



Grove Park Primary School



Newsletter — The Pupil's view!
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Welcome Mr Cornelius- An excellent first term!



At the beginning of this new term at Grove Park Primary school we got a new Head teacher called Mr. Alex Cornelius. On Tuesday 29th of November Ella and Harper from year 5, interviewed him to find out how he was getting on so far.

Q: How are you settling into Grove Park?

A: I am settling in very well and I love my job here-it's the best job ever!

Q: What achievements have you made so far at the school?

A: I hope I've brought a little bit of happiness and sunshine into the school!

Q: How have we made you feel welcome?

A: Everyone has been happy, welcoming and kind. I've never felt happier at a new school.

Q: What has been your greatest day at Grove Park?

A: I have had 2 great days, the first was my first day at Grove Park, which was a very big adventure for me. My second favourite day was our rock and roll day in music week. You can't beat a bit of rock and roll!

Q: Do you think Grove Park has helped you improve as a head teacher, and if so, how?

A: Yes, it has taught me many things about being a head teacher. Like what is important and what has to be done straight away.

Q: What is your favourite subject?

A: Definitely Art and English. I used to go to art college a long time ago.

THANK YOU MR CORNELIUS FOR A WONDERFUL FIRST TERM AT GROVE PARK!

So far at GPPS we have been doing a lot of fabulous learning outside. We have been doing maths, Literacy, Art, Geography, History, Science all in our wonderful outdoor environment.

One of the maths games that we have been playing outside is, hopscotch times tables . This improves your times tables immensely.

To play this game you need :

3 or more players, one to say the times table sums

(you can negotiate which times tables to do)

And the others play!

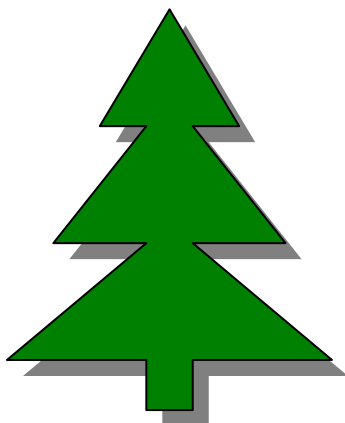
Instructions :

1.The person who is saying the sums says the negotiated times tables.

2 The 2 people that are in front of the line hop and say their times tables until they get up to the number, e.g. [3x5] 3,6 ,9,12,15 . Whoever gets there first wins the point up for grabs! The team with the most points wins!

Wacky reading !!!

Years 3,4 & 6 have read in weird & wacky places that might blow your head off [not literally!] e.g. on a roof, on top of the refrigerator, in the fireplace and up-side down! Where could you read that would be exciting?



Outdoor Learning - The Future

We have interviewed Mrs. Hiscocks (who leads the school council) and Mr. Hardman (our wonderful site manager) about the future plans for the outdoor learning.

This is what we know:

The outdoor learning classroom will probably go near the train and the train might go. It will be a pyramid or gazebo . One of the cleverest ideas is to have grass either on the roof or solar panels . There were some strange and wonderful ideas!

This building will be treated like a classroom. This looks to be an exciting development and will add new possibilities to the school curriculum. The future looks bright!

Keeping fit and healthy at Grove Park

Sport at Grove Park

Superstars Mandy and Mr.Keane are keeping us active in a range of sport, for example, cricket, rugby, football, cross-country, athletics. In P.E we play dodge-ball, rounders, hockey, football and many other exciting games. Mandy feels it is essential for Physical and Mental Development. It also makes children happy and more confident.

Next term we will enter a football tournament, in P.E we will play a range of team games including Orienteering: That is reading coordinates and finding objects as a team and Mr. Keane will introduce us to a surprising new sport. Wait and see what it is?!!

JRSO'S (Junior Road Safety Officers)

At Grove Park there are 5 JRSO'S in yr 5 whom called Theo, Harper, Matthew F, Max and Cadell. Their role is to encourage children, teachers or any other adults to walk to school safely. They are trying to improve the school by showing the children presentations and letting them try on florescent jackets. By the end of the presentations to the whole school all the children agreed on saying that road safety was important. In the future, they are planning to do more competitions and trying to get more points against the other schools on the JRSO website.

BIKE IT MARSHALLS

The Bike It Marshalls are encouraging children to cycle to school. Our school are trying very hard to get the Gold award because at present we only have the Bronze award and we could definitely improve and achieve the Gold award. In the future we are all hoping that everyone could cycle to school, at least once a month.

The Bike it Marshall's role is to count bikes in the bike shed outside the school and to encourage people to cycle more often. Biking to school is healthy and fun.



B.A.B.B:
Be a Better Biker!

Get your children to bike to the school, its better!

QUOTES:



**"B.A.B.B: Be a better Biker!"
says Gabriel**



Mrs. Retallack: "I think sport is extremely important because a healthy body is a healthy mind."

Mr. Cornelius:"Sport is good at Grove Park, but it could be better, with more opportunities, more equipment, different sport like rugby, tennis and football."

