

Grove Park Primary School



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19th March 2010



MATHS HEROES

Following on from our very successful 'Reading Heroes', we are inviting ALL parents and carers into class on Tuesday, 23rd March at 9.00. You can choose which class you attend! It would be wonderful to see some parents who have much younger children being brave enough to go to a class where they DO NOT have a child to learn how we teach maths at Grove Park Primary. Obviously we hope most parents will choose to attend their own child's class! Wherever you choose to go you will be most welcome.

The teacher will begin with a short explanation of the method and the children will then take you through, working out some examples together! At the end of the session the teacher will give you some common mistakes and misconceptions that we see in many children. The lesson ends at 9.30 and the children cannot wait to become teachers!

Year 2 Subtraction

Year 5 Short Division

Year 3 Addition

Year 6 Long Division

Year 4 Multiplication

Have fun learning maths!

PHONIC HEROES



Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classes will be inviting phonic heroes to join them on Thursday Morning from 9.00—9.30. If you would like your child to help you understand how phonics help with reading and writing, come and join the class. Mums, Dads and carers are all welcome to this event.



RECEPTION PLAYGROUND

Please don't allow your children to play in the reception playground either before or after school. A lot of our big children like to go back there after school and we have found a lot of equipment muddled or spoilt. Thank you.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING IN YOUR MILK AND MEALS ORDER FORMS FOR NEXT TERM.

PETER PAN AND WENDY

Don't forget to dress up as characters from Peter Pan on Thursday, 1st April! We will be asking for donations and hope to raise lots of money for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital and have some fun!



PARENTS' FORUM

Officially the next parents' forum comes on the final day of term. I am not sure we should meet then as the children will be enjoying an assembly, dressing up from the Peter Pan and Wendy story. I am happy to be available to parents on Tuesday, 30th March in case there are any issues to sort out before the holiday. Just come along at 9.00 in the dining hall, if you would like a cup of coffee and a chat.

Our next full Parent's Forum will be Thursday, 6th May.

CLUB NEWS

Please note that there will be no clubs on Thursday, 1st April EXCEPT Infant Football club which will be held from 2.15—3.15

LOOK OUT for a letter about YOGA BUGS! This is a free club for KS1, so we will pick names from a hat. Details to come in a letter!

Look out for the new club booklet which is coming out straight after the holiday. There will be an exciting list of clubs for our children which will all start the following week, week commencing 26th April, so your slips and payments will need to be in quickly.

CHOIR—COME ON SING UP!

As part of our 'Sing Up' project we will be selecting up to 6 of our best singers from each KS2 class. These children will sing together during school time and represent our school in a variety of events, including the prestigious Summer Music Festival in Hammersmith Town Hall and Grove Stock. This exciting opportunity is for our gifted and talented musicians. The children will be auditioned in order to take part and regular attendance will be required to remain part of this privileged group. Rehearsals will be in school time, although some of the concerts will be after school or in the evening. There will be no charge for taking part.



Please remember that children must be supervised by parents if they choose to play on the climbing frames before OR AFTER school. Grove Park Primary School takes no responsibility for accidents before 8.55 am OR AFTER 3.15 PM

DATES UNTIL EASTER

Monday 22nd	Assembly for all children about the work of Great Ormond Street
Tuesday 23rd	Maths heroes Years 2-6
Thursday 25th	Phonic heroes Nursery, Reception and Year 1
Friday 26th	KS2 good work assembly and Coffee morning
Wednesday 31st	Easter celebration in song—everyone welcome
Thursday 1st April	Peter Pan day Last day of term—school closes 2.15
Monday 19th April	Back to school Be on time at 5 to 9

ATTENDANCE

W/E 12/03/10

Nursery 96.8%

Reception 97%

Year 1 97.7%

Year 2 98.3%

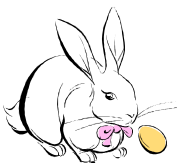
Year 3 94.6%

Year 4 95%

Year 5 98.8%

Year 6 95.2%

We continue to focus on our attendance and I hope you can see an improvement in our class statistics this week. Coming to school is important for your child's future. Children who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and do less well in exams. Children who get into the habit of missing school at a young age are likely to feel it does not matter if they skip school later on, when they are responsible for taking themselves to school. Once your child is registered at school, parents or carers are legally responsible for making sure they attend regularly. Parents do not have the legal right to take their child out of school on leave during term time. Under normal circumstances schools will not agree (authorise) your child's absence if they are going on leave during term time. Book your holidays during school holidays, please.



EASTER CELEBRATION IN SONG

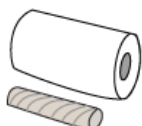
Following the success of our wonderful Singing Assembly, here is another chance to hear our children sing and to join in—if you dare! On Wednesday, 31st March at 9.00, come and join us to celebrate Spring (at last!) and to hear the Easter story. We look forward to you all attending.



Busy Bee Easter Fun

Who: anybody aged 6-10 years What: Art, Drama, Comic and much more.
When: 12th till 16th April 11:00 till 1:00 Where: Griffin Park Learning Zone, Brentford F.C., Brentford, TW8-ONT How: e-mail: gplz@hounslow.gov.uk or 0208-758-0523

Don't forget that limited places, first served,
£2.00 a session or £10.00 for the week. Payable on the door



WANTED!

If you have got any cardboard tubes from the inside of kitchen rolls (not loo rolls please), they are needed for growing seeds. Please bring into the school office.

Summer Term Dates

Monday	19th April	Back to School: Be on Time 10 to 9
Monday	19th April	Ms Harriet Oram begins her teaching practice in Year 4
Monday	3rd May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday	5th May	School class photographs
Friday	7th May	Year 3 and 4 Big Sleepover
Monday	10th May	Assessment Week and Year 6 SATS begin
Monday	17th May	Healthy School FORTNIGHT begins
Friday	21st May	Skipathon
Monday	30th May	Half term week begins
Monday	7th June	School closed for training
Thursday	17th June	Governing body meeting
Monday	21st June	Cycling Proficiency week for Year 6
Monday	21st June	Quiet Week (teachers have no meetings and concentrate on teaching)
Thursday	24th June	Year 2 borough sports
Monday	28th June	Cycling Proficiency week for Year 5
Thursday	8th July	Annual Reports to parents and children meet new class teachers
Wednesday and Thursday	14th and 15th July	KS2 production begins at 6pm
Friday	16th July	Open Morning for all classes
Wednesday	21st July	Y6 party
Thursday	22nd July	Last day of term—school ends 2.15

OUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES AND SHOES!



We will be collecting your unwanted clothes and pairs of shoes on **Monday**. This recycling scheme runs in partnership with the local authority and non-profit making textile recyclers, LMB Education. LMB have been into the school to run some fantastic **FREE** workshops about recycling and in return we have offered to collect up our unwanted clothes and shoes. Please bring in bagged, clean clothes and paired shoes (either tie the laces together or put an elastic band round them). Bring your items to the foyer on **MONDAY** ready for collection on Tuesday. Thank you.