

STEP INTO LEGOLAND

On Thursday the 4th of July 2019, Year Two went on an exciting adventure to the wonderful world of Legoland in Windsor! Year 2 have finished their Key Stage One journey, so the trip to Legoland was a fantastic opportunity for them to relax.

Once they had finished their computing session, Year Two stepped into the exhilarating world of radical rides and colourful bricks. "We went on so many fun rides such as Laser Raiders, Pirate Falls, Driving School (where you earn a driving licence), Spinning Spiders and Scarab Bouncers." explained a child from Year Two Maple.

The children enjoyed programming, building, coding and playing with their creations. Miss Barton quoted, "We had a fantastic school trip to Legoland. The computing workshop was so interesting because we learnt how to build and programme a Lego robot! We especially loved going on all of the rides!" A Year Two Cedar child remarked, "I had such a fun time along with the rest of my class and enjoyed the exciting but scary roller coasters!"

Afterwards, the children enjoyed their lunch and the nourishing Summer sun. Feeling alive and creative with their new talent of Lego building, the children ventured back to Grove Park.



Alba, Emme and Maddy showing their creation!

Written by Alice Tatham and Nela Frackowiak

Stories from the Staffroom!

Funny and entertaining stories from staff!!
Written by Arthur Robertson-Jones and Haben
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Not-So Spiderman

One calm and peaceful day, Mr Holmes-Reed was casually at his desk when a panicked student came up to him and shrieked "THERE'S A SPIDER AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIRS!" 'No problem' Mr Holmes-Reed thought to himself. 'It's probably tiny!' "Oh and by the way, it's huge!" continued the student. So off he went with a sheet of paper and a cup, when he laid his eyes on this nasty creature, he was terrified and realised it was triple the size of the cup! Fortunately, Miss Baker (a real superhero) came to the rescue and saved the damsel in distress! When the terrified teacher returned to the classroom, still trembling, he stated, "Where would I be without Miss Baker?" The student that caused all the commotion shouted "My teacher was scared of a harmless spider!"

Information given by Mr Holmes-Reed

The Van 'Brakes' Down

It was a hot Summer's day, when poor, tired Jo was frustrated to find that after a long morning of work in Year 3 Aspen, her car was blocked in by the Brakes delivery driver. After eventually hunting him down, she requested that he move his truck in order to release her from her confines. Reluctantly, the gentleman agreed and stomped off towards the vehicle. Jo watched on as his face turned a shade of crimson-red, "Oh no!" he exclaimed, "I've locked myself out the vehicle!" Vexed and displeased, Jo was forced to drive her car through the front entrance of the school, in order to get on with her day.

Information given by Jo Milburn

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YOUR HEALTH IS YOUR WEALTH

On the week commencing 20th of May, the students of Grove Park Primary School took part in their annual Healthy Schools Week. The primary purpose of the themed week was to teach the children the importance of living a healthy, balanced lifestyle. Each year group completed various vigorous activities which resulted in an exciting week.

In KS1, the children took part in lots of energising activities such as; Yoga Bugs, circuit training, dance and tag rugby to get everybody moving and grooving! If you are wondering, Yoga Bugs is a relaxing activity in which the children performed numerous poses and exercises to make everyone feel calm, composed and tranquil. In contrast, the circuit training was intense, tiring and hard work, to say the least. A child from Year 1 Beech stated, "I liked Yoga Bugs, it was fun and I learnt new yoga poses!"

In Year 2, the children completed an educational session of scooter training in which they learnt how to ride their scooters safely and competently. In addition, the children participated in a fruit tasting session and then used this data to create a bar chart displaying the children's favourite fruits. Miss Taylor, Cedar class teacher, remarked, "The fruit tasting session was great fun, it was interesting to see the children's reactions to new fruits!"

KS2 participated in a variety of sporting activities including: dance, tag rugby, netball, circuit training and football. During the dance session, the children engaged in several genres such as carnival, street and jazz.

In Year 4, the children learnt the importance of a healthy, balanced diet by designing and making delicious fruit salads. Each table designed their own mouth-watering fruit salad and then carefully chopped, cut and peeled the fruit to achieve their desired design. Afterwards, the teachers judged their creations based on taste, health factor and presentation. Alex, a child from Year 4 Pine, remarked "Making healthy fruit salads was great fun, we got to eat them afterwards which was the best bit!"

Year 5 were busy creating rap wraps using healthy ingredients such as peppers, cucumbers and salad leaves. The wraps were particularly unique as they had raps written on them using edible ink. The raps were food-inspired and promoted a healthy, balanced diet. Sabira, a Grove Park Gazette reporter, quoted "I loved making rap wraps, but I enjoyed eating them even more!"

