



Grove Park Primary School



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After School Sensations!

Our new club addition, ballet, has gone down a storm this term and the ballerinas are doing very well in their tutus. Chess continues to inspire a full house and, due to popular demand, we will be offering two infant art club sessions next term (although this does mean there will be no Junior Card Club next term). Thank you to Mrs Mott and Ms Rawlings for their time and enthusiasm!



Take a Break

Next Friday, 10th February, we will be finishing for half term at 3.15pm. Children will be returning on Tuesday, 21st February at 8.55am - remember, be on time at five to nine! (The school is closed on Monday, 20th February for staff training).



Relationships

On Wednesday, 22nd February, parents will have the opportunity to look at our resources relating to sex and relationships education. This can be a very sensitive topic to deliver in schools, but Grove Park has worked very hard to ensure that our programme and resources are just right. From 6.00 - 7.00pm on 22nd February you will be able to browse the materials and ask questions on the subject. Each year group will have a table with age-appropriate resources and I will give a short introduction at the beginning of the session to outline why it is an essential part of our curriculum.

It's like a Northern Summer ...

As many of you have noticed, the temperature is dropping (particularly in my car in the morning!). Jack Frost is having a field day at the moment, freezing pipes and bringing a shiver to many. PLEASE send your child to school in appropriate clothing, I was surprised to see one or two children in light summer coats this week, and I can assure you that the children did not look warm or comfortable. The old adage that children run around a lot and heat up quickly, is a myth in this type of weather.

Should the weather take a turn for the worse (heavy snow and arctic winds) and the school is forced to close, we will text you through Parentmail, put notification on the school website (www.groveparkprimary.co.uk) and notices on the school gates. You can find out more information from the Hounslow website (www.hounslow.gov.uk).





Maths Week Update

Year One made board games during Maths Week and this week, they invited Year Two to come and play their games.



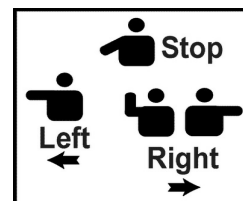
FREE AIR DAY!

Just in time to get those bikes pumped up for half term!! It is Grove Park Primary School's first ever FREE AIR DAY!!! Bring your bike to school on **Friday, 10th February** and the Bike Marshalls will be ready to pump the tyres for free!!! They will be pumping from 8.40 - 8.55 and again at lunch time. Please bring your bikes to the cycle sheds.



CYCLING CHAMPS!

"Year Five have been very lucky over the last four days, because three excellent bike trainers have been helping us improve our cycling on the pavement and road. We are very fortunate that they have been coming in and making sure that we feel secure and comfortable on our bikes. We have learnt all about the signs and road safety signals that you see on and off the road. These are the most common cycling signals you will see:



Here is some knowledge you need to know about cycling:

O = Observation! Stay alert and keep your eyes moving to see what other road users are doing. Make eye contact with drivers to make sure they've seen you!

A = Anticipation! Always think of a get-out plan in case there is trouble. Practise this by playing the "What if ..?" game.

P = Positioning! This is about getting into the safest place on the road so you are in the best position to see any problems in plenty of time and deal with them skilfully.

S = Speed Control! This means changing your speed so that you can tackle any possible situation you have anticipated smoothly and safety.

We hope you have enjoyed our cycling safety advice. "

By Eleanor & Matt O



A calendar of events for the term is published on the school website and is regularly updated along with term dates for this year and next.