

# Grove Park Primary School

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## GROVE PARK WELCOMED TO LONDON 2012'S GET SET NETWORK

Congratulations Grove Park! We have been officially welcomed to London's 2012 Get Set network in recognition of our commitment to the Olympic and Paralympic Values. Our Habits of Mind, Critical thinking, our Green Travel and our Healthy School approach have all contributed to this. We are to be awarded a plaque from The London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG). We are hoping a famous celebrity guest will come to present this to the school and will let you know the arrangements. We now have access to exclusive competitions and the 2012 logo now appears on our headed notepaper.

Many thanks to Amanda Letch for collating the paperwork to achieve this award and to all our staff for contributing to the ethos of the school, which matched so closely the Olympic ideals.

### CONGRATULATIONS MRS MUNRO!

Year 5 were very excited to learn that Miss Alice Moulton got married last week and is now Mrs Alice Munro! Grove Park wishes Mr and Mrs Munro every happiness in their new life together.

### COFFEE MORNING WORKSHOPS

Grove Park offers a wide range of parent workshops on Friday mornings. They offer the opportunity to have a cup of coffee or tea, meet up with old friends, make new friends and find out about Grove Park school and other child related topics. We hope you can stay for these: in the dining hall 9.30—10.30 (giving you a chance to see our Friday assembly too!)



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| 4th February          | Assertive Mentoring (Sam Birnage)  |
| 8th February at 12.00 | Nursery children make cards with their parents (Kate Upsher and Margaret Mott)   |
| 11th February         | Phonics and early reading skills for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 (Jade Husted) |
| 18th February         | Family activities and games (Jo Lovatt)  |
| 4th March             | Typing skills (Aaron Bromfield)  |

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

### Nursery Class Applications for September 2011:

If you are interested in a Nursery place, our open morning for prospective parents is **Wednesday, 2nd March** at 9.15am. Please come along.

Application forms and further details are available from the school office or at the open morning. Applications must be submitted to your preferred school by **Wednesday, 4th May**.

## IF YOU ARE LATE ...

Please let us know if you are going to arrive late to school because you have a medical appointment—or even unavoidable traffic! If the office does not know you are due to arrive they do not book a lunch for that day for your child. Thank you for helping us!

While we are talking about lateness...

## PUNCTUALITY ...

Every day the list of late comers to school seems to grow! Please remember that learning begins as soon as the children reach their classrooms after the bell at 8.55a.m. It is your parental responsibility to get your children to school on time. This means entering the playground around 8.50 so you have time to say goodbye and check they are all set for the day ahead. Children who arrive late not only miss out on their learning, but have a 'must catch up' feeling all day. You know what it is like when you oversleep! The day just doesn't feel good. Don't let your child experience this! Get them to school on time—thank you.

## ADVICE FROM HOUNSLOW

Hounslow have reminded Grove Park that there is no obligation to provide a meal for a child who has outstanding money owing for more than 10 days. Please come in regularly to update us on your situation if you find you are falling behind in any payments at school. We are always happy to discuss a solution that might help you.

## BIG CHANGES IN ADMISSIONS TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

Hounslow has a series of consultations online. One of the most important issues that will affect parents in the area relates to admissions to school. The proposal is to change from 37 Priority Admission Areas (PAAs), which is one for each school, to five larger 'super-PAAs' that each contain several schools. It is also proposing to change the oversubscription criteria. Have your say by completing the online questionnaire on [www.hounslow.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/consultations). Simply download the questionnaire and email it to [admissions@hounslow.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@hounslow.gov.uk) or print the questionnaire and post it to

Primary Admissions Consultation

School Admissions Team

Children's Services and Lifelong Learning

London Borough of Hounslow, Civic Centre, Lampton Road, Hounslow TW3 4DN

By 25th February 2011



## PSE, SRE AND YOUR CHILD!

It can be very confusing to meet a row of letters when teachers are trying to explain our curriculum. PSE is Personal, Social and Health Education, SRE is Sex and Relationships Education. Both of these have changed recently at Grove Park. We now explain this curriculum once a year to the whole school rather than individual classes meeting with their teachers just before the module. If you missed this, and would like to hear about the SRE curriculum that will be taught in each class next half term, please come to a presentation on Wednesday, 9th February at 9.00 in the dining hall. We will show you all our new resources and explain what each year group will learn.

**Imaginations** are looking for at least two people who would like to be 'walkers' for the group. This involves collecting children from Grove Park Primary School's Nursery at 12.00 and walking the children to Imaginations on Sutton Court Road on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during term time. If you are interested, please speak to Carol Powers or Siobhan Jennings at school or telephone 0208 742 1707.