In Year 6, the children took part in The Great Grove Park Bake Off. This entailed researching low-sugar recipes for cakes and then carefully baking them according to the instructions. The Bake Off resulted in many appetising creations including; apple and cinnamon muffins, banana loaf, coconut and strawberry flapjacks and banana muffins. The judging panel included Miss Arnaouti and Jo Lovatt. In Elder class, the judges determined that the apple and cinnamon muffins were the winners. Annabel, a member of the team, stated that "It was such a fun morning, I really enjoy baking so it was great to do it with my friends!"

Written by Annabel Game and Sabira Ahmad

Mr Jones'

TERMLY BULLETIN

Read about Mr Jones' favourite moments from the term.

Well the summer term is nearly ending and another amazing year at Grove Park Primary School. It has been a very special term for many reasons but particularly so this year as it is my very last summer at Grove Park. We have had a wonderful term with such exciting and interesting events. Healthy Schools Week was such fun culminating with our Sports' Day! The Year 6 performance of Mary Poppins – was a total extravaganza of great acting and singing.

The Summer Fair was a huge hit with glorious weather, lots of excitement and I managed to dodge the Splat the Teacher stall successfully!

Discovery Week was spectacular! Our lovely Miss Bruce and Miss Barton organised the most fun and fantastic week. We had problem solving workshops, ice cream making in Year 1 Beech. The dress up day saw all of you coming to school in dressed in different professions; we had vets, doctors, teachers, footballers, zoologist, scientists, and surgeons. I know all of you can achieve anything you want with hard work.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer holidays and I shall miss you all so much. It has been simply a pleasure to be your Head teacher.

Lots of love
Mr Jones

CAMPING CHAOS IN YEAR FIVE

On Thursday 8th May - Friday 9th May, Year 5 went camping at Thames Young Mariners and had a brilliant time taking part in different activities with their classmates. The trip was organised by the fantastic team, including Mr Charlesworth and Mr Holmes-Reed. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and created many happy memories.

They travelled to the site via a coach, with their journey taking half an hour. Once they arrived, the classes were shown their tents where they unpacked their belongings and set off to their first activity.

To begin with, Sycamore class took part in raft-building whilst Hawthorn went kayaking. Arthur, a Hawthorn pupil, reported, "Kayaking was really fun because we had a race and competed against each other to determine who was fastest!" During the kayaking session, the children learnt how to safely board the kayak and, if needed, how to remain floating when their kayak capsized.

During the raft building session, the children were allocated into three different groups where they designed and built their rafts. The equipment provided included rope, wood and barrels. When the children were afloat, they began a tense and competitive race. Unfortunately, Flo, a child in Sycamore class, fell into the ice-cold water four times! Also Scarlett, in Hawthorn, was unlucky enough to have her shoe fall off! Nevertheless, everyone demonstrated the Grove Park TREE values and persevered.

At 10pm, the children took part in a 'Midnight' walk. During the walk, the mischievous boys teamed up to scare the girls. They hid behind the trees, and after a few minutes, Archie, a Sycamore pupil, jumped out doing an impression of a zombie. He then produced a blood-curdling scream which sent a shiver down the girls' spines. Later on, the girls attempted to get the boys back by screaming in their faces. Unfortunately, the boys were expecting it so it was an unsuccessful prank!

Written by Daisy Fox and Demetrios Ntinolazos

GROVE PARK GAZETTE Sporting Spotlight SUCCESS IN SUPER SPORTS DAY

On Friday the 24th of May at Chiswick House and Gardens, Grove Park Primary School took part in a spectacular Sports Day. KS1 began their activities in the morning and KS2 took part in the afternoon, both in a feisty competition of the houses (Benjamin, Burlington, Nightingale and Churchill). The many thrilling activities included the sprint, obstacle course, long distance, long jump and many more. It was the end to an enjoyable Healthy Schools Week which is an annual event that promotes a healthy lifestyle and a balanced diet.

Alice, a pupil in Year Six Oak, enthusiastically exclaimed, "It was amazing and was a great opportunity to take part as a team and individually, representing your house!". Mr Rick - the PE teacher - brilliantly organised the whole event, ensuring that every pupil was included. Demetrios, a fellow reporter for the Grove Park Gazette, quoted, "I enjoyed it a lot and my favourite event was the egg 'n' spoon race!"

Last year, Churchill won the trophy, closely followed by Nightingale who were second place. For a successive time, Churchill have come out victorious in KS2, alas, KS1 Churchill were not so fortunate as they were pipped to the post by Nightingale. The glorious weather played a big part in the thoroughly eventful day and ensured everyone had a fantastic time watching the events and enjoying the nourishing sunshine!

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This year, Sports Day was held in a different location which proved successful! Lucas (a member of Year 6 Elder) commented, "It was great to have Sports Day in a different place."

Next year, other houses hope to overtake the two leaders who will be hoping to retain the trophy for reasons including bragging rights and many others.

A handful of Year 6 members were forlorn at the thought of not partaking in another Sports Day at Grove Park Primary School. Damian, A Year 6 pupil quoted "I hope the next Sports Day is as fun and well-organised as this one. We think that everyone will agree that it was a very successful event."



Year Two Running Race

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