

Grove Park Primary School

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OLYMPIC IDEALS



I do hope you were able to join us for our assembly on Tuesday, when we welcomed our special guest, **Jonathan Edwards**, world record holder of Triple Jump and Olympian. What an inspirational person he is! He told us all about his amazing achievements and we watched a film of his world record of a staggering 18.29 metre triple jump! Jonathan spoke about the Olympic and Paralympics values of Friendship, Respect, Excellence, Equality, Courage, Determination and Inspiration and what they mean to him. He talked about how close he came to giving up, how he wasn't the best for a long, long time, either at school or in his club, but his determination and persistence helped him to succeed. He believes that everyone has it in them to succeed, you just need the determination! Jonathan stayed after the assembly and visited all the classes who were undertaking their various sporting challenges and was as impressed with our children as we were with him! Our thanks to Jonathan for taking the time to come and see us and inspire us.



Living the Olympic and Paralympic Values



BIKE WEEK SUCCESS!



Bike Week has been a huge success! It started off on Monday with an assembly by Dr Bike himself, Ali, who showed us an amazing video of bike stunts. On Tuesday we had a sale of cycle gear, where we sold a huge amount of kit. If you ordered anything, we are hoping that it will arrive and be distributed on Tuesday. On Wednesday Dr Bike was in and checked and fixed over 100 bikes! On Thursday we served breakfast to everyone who cycled into school—more than 70 children! Today was **Bling your Bike** day! We had a huge number of entries with some truly amazing blinged bikes! It was hard to judge the best because the standard was so high, but we'll let you know the winners in next week's newsletter.

We had more than **120 bikes** in school on Wednesday—making us the 22nd best cycling school out of the 1000 schools that signed up for the Big Pedal!

Our thanks go to Dr Bike, we couldn't have done it without him, and of course to our Bike It Crew—and to everyone who biked to school! Don't forget to keep cycling!

WE HAVE A NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

Congratulations to Anu Thompson, our new Parent Governor. Her nomination was unopposed, so we are very glad to be able to welcome Mrs Thompson onto the Governing Body. I'm sure she will be an asset to the team and I would like to thank her for her nomination.



ROYAL BRITAIN 26TH–28TH APRIL



To celebrate the Royal Wedding on 29th April, Grove Park Primary School will study Royal Britain.

Palaces, important events, past royal weddings and the state opening of parliament, all form the fabric of British life. This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to learn more. We shall also have a special street party in the playground on Thursday, 28th April. The children will be asked to wear **red, white and blue** that day as part of the celebrations

WHOLE SCHOOL CAKE SALE

Next Friday, 1st April, we will be holding a whole school cake sale and all proceeds will go towards helping the victims of the disasters in Japan. This is being organised by some of our parents for whom the situation in Japan is very close to their hearts. I'm sure you'll all help by baking and buying cakes next Friday. We'll let you know how much they raise.

LIBRARY BOOKS

We have got so many lovely new books in our libraries, please help us to look after them! Letters have gone home reminding children of any outstanding library books and we would be very grateful if you could search at home for them. Unfortunately we may have to charge for any unreturned or lost items. Thank you.

END OF TERM REMINDER

Don't forget that the children break up for the Easter holidays at 2.15 on Friday, 8th April. They come back to school at 8.55 on 26th April to enjoy our Royal Britain Week and then have the long weekend to enjoy the Royal Wedding celebrations!

MILK, MEALS AND MUSIC

Just to remind you to bring in your orders and payment for milk, meals and music for next term. Don't forget that all of these must be paid for in advance. Thank you.

PTA EVENTS: SPRING FLING WEEKEND!

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Quiz Night on Friday, 25th March. Tickets cannot be available on the door, so please remember to pick them up by Wednesday, 23rd March so we know how many to cater for. It should be a great evening so come along.

Also don't forget the Sponsored Walk on Sunday 27th March - forms have gone out in the book bags and we look forward to seeing lots of children and parents enjoying a stroll in Chiswick House Grounds and raising money for the school. Many thanks from the PTA.

Could the owner of a red pushchair that has been in the bike shed for some considerable time, please remove it. With so many bikes coming into school, we need all the space we can get! If it hasn't been claimed by the end of term, we will have to dispose of it. Thank you.