

Dear Parents and Carers

It's difficult to believe we've reached the halfway point in the school year. Time really does fly when you're having so much fun!

Our Grovelands' Curriculum is built around experiences the children have to really bring learning to life. Already this year, the children have enjoyed so many wonderful trips or visits, both far afield to places such as London Zoo and Hastings and on more local visits such as our river walks. They've enjoyed so many memorable days in school, dressing up as Romans or Egyptians, re-enacting battles, entering planetariums and recreating wartime shelters. The children really benefit from these experiences which ultimately feeds their minds and improves the quality of their work in all subjects.

It's been very apparent that the children have worked incredibly hard over the first part of the year. I am always impressed by their motivation and enthusiasm for learning. This morning I've seen some excellent writing and fantastic maths and this afternoon we'll be providing hot chocolate and biscuits for the children who have shown growth mindset this week by trying really hard when learning is challenging. These achievements occur every day and we love celebrating the successes and effort that go into them.

There is much to look forward to in the second half of the year. Work will soon begin on our field to bring this up to scratch, ensuring it is usable for the children and reflects our high standards. We'll be moving forward on redesigns for the reception and year 1 playground as well as the trim trail area. Plans will also be progressed to make our front of house as smart and welcoming as it can be. We'd like to look back on this school year as a transformative one, investing where necessary to make the school the best it can be.

We will soon be redrafting and launching a new behaviour policy, incorporating our 6 new core values, which are:

- Respect
- Trust
- Determination
- Friendship
- Kindness
- Uniqueness

These values will be at the heart of our policy and the foundation for our actions and choices. We look forward to sharing how this develops and to seeking your feedback.

I wish you all an enjoyable and restful half term and look forward to seeing the children refreshed and ready to go again on Monday 24 February.

Kind regards

Mr Daniel Tuck



## Diary Dates

14 Feb	Break for Half Term (3.00pm)
24 Feb	Children return to school (8.45am)
24 Feb	YR2 Medieval Day
28 Feb	YR5 Class Assembly (9.00am)
28 Feb	YR3 Butser Ancient Farm
3 Mar	Nursery Tour for Sept 2020 intake (9.15am)
5 Mar	100 Days for Reception
6 Mar	World Book Day (Dress as a book character)
10 Mar	Parents Evening 1 (3:20pm - 5:30pm)
12 Mar	Parents Evening 2 (3:30pm - 7:00pm)
16 Mar	Scholastic Book Fair Week
18 Mar	Year 4 Residential (leave at 9am)
18 Mar	Nursery & YR1 Creature Courage Visit
19 Mar	Year 4 Residential
19 Mar	Voice In A Million Concert
20 Mar	Year 4 Residential (return at 3pm)
26 Mar	YR6 Body Worlds
27 Mar	YR1 Class Assembly (9.00am)
3 Apr	<b>INSET Day—School Closed</b>
6-17Apr	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
20 Apr	Children Return to school (8.45am)
21 Apr	YR6 Residential Meetings (3.00pm/6.00pm)
22 Apr	YR1 London's Burning Workshop
27 Apr	YR2 Windsor Castle
27 Apr	Surrey Music Festival (School Choir)
5 May	Reception Bocketts Farm
7 May	<b>INSET Day—School Closed</b>
8 May	<b>Bank Holiday—School Closed</b>
11 May	YR6 SATS week
20 May	ISP Drop-in Session (3.15—4.45pm)
22 May	Break for Half Term (3.00pm)
1 Jun	Children return to school (8.345am)
10 Jun	Dorking Halls Music Festival (School Choir)
11 Jun	YR6 Elmbridge Junior Citizen Event 2020
15 Jun	YR6 Land and Wave Residential starts
15 Jun	2020 Reception Parent Welcome Meeting (6.00pm)
16 Jun	YR3 Parent Assembly (9.00am)
19 Jun	YR6 Land and Wave Residential ends
22 Jun	2020 Nursery Parent Welcome Meeting (6.00pm)
30 Jun	Reception Parent Assembly (9.00am)

Please note that dates are subject to change.



