

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I'm writing this, I have an office full of children celebrating with hot chocolate and biscuits for showing amazing growth mindset this week! It's wonderful to hear how they always keep going when they find learning is tricky or challenging and how they feel they are progressing. Well done to all of these children.

As usual, I've also been inundated with good work. Year 3 has been thinking really carefully about using their senses to describe a setting and I saw a great example of this from Sean (Zebras) of whom I was really proud. It's been great to get into classrooms - the children have been working so hard and making such good progress.

On Thursday we had a really inspiring assembly from Walton Litter Pickers, who came in to talk with the children about all they do to keep our community clean. They set this in the wider context of looking after our planet, which is such an important part of learning. Michael even brought his dog with him to show the children her litter-sniffing abilities and how she supports the litter pickers with their work. Thank you to Miss Carlo for organising this and to Michael for making it such so engaging.

We've asked our school council to consider the redevelopment the trim trail area next to the playground which needs resurfacing and updating. The school council will be talking to all children about this and taking their views on-board when considering the redevelopment. It's exciting to reshape this space based on what the pupils would like and enjoy using!

Thank you to Mrs Hall, who has reshared the Grammar Wizard system with parents earlier this week. This can be found on the school website at the link below:  
<http://www.grovelands.surrey.sch.uk/curriculum.html>

Have a great weekend.

Mr Daniel Tuck  
Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary

29 Jan	YR5 Egyptian Day
30 Jan	YR4 Class Assembly
30 Jan	Three Rivers Academy Primary Roadshow for YR5 parents (2.00pm)
5 Feb	ISP Drop-in Session (3.15—4.45pm)
7 Feb	NSPCC Numbers Day
11 Feb	YR4 Residential Meetings (3.00pm/6.00pm)
14 Feb	Break for Half Term (3.00pm)
24 Feb	Children return to school (8.45am)
28 Feb	YR5 Class Assembly (9.00am) YR3 Butser Farm Trip
6 Mar	World Book Day
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) Nursery & YR1 Creature courage visit
19 Mar	Year 4 Residential Voice In A Million Concert
20 Mar	Year 4 Residential (return at 3pm)
26 Mar	YR6 Body Worlds Trip
27 Mar	YR1 Class Assembly (9.00am)
3 Apr	<b>INSET Day—School Closed</b> <b>Easter Holiday starts</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)
15 Jun	YR6 Land and Wave Residential starts
15 Jun	2020 Reception Parent Welcome Meeting (6.00pm)
19 Jun	YR6 Land and Wave Residential ends
22 Jun	2020 Nursery Parent Welcome Meeting (6.00pm)

### Attendance Matters

If your child is unable to attend school, you must phone the school office before 09.30am on the day of the absence, providing specific details for the reason of absence. If no message is left in the office, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. The policy of the Government to which this school has agreed, states that parents who take their child out of school for five days or more during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority.

The penalty is £60 per parent if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 per parent if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority must prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 Education Act 1996.

## Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.6%	97.4%	93.6%	97.3%	97.0%	95.1%	96.8%

Well done to **Reception** for the best year group attendance

Well done to **Giraffes** for the best class attendance at **99.7%**

## Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2019

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.9%	96.5%	92.5%	95.2%	96.4%	94.5%	95.2%

Overall attendance percentage to date: **95.1%** - Target: **96%**

# CERTIFICATES



<i><b>Class</b></i>	<i><b>Behaviour</b></i>	<i><b>Achievement</b></i>	<i><b>Writer of the Week</b></i>
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Otters	Ava-Rose	Oliver	Amelie
Squirrels	Amelie	George	Vogue
Flamingos	Anish	Charlie	Lauren
Penguins	Grace	Freddie	Lyla
Dolphins	Joe	Finn	Archie
Orcas	Jack	Lily	Zach
Seals	Sharbanoo	Erin	Mysha
Giraffes	Sophie	Lowri	Timmy
Zebras	Jason	Arlo	Jade
Leopards	Scarlett T	Jayden P	Cohen
Panthers	Flynn	Harley E	Hanaan
Eagles	Ethan	Bogdan	Charlie
Falcons	Kacper	Sophia	Arabella
Kestrels	Tianna	Teddy	Caitlin
Cobras	Alfie C	Laila	Chloe
Pythons	Anastasiia	Jake	Freya



The following child received their pen licence this week

Lily in Zebras

# WELL DONE EVERYONE

# IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

## NURSERY

In Bears class this week we have been reading 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. The children have enjoyed lots of opportunities to act out the story and join in with the repeated refrains. They have all been eager to discuss who is their favourite character and why. Bears have also been building lots of bridges and learning to use positional language such as on, under, over and next to.

In Tigers, our focus story this week has been 'The Three Little Pigs'. We have had lots of opportunities to retell the story, especially using our puppet show. We have also explored adding music to the story with different instruments. We have discussed different materials and investigated using magnets to find metal objects. In art, we have 'huffed and puffed' to blow bubbles to print with and collaged using straw and sticks. In maths we have counted objects and introduced the concept of taking away.

## RECEPTION

This week reception have been learning all about Chinese New Year! The children have really enjoyed this theme and have been creating Chinese themed artwork including lanterns. In maths, we have been subtracting in practical ways with skittles.

## YEAR 1

In English this week year 1 have been sequencing the story of 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and writing lists of the shopping we would need to buy if a hungry tiger came to visit our house. In maths we have been measuring all sorts of things using different units of measure including cubes, centimetres and metres. We also investigated how many centimetres are in a metre.

