



Grove Park Primary School

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BUSY HALF TERM



What a productive start to our academic year! The children loved "The Power of Reading" project. There has been some seriously extreme reading around the school! We've had some brilliant heroes in to read with us—thank you! An author came to show KS2 all about his craft when writing a book. There has been lots of dressing up and drama around the school. The children have learned lots of story language and, as a result, there has also been some amazing writing of stories, not to mention some lovely art work.



AND OF COURSE WE ALL DRESSED UP FOR BOOK DAY!



WHAT A LOT OF EXCITEMENT IN ONE HALF TERM!

BLACK HISTORY

CELEBRATES AFRICAN DRUMMING

Everyone really enjoyed Richard Olatunde Baker who played for us in assembly and then gave each class a workshop playing the African drums. This was free for all children, and great fun.





HARVEST

What an excellent array of produce from our Grove Park Village fruit and vegetable show!



SEEDS FOR AFRICA

We raised an amazing £354.37 for the charity Seeds for Africa! This will enable children in Africa to learn about growing plants for food, as well as providing the seeds. This money was raised during our Harvest Festival. Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

School dinners are very popular at Grove Park and Terri and Toni take great pride in their work. They really learn about our children and take the time to talk to them about their eating habits. At the beginning of this term we had the highest % of children take up in the borough. Menus are available in the entrance hall.

MUSIC LESSONS

Many of our children learn a musical instrument at school and we are very proud of them all. Tuition fees have not risen for more than 5 years, but sadly we do now have to put them up. They will remain excellent value, at still under £50 per term, which we have found extremely competitive with other boroughs.

JOINING OUR RECEPTION CLASS

Would you believe it is already time to start applying for next year's reception class? Application forms have already been sent to nursery families this week. If you have a child, or know someone who had a child who will be 4 years old by 31/8/11 please come and collect application details from the office. We will be holding an open morning on Friday, 10th December and the deadline for applications is 11th January 2011.

IMAGINATIONS

Imaginations childcare facility will be open from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm on the school Inset day, Monday, 1st November. The day will be split into 3 slots - 9.00 - 12.00, 12.00 - 3.00 and 3.00 - 6.00 pm, each slot costing £7 per child for children already attending the after school club and £8 per child for new children.

To book the hours you need, please telephone on 020 8742 1658. Spaces are limited so please book early to be sure of a place. Thank you.

'LEARNING THROUGH PLAY'

Friday 5th November 9.30—11.00 in the dining hall

Come along for some fun ideas to enjoy with pre-school and KS1 children. The more we play with our youngest children the faster they will learn as they grow! This coffee morning is full of games to play and ideas aimed at the 2—6 year olds. We can take up to 15 parents so please ask your child's teacher to book you a place or contact Jo Lovatt via the office or by email, parentsupportadvisor@grovepark.hounslow.sch.uk There will be a free goodie bag for all who come along.

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

With the family

FREE ACTIVITIES:

Fri 22nd – Sat 23rd Oct "The Big Draw" between London Bridge and Tower Bridge. 30 activities at 8 venues for all ages, 11am-6pm. Explore architecture; drawing; crafts; Storytelling; Newspaper cartoonists compete to make the funniest banner.

Sat 23rd Oct, 2-4pm at Kingston museum, "The Big Draw". Be part of creating the largest Comic Film Strip and then make moving puppets.

Wed 27th Oct, 10.30am-4pm at the Museum of London. Various drawing and making activities with workshops for families, including building a giant model of London.

Tues-Thurs 26th-28th Oct at the National Gallery, "The Big Draw". Two workshops for the family; 11am-1pm 5-11 year olds and 2-4pm 12-17 year olds.

Sunday 31st Oct, 2-4pm at Orleans House Gallery, Twickenham. Help paint, using a variety of methods, on a giant sail!

Monday 25th- Sat 30th Oct, "The Big Draw" at the Museum of London Docklands.

The "Big Draw" is an annual event that takes place at this time every year and has been growing ever bigger. It's very well supported and more details can be found on the website www.visitlondon.com.

PAID ACTIVITIES

New Chiswick Pools: Inflatable Pirate Ship on Thurs 28th, 10.30am-12pm, 8-14 years, £1.90 per child.

Aqua Extreme (Scuba diving and Water Polo) on Mon, Wed, Fri; 2-3.30pm, 8-14 years, £3.50 per child.

Junior Gym, Mon-Fri 10.30am-12pm, 12-15 years, £3 per child. MUST pre-book.

Brentford Fountain Leisure Centre: Usual swimming and football lessons. Plus Animal Encounters on Thursday 28th, 2-3pm, £6 per child. A number of animals including snakes, spiders etc where children can touch and hear about all sorts of exotic animals.

For more information, please contact either leisure centre on 0845 456 6675.

If your child has been inspired by watching the Commonwealth Games and would like to have a go at Diving, Putney Leisure Centre has 3 diving boards, at 2, 5 and 10 metre heights. These are available at certain times so please call them on 020 8785 0388 for more details. Please note that children must be able to swim to be allowed to use the diving pool area.

LATER DATES!

Sat 6th Nov at 1pm **Hula Hoop Hop!** In the Clore Ballroom at the South Bank Centre. From Beginners to experts, join in workshops, watch their techniques and see performances from world class acts, with music from vintage to Hip-Hop party tunes. Hula Hoops provided, but limited so it would be good to bring your own if you have one.

For more information, please search on the link below, or call 020 7960 4200.

<http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/find/dance-performance/tickets/the-hula-hoop-hop-55498>

Sat 13th November **Lord Mayors Fireworks**, starting at 11am with a flypast and a 3 mile procession starting from Mansion House and finishing at St.Pauls Cathedral with the spectacular finale of Fireworks at 5pm, being launched from a barge on the Thames in front of the South Bank Centre. FREE for all the family. This is a great day and evening out for all the family but beware of the crowds – it does get busy.

For more information, please search on this link:-

www.lordmayorsshow.org/visitors/fireworks

Sat 27th Nov, 10am-6pm **Traffic Free Shopping in Oxford and Regent Streets**. Might be your idea of hell or a chance to take the children to look at the window displays and shop in (relative) ease.