

Grove Park Primary School



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KEEP THOSE HABITS

Grove Park children have enjoyed their work on Habits of Mind. Each class has focused on two habits: 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.

Teachers remind them when it would be useful to use their habit and children try to recognise when they are persisting through a problem and share this. Over the half term it would be wonderful if you could keep reminding your child about their habits because habits take a long time to develop AND you have to practise them a lot! We also tell the children when it is important NOT to use a habit—for example if you are pushing your baby brother, it is not a good idea to keep persisting because it may make him cry! All around the school there are displays about our Habits of Mind so I hope you have time to come in and look at them.

SURVEY NOW CLOSED

Thank you to everyone who completed our survey. We have sent it off to Concentra for analysis and will let you know the results after the governors have seen them, next half term

SPORTS DAY

Years 2—6 have Sports Day on Tuesday, 15th June. The event begins at 9.30 am (weather permitting). The children should come dressed in PE kit in their team colours and parents are encouraged to come along and cheer! The children will all be picnicking that day. Children who normally have packed lunch should do so as normal and Terry, our school Cook, will provide picnics for other children. Everyone needs to provide an extra drink (no glass bottles please). Parents are also invited to bring a packed lunch to eat with their children. You may take your child home at the end of the sports event if you wish to, *but please tell the teacher to sign them out and report you are taking them off site.*



Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will wait until much nearer the end of term to have their fun sports day and you will have all that date next half term for your diary.

FOOTBALL CLUB

Please would parents NOT stay in the playground during football club. The children are finding it a distraction. Some are even tempted to join siblings on the climbing frame instead of focusing on the football! Thank you

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Of course children have been in their PE kits over the last couple of weeks for Healthy School Weeks, but can I remind you that normally children should come to school every day in school uniform. We want to have a really smart school of which we can be proud. Don't forget to label all items of uniform too, our lost property is out of hand again! Thank you

SUMMER FAIR POSTER COMPETITION

A blank poster comes home today and if your child would like to enter the competition to design a poster for the summer fair, please make it is bold, bright and cheery. Competition entries must be back on Wednesday, 9th June.

PICNIC LUNCHES

Now we can be more certain of good weather, Terry, our Cook, has arranged for children who normally have a school lunch to have a picnic lunch once a week. The children love this and we eat on the grass by the Rainbow Room. Packed lunch children join us, of course!

HALF TERM

MONDAY, 31ST MAY TO FRIDAY, 4TH JUNE

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TRAINING:

MONDAY, 7TH JUNE

All staff will be trained on safeguarding your children on Monday, 7th June so the holiday break will be one day longer for children. It is essential that all staff who work with children are fully aware of how to make the school as safe as possible for your children.

Don't forget we break up for half term this Friday, 28th May at 3.15. School is closed from Monday, 31st May to Monday, 7th June.

MUSEQUALITY

Immediately after half term we will be supporting the charity 'Musequality' with another busking event. Musequality is a charity very close to our Music Teacher, Jean Buck's heart, and supports music projects in the developing world and are running their annual World Busk fundraising event from June 7th—13th. Our school talent competition heat winners and other performers in the school will have the chance to busk at the end of each day at the school gates to collect money for Musequality. There will also be a special assembly on **Friday, 11th June at 9.00am** for the choir and instrumentalists to perform at and we are very pleased that **David Juritz**, the violinist and founder of the charity, will be able to come to this assembly. He will talk a little about the charity and hopefully play to us as well. Please encourage your child to take part and bring some money for our collection buckets! You can learn more about the charity's work by going to www.Musequality.org



SUMMER

Please make sure all the children put on sun cream before they come to school and bring sun hats. We go outside to work and play in all weathers and it is important that the children are suitably protected.



VOUCHERS

Don't forget that Sainsbury vouchers have just 2 more weeks—so please keep collecting! We are also collecting Tesco vouchers.

CHEQUES

Please make sure that ALL cheques are made payable to "London Borough of Hounslow". We have changed our banking system and no longer accept other payees. Thank you

GREASE LYRICS

KS2 children have brought home their end of term production lyrics to learn. As you know, we are currently suffering from an huge overspend on photocopying and have to cut down on these expenses. If lyric books are lost, we will charge £1 for a replacement copy. The children will be expected to have a copy of the lyrics at school until the week before the production, so please look after them.