

Grove Park Primary School



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SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

Grove Park Primary School has been using the "School Travel Plan" scheme for at least 5 years to promote green issues to our families. Over the past year we have had a number of targets: Cycle training for Years 5 and 6; Walk to School week; funding for parent shelters—the next one should be outside the Reception classroom; enforcement of the keep clear and yellow lines outside our school and the ultimate aim of decreasing car usage by 3% to 15%. Grove Park has been awarded the Higher Level (Silver) accreditation and hopes to achieve Gold next May. Only very few schools in London have this outstanding level of accreditation!

You can read about the detail of our work in the school website www.groveparkprimary.co.uk under 'Our School' tab you will find a link to our School Travel Plan.

I would like to thank our JRSO Junior Road Safety Officers, Isaiah, Bilal, Abi, and Lucy R for their contribution in achieving this award. I would also like to thank Mr Sam Birnage for coordinating the project so successfully.

GOVERNOR NEWS

A reminder that nominations for Parent Governor should be in by 2nd July and that the deadline is 3.15pm. Governors recently received detailed analysis of the parent questionnaire. We had 52 respondents and the analysis is very comprehensive. Governors are currently digesting this and discussing the trends. They will report back to parents by the end of term.

MUSEQUALITY

Congratulations to ALL our buskers who raised an incredible £115.15 for Musequality, a charity that provides music education around the world.

GROVE STOCK

Congratulations to our choir who represented the school last weekend at Grove Stock. I heard so many compliments about you. Thank you to Mrs Jean Buck for organising this event.

I am sure you will be pleased to note the colour is back, as our photocopier lease has been renewed! However, we have learned our lesson from this and now charge for photocopies for outside organisations as well as being more prudent within school!

DON'T FORGET OUR SUMMER FAIR
SATURDAY, 26TH JUNE

OUR PTA

This year our PTA have provided the school with so many brilliant things to make learning at our school more fun. The PTA team is so well organised and I would like to thank Clare Craven, Carmel Bignall, Michelle Mead, and all the PTA committee for their hard work this year. I get a strong feeling that you get a lot of fun from all this commitment, but I am sure it takes a toll on your time and energy. At the end of this year, many of the committee will stand down and I would like to thank them all for their tremendous efforts in supporting all the children of our school. Just look what they have done with our fundraising money.

Subsidising school trips so all parents benefit and we can afford to hire coaches (£1,500)
Providing the extra touches for two beautiful libraries that encourage the love of reading (£1,000 in addition to the £10,000 last year!)

IT (£586)

£50 per class for special things (ingredients, stickers, games) for each class (£400)

Books for the library (£2000)

Subsidising Christmas activities (Parties for our elderly neighbours and for our children) so we don't need to have a sponsored event (£500)

Playground line marking (£700)

Furniture for our new outdoor classroom near the Rainbow Room (£2000)

If YOU would like to join the committee next year, don't be shy! The PTA really makes a difference to our school, providing a range of exciting events for our children and bringing our parents together. But it needs some organising and it needs people who are prepared to do a little bit to help the whole group achieve so much.

Each year the PTA raises in the region of £12,000

That's amazing! Thank you to all the parent class reps who support the committee to make this possible.

Please consider joining the PTA, being a parent class rep or taking on a more active role in any event next year. We rely on you all. Thank you

GREASE COSTUMES

All junior boys need jeans and a white t-shirt. No logos at all please!

All girls need a colourful, plain circular skirt and a plain T-shirt or vest top. No logos please!

Can all the children bring their costume in a bag, with their name clearly on their clothes and on the bag, so that their teacher can hang it up.

Don't Forget **OPEN MORNING** Friday, 16th July

Year 3 and Nursery	9.15—10.15
Year 4 and Reception	9.45—10.45
Year 5 and Year 1	10.15—11.15
Year 6 and Year 2	10.45—11.45

This is a very special day for the children. We really hope EVERYONE has a special visitor.
Please help us.