**To Willow (in Flamingos) for being our first ever recipient of the Marvellous Manners Award. Well done Willow—your 'Please' and 'Thank you's' and general politeness around school are very much appreciated!!**

**We would also like to congratulate Mrs Rogan who received the Higher Level Teaching Assistant Status Award this week. Well done Mrs Rogan— what a fantastic achievement!**

## Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.4%	95.7%	94.9%	95.5%	94.8%	95.4%	95.0%

Well done to **Year 1** for the best year group attendance

Well done to **Flamingos** for the best class attendance at **99.3%**

### Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2019

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.4%	92.6%	96.3%	95.2%	96.4%	94.4%	95.0%

Overall attendance percentage to date: **95%** - Target: **96%**

# CERTIFICATES

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<i><b>Class</b></i>	<i><b>Behaviour</b></i>	<i><b>Achievement</b></i>	<i><b>Writer of the Week</b></i>
Otters	Otis	James	Benji
Squirrels	Bella	Ollie	Darcy
Flamingos	Whole Class	Alissia	Zafar
Penguins	Whole Class	Poppy	Charlotte
Dolphins	Dominik	Isla	Charlie
Orcas	Frankie	Lucas	Emma
Seals	Evie	Amel	Victoria
Giraffes	Whole Class	Vishayna	Levi
Zebras	George	Laycee	Jason
Leopards	Ayeza	Scarlett-Rose	Simona
Panthers	Noor	Samuel	Sammy
Eagles	Daisy	Filip	Yosef
Falcons	Vera	Whole Class	Aston
Kestrels	Caitlin	Cryony	Finn
Cobras	Whole Class	Alfie	Alyssia
Pythons	Kitty	Daisy/Lilia/Nancy/Leoni/Elisse	Gabriel



**Grammar Wizard**

Lilly-Mai—Pythons

# WELL DONE EVERYONE

# IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

## NURSERY

This week in nursery our learning has been based on the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The children have been learning actions to go with the story and have been retelling it in lots of different ways. We of course went on our own bear hunt and afterwards we made detailed maps.

## RECEPTION

This week reception have been reading 'The Smartest Giant in Town' by Julia Donaldson. We have enjoyed writing about the giant's clothing both inside and outside the classroom. It's Valentine's Day today and the children have been writing cards, notes and making valentines biscuits to celebrate! In maths, we have talked about our daily routines and different times of the day.

## YEAR 1

In year 1 this week we have been looking at poetry. We have been thinking about winter and collecting words and phrases ready to write our own acrostic poems. We have also continued to try and rhyme words listening carefully for sounds.

In maths we have been working on subtraction and have used tens frames to support this. We have also been learning to reason about subtraction which encourages our thinking.

In DT we have been designing and making an animal with a moving part. We designed it and made a prototype and have evaluated it discussing what we were good at, what we found hard and what we could improve.

Please remember your baby pictures for Monday.

Have a lovely half term and please remember to continue to read daily!

## YEAR 2

This week year two have been studying quarters and thirds in maths. We have written our stories based on a Morph animation, and also a science report to show what we have learnt about keeping healthy. We were lucky enough to have Mrs Kendall visit us this afternoon to tell us all about celebrating Hanukkah. We are looking forward to starting our new topic on castles with our medieval day straight after half term.

## YEAR 3

Year three this week have been looking at statistics and how to read and interpret data in maths. We have used flip video cameras and iPads in computing to do some filming. In art we have copied the style of Andy Warhol to create our own pictures. We finished off our English topic by making edible Little Red Riding Hoods! We are looking forward to our new topic 'Stone Age' after half term, with our trip to Butser Farm!

## YEAR 4

In year 4 this week, the children have been learning about the features and structures of different types of poems in English. The children then created and wrote their own Haiku, Kenning or Cinquain poem about a Roman object. In maths, the children have learnt about the area of rectilinear shapes and have also learnt about Roman numerals. In computing, the children programmed their own quiz using Scratch.

