

# Grove Park Primary School



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## **HABITS OF MIND**

At Grove Park we are constantly looking for ways to develop learning. In particular we hope that children will develop better responsibility for their own learning. To this end we are introducing a new way of thinking at school: Habits of Mind! A Habit of Mind is knowing how to behave intelligently. It is knowing what to do when we are unsure or unclear of the next step or when we don't know the answer.

Grove Park School believes that learning is not just about gathering information, but about knowing what questions to ask and being able to think critically about content and origin. The Habits of Mind give us the learning behaviours that shape effective inquiry and encourage independent learning.

We are very excited about this new way of thinking and each class will be introduced to two of the 16 habits this term and two new ones in each of the following terms.

These are the habits you'll hear about first:

Nursery and Reception: Thinking inter-dependently—Working together

Year 1 and 2: Listening with empathy and understanding—Understanding others

Year 3 and 4: Managing Impulsivity—Thinking before you act

Year 5 and 6: Applying past knowledge to new situations—Use what you know

And the Whole schools will be: Persisting—Stick to it.

Look out for displays and posters around the school about our Habits. You might find your child coming home with a special certificate congratulating them on using their habits. Like all habits it will take time to develop, but if you are interested in learning more why don't you come along to our coffee morning on Friday, 7th May, after Nursery assembly and hear Mr Sam Birnage tell you more.

## **NEW HEADTEACHER AT CHISWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

I am delighted to tell you that the governing body of Chiswick Community School have appointed Mr Anthony Ryan as a successor to Alan Howson. Mr Ryan is currently Principal of Brunel College. He grew up in Chiswick, and attended Strand on the Green. He is committed to building on the successes which have been achieved under Alan's leadership and developing valuable partnerships. Grove Park welcome him back to Chiswick and looks forward to working with him.

## **WILL TO WIN TENNIS**

Children can play tennis free at Will to Win tennis courts at Chiswick House Grounds from 3.00—5.00 Monday to Friday. Courts are free of charge, but MUST be booked in advance. Telephone: 020 8994 1466 or Email: [chiswick@willtowin.co.uk](mailto:chiswick@willtowin.co.uk). For more details check out the Will-to-Win website [www.willtowin.co.uk](http://www.willtowin.co.uk)

## WELLINGTON BOOTS



Our whole school has enjoyed the great weather in the last week. One afternoon every class apart from Year 6 was outside, using the grounds for learning at the same time! Our allotment is doing very well, but we need some wellingtons so we can continue the good work—even if it's a bit muddy! If your child has grown out of their wellingtons

PLEASE bring them in to Sam Birnage, Y4 class teacher. We need EVERY size, but have lots of small ones for our nursery and reception classes already.



## COFFEE MORNING DATES

**Coffee Mornings:** Friday after assembly in the dining hall

7th May: Sam Birnage on "Habits of Mind" our new learning project

14th May: Sam Birnage and Marion Lee on Assessment. What happens in Grove Park?

## Free Football Coaching

West London Youth Football Club would like to make you aware a newly formed football club for 6-16yr old. West London Youth was formed in 2010 and offers free training at Feltham Community College, Browells Lane, Feltham, TW13 7EF every Saturday from 10.00 -12.00. All parents need to do is attend the first week to complete a basic consent form. All coaches are FA qualified, have a valid child protection and first aid certificate as well as a CRB. The club is also fully insured and affiliated to Middlesex county FA and has been approved by their school liaison officer as well as the London Borough of Hounslow sports officer, we also have had backing from nearly all local councillors as well as all the current and prospective MP's.

For further information check [www.westlondonyouthfootball.co.uk](http://www.westlondonyouthfootball.co.uk)

## Carnival of the Animals

**St Paul's Church in Grove Park Chiswick on Sat 8 May at 7pm.**

**Carnival of the Animals - A Musical Menagerie for Children of all ages** is going to be a glorious mix of jazzy singing, ebullient dancing, gripping narration and boisterous music! The concert is ideal for kids as it will only last for an hour and a half - including an interval - and comprises three pieces: *Carnival of the Animals*, *Peter and the Wolf*, and *The Daniel Jazz* - a vivid retelling of the Bible story of Daniel in the Lions Den. Two year olds to teenagers will be dressed up as all manner of extraordinary creatures - among them tortoises, hens, kangaroos and elephants! Popular actress Michele Dotrice will be narrating *Peter and the Wolf* - and there will be not one, but *two* grand pianos! played by our own Robert Emery and Michael Reed

ALL CHILDREN FREE! Tickets for sale at the door - but if you'd like to get them in advance please contact Clare Day: [clare\\_day@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:clare_day@blueyonder.co.uk) 8994 8851. Or for more information look at the events page on the church website [www.stpaulsgrovespark.com](http://www.stpaulsgrovespark.com)

## Busy Bees Holiday Club

**Busy Bees Holiday Club** is a club including Art, Drama, Comics and much more for children aged 5-9 years. From 31<sup>st</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June 9:30 till 12:00 (please book places before Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May) at Griffin Park Learning Zone, Brentford F.C, Braemar Road, Brentford, TW8-0NT. To book places email: [gplz@hounslow.gov.uk](mailto:gplz@hounslow.gov.uk) or ring 0208-758-0523. Don't forget places are limited and cost £10.00 for the week or £9.00 for Junior Bee members

**Don't forget it's Bank Holiday Monday and NO school!**

The school IS open on Thursday (Polling day!)