## YEAR 2

After measuring some ingredients in cooking last week, year two have spent their maths lessons this week learning about mass and using balance scales to weigh in grams. We have also used what we learnt about recipes to create our own one for a marvellous medicine like George's from Roald Dahl's story (although we will NOT be trying to make these at home!). Also linked to cooking, we have been discussing the importance of hygiene, and how to keep ourselves clean to make sure we stay healthy.

## YEAR 3

In year 3 this week we started our fairy tale writing with a walk in the woods... the children really enjoyed themselves, especially when Mrs Dodds jumped out at them! In maths the children have been using their reasoning skills to work out division and multiplication problems. We have also been learning about Rosa Parks and how she stood up for her rights - a real Hero.

## YEAR 4

In year 4 this week, the children have been multiplying a 1 digit number by 2 and 3 digit numbers using the short multiplication method. In English, the children have written a character description and have studied one of the scripts from 'The Thieves of Ostia' in guided reading. In science, the children have made their own electrical circuit using a battery, wires and a lightbulb.

## YEAR 5

This week in year 5 we have been learning equivalent fractions and converting between improper and mixed fractions. In English, we have been learning to write monologues and begun to think about what life was like as a slave in Egyptian times. In art, we have been working with our peers in each class to create a collage of a death mask. We have had a really fun week!

## YEAR 6

Year 6 have been debating the merits and flaws in the opt-out organ donation system that England will soon be adopting. In maths, we have solved problems with area, perimeter and volume. We also used various things from Mrs Kendall's kitchen to create 'blood' and discuss the function of its four main components!

# GROWTH MINDSET



Grovelands constantly strives to develop children's growth mindset. We believe that having a strong growth mindset enables the children to be resilient if things go wrong and to challenge themselves in reaching their full potential.

Every Friday, we are celebrating children who have displayed growth mindset with a Tea Party! We have enjoyed two tea parties so far—one for Reception and KS1 and one for KS2. Some of the reasons for selecting these children were: persevering in music and overcoming their fear of performing in class; constantly practising new skills and never giving up; showing resilience, perseverance and courage to try new things.

**WELL DONE EVERYONE!**



**THREE RIVERS ACADEMY**

## YR5 PARENTS PRIMARY ROADSHOW

A reminder that Three Rivers Academy will be visiting Grovelands to present their Primary Roadshow on Thursday 30th January 2020 at 2.00pm. This will be an opportunity for you to meet Mrs Payne, headteacher, Mrs Stone the SENCO and the Year 7 transition lead, Mrs Edmondston.

This event is primarily aimed at Year 5 parents, although parents from other year groups are very welcome, and they will be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you then.

## WOW—WHAT A BUSY WEEK OUR ECO WARRIORS HAVE HAD HELPING MAKE OUR PLANT GREENER!

On Tuesday our Warriors met with the Eco team from Hurst Park School. We discussed the Eco initiatives each school was running which included our litter picking & Terracycle recycling in the front office and Hurst Park have a Bertie Bin whereby you can drop off your unwanted clothes and they too run the WOW Travel Tracker. We gave Hurst Park a tour around the site and they were very impressed with the lack of litter here at Grovelands. We are hoping to run a joint project in the near future so watch this space!



On Thursday Michael Tumilty from Walton Litter Pickers and his dog Winnie came into assembly to discuss sustainability and the importance of looking after our environment. The main message we learnt was that we are all responsible to not litter and to care for the environment. We are now all engaged and enthusiastic to help fight climate change and a real buzz has been felt around the school to pick up litter with our litter pickers. Thank you Michael and Winnie and we look forward to seeing you soon for another local litter pick.

Please note- This Sunday 26th January there is a Community Clean up in Walton by WOTTA. If you would like to attend please meet outside The Heart entrance (opposite Boots) at 9.45am for a safety briefing followed by a 1 hour clean up until 11am. Afterwards complimentary tea/coffee will be available from McDonalds. Children are welcome so long as they are accompanied by an adult. Rubber gloves, sacks and litter pickers will be provided.



# #150hoursoutside Project

As you are aware, Grovelands is taking part in the #150hoursoutside project to encourage children and families to get outside, be active and explore areas of learning through nature. We would like you to share your child's outside photos with us. These can either be of just themselves, with family members, pets or anyone that makes them venture outside to be active and have fun!

Please send these photos to [150hours@grovelands.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:150hours@grovelands.surrey.sch.uk) so we can share them. Here are a few from last term.

Thank you — Mr Singleton.



If you have any comics, joke books or puzzle books (in good condition) that you no longer require, please could you hand these into the school office.

These are much needed for an ELSA/well-being project? THANK YOU!



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## HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE GROVELANDS' SCHOOL APP?

Amongst other things, this app provides:

- A calendar of all forthcoming events
- Important reminders and messages for each year group
- Direct links to
  - ⇒ The school's website
  - ⇒ Newsletters
  - ⇒ Parent Letters
  - ⇒ SCOPAY
  - ⇒ FROGS

If you require log-in details or further information please liaise with the school office.

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# NSPCC

Number  
Day  
2020

Number Day is back for 2020. We are joining thousands of other schools for a mega maths-inspired fundraising day to raise money for the NSPCC. It's the 20th birthday celebrations so let's make this Number Day the biggest one yet!

**FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2020**

Children may come to school wearing mufti clothes with either numbers or shapes in exchange for a suggested donation of £1.00.