## YEAR 5

This week in year 5 we have been rehearsing our class assembly ready for Friday 28th February. In maths, we have been adding and subtracting mixed number fractions. In English, we have been writing our own myth.  
Have a lovely half term everybody :)

## YEAR 6

Year 6 have written and performed beautiful monologues in role as characters from 'Pig Heart Boy', and we have been learning algebra.

# 150 Hours!



This week we have Jessica (Giraffes) getting active and showing that Girls Can!!

Here she waiting to attend her ballet and swimming lessons. Keep being a star Jessica and pushing your boundaries!

<https://www.thisgirlcan.co.uk/>



Please keep sending your photos for This Girl Can to.. [150hours@grovelands.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:150hours@grovelands.surrey.sch.uk)



**Congratulations** to Mr Tuck's Sportshall Athletics team who came 3rd overall in the Sportshall Athletics competition at Cleves on Wednesday.

Mr Singleton and Mrs Rogan, who accompanied the team to Cleves for the event, were so impressed by their effort, team spirit and maturity as they represented the school. They came 1st and 2nd in most of their events, which included relays, obstacle races, javelin events along with both standing long jump and standing triple jump.

They had an awesome afternoon, so huge congratulations to:

Freya, Gabriel, Leoni, Jake, Joshua, Lilia, Nancy (Pythons)  
Allisha, Tilly Mae, Eva, Laszlo, James (Cobras)  
Scarlett, Aiden (Kestrels)  
Christopher (Falcons)  
Arjun (Eagles)



## NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE FOR 2020

**Is your child 3 years old before 31 August 2020?**

We provide an impressive, well equipped indoor and outdoor learning environment with a highly experienced staff team.

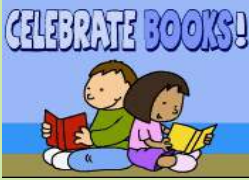
We promote:

- A friendly, happy secure and stimulating setting which promotes effective learning and positive behaviour
- A curriculum that develops children across all areas
- Child centred learning through play and first hand experiences

30 hour funding available (eligibility required).

**Call or email for further information or to arrange a visit to see our nursery provision**

**Our final Nursery Tour takes place on  
Tuesday 3rd March 2020**



# Grovelands Book Week



We will be celebrating World Book Day by having a Book Week from **2nd March – 6th March.**

In class, children will be learning about different books and stories plus all of these exciting activities.....

### Share a Story

Each class will do a share a story session in class, where children will be served hot chocolate while they listen to stories. We are hoping the older children will come and read some stories to our younger children and would like to invite any parents/grandparents/family members to come and share a favourite book with your child's class too. Please see your class teacher to arrange.



### Ready, Steady, Read!

Children are invited to take part in a sponsored read (Years 2-6) or a sponsored listen (Nursery-Year 1) throughout Book Week to raise money to spend on some lovely Usborne books for our school. Look out for the sponsor forms after half term.



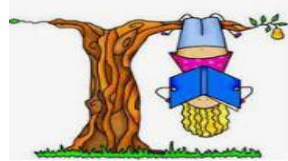
### Mystery Readers

There will be photos of 'Mystery Readers' around school. If you can work out who they are, complete the answer slip and put in the box by the office by **Friday 6th March.**



### and so much more..

Other activities during the week will include library sessions, book activities and a book-mark competition.



### Book Character Dress Up

Reception to year Six, dress up as your favourite book character, and Nursery as pirates on **Friday 6th March** for World Book Day 2020.

Prizes for the best costume in each class.



### Book Swap

Bring in an old book you no longer read to swap for a different book to take home and keep. Please bring your old books to school on **Wednesday 4th March.**

**BOOKSWAP**



### Extreme Readers

What's the most unusual place you have ever read? Take a picture and hand to your teacher by **Friday 6th March.**

These will be displayed in the library and there is a prize for the most extreme!

### Lucky Dip!

There will be an Usborne Book lucky dip in the playground on **Tuesday 3rd**

**March** at 3:00pm. £1 to enter and a prize every time!

