMAILED BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK

If you do not use Parentmail, please ask for a hard copy from the office. Thankyou

**Deadline for Reception class applications for September 2011:  
Tuesday, 11th January 2011 to your first choice school or  
Saturday, 15th January to the civic centre or online -  
However you decide to apply, please inform the office that you have  
made your application. Thank you.**

## DRUGS AND SEX EDUCATION

As part of our total review of Personal Social Health Education (PSHE) we have devised a new scheme of work to incorporate Sex and Relationship education and drugs education. This new approach firmly bases children's focus on the core values of our school: Trust, Respect, Empathy and Enthusiasm (TREE). We have extended these values for the purpose of our new scheme to include Self-Belief and Tolerance (which will include Aspiration). SO you could say that the TREE has turned into a STREET!

I do hope you all have **6.30pm on 12th January** in your diary. We look forward to sharing our plans with you in detail. We will explain the content of our drugs, alcohol and tobacco education and our sex and relationship education and how this complements the PSHE.

**There will be a further evening event on Thursday, 20th January at 7pm when Gill Hines will lead a workshop about talking to your children about sex and relationships. Please note this is NOT part of our curriculum, but is intended to provide support to families under the Extended School Agenda.**

## PARENTS COFFEE WORKSHOPS

14th Jan	IT in School	Kate Upsher
21st Jan	Stay and Play	Nursery parents
28th Jan	PE and games	External consultant
4th Feb	Assertive Mentoring	Sam Birnage
8th Feb (midday)	Nursery children and parents	Margaret Mott helps to make cards
11th Feb	Phonics and Reading	Jade Husted
18th Feb	First Aid	TBC

**Free Training courses** running during January - March to help anyone look for a job, prepare and writing CV's, Job Applications and Interviews.

**Events for the whole family** at the Barbican, particularly if you have a budding fashion designer in the family.

**Free courses for teen parents** or parents-to-be, running throughout January and with a Creche and various incentives available.

More details on the ParentMail or from Joanna Lovatt (available Tues and Fri mornings or via [parentsupportadvisor@grovepark.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:parentsupportadvisor@grovepark.hounslow.sch.uk))

## NEW MINI-PODS

Have you seen our new mini-pods, right near our cycle shed? They are for our scooters! Please remember that cycling and scooting to school are very healthy, but we ask you NOT to ride them in the playground. Just park up and come into learn. Thanks

## WINTER SICKNESS

The media inform us that there is a lot of flu and winter sickness about and we have already begun to send children home who feel unwell. If your child has been ill over night, please do not send them back to school until they are fit enough to face a full day at school. Children who have been sick or had diarrhoea should not come to school for 24 hours after either. Thank you.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY SPARE CLEAN CHILDREN'S PANTS AT HOME WHICH WE COULD HAVE (ANY SIZE) THAT WOULD BE A GREAT HELP! THANK YOU**

