

Dear Parents and Carers

Despite the awful weather, everyone has had a great first week back - I've seen some wonderful work including brilliant writing in Reception and some super maths in Year 1.

Firstly, a quick update on the school site. Due to the recent storms, we took the decision to delay the reseeding of the field over half term. This will now take place in early April which won't affect the September completion date, in time for the new academic year. We are continuing to seek the best solution for the MUGA surface and are working with contractors to move this forward as quickly as possible. I will keep you updated with news.

A huge well done to our year 5 children who put on a great performance in their assembly today. We loved finding out about the fantastic work they have done this year and the outfits were truly fabulous. Thank you to all of the parents who came along and watched this special occasion.

Congratulations to our year 6 netball team who beat Ashley School 8 - 4 yesterday. What a brilliant result! I'm told that the whole team played superbly and Mrs Dixon and Mrs Ford are extremely proud of you all. Well done!

Thank you for all of the responses to the homework survey. It has been extremely interesting reading your feedback and we will be acting on these in order to improve our homework provision prior to the Summer term. Your feedback is very important in assisting us to find the best possible approach.

In light of the recent Coronavirus news, we will be undertaking a range of activities with the children around hygiene and the importance of handwashing. We are, of course, ensuring that children wash their hands regularly throughout the school day - please also talk this through with your children at home. We will continue to keep you updated with any information we receive about the Coronavirus from Public Health England and the Local Authority.

Finally, I need to let you know that the wonderful Mrs Chadda has landed an exciting new role at another school and so, very sadly, will be leaving us at Easter. During her time here, Mrs Chadda has had an incredibly positive impact on the children and families and leaves the school in a much stronger position having worked here. Now ready for a new challenge, we wish her well with this exciting next step in her career. I know that over the coming weeks you will want to join us in thanking Mrs Chadda for everything she has done at Grovelands, for which we are all extremely grateful.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Daniel Tuck
Headteacher

Diary Dates

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)
25 Mar	Parent Forum—Behaviour and Values (9.15am)
26 Mar	YR6 Body Worlds
27 Mar	YR1 Class Assembly (9.00am)
3 Apr	INSET Day—School Closed
6-17Apr	Easter Holidays
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	INSET Day—School Closed
8 May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
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.

PARENTS' EVENING

The Parents' Evening
booking system will open on
Monday 2nd March at
8.00am.

Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
88.6%	93.6%	89.3%	97.3%	94.2%	92.7%	92.4%

Well done to **Year 3** 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
94.0%	92.6%	96.0%	95.3%	96.3%	94.4%	94.9%

Overall attendance percentage to date: **94.8%** - Target: **96%**

CERTIFICATES

<i>Class</i>	<i>Behaviour</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Writer of the Week</i>
Otters	Alyssa	Oscar	Imogen P
Squirrels	Jacob	Jay	Anita
Flamingos	Violet	Evie	Ava
Penguins	Amelia	Maciej	Leon
Dolphins	Zoe	James	Venoth
Orcas	Harry Me	Lois	Sam
Seals	Agata	Gibby	James Dean
Giraffes	Ethan	Lilly	Harry
Zebras	Junior	Freddie	Grace
Leopards	Lily	Toby	Eli
Panthers	Paige	Harley A	Nicholas
Eagles	Amelia	Dylan	Megan
Falcons	Dylan	Whole Class	Jake
Kestrels	Scarlett	Kia	Max
Cobras	Kumial	Phoebe	Evie
Pythons	Shivanjali	Lee	Jake



Pen Licence

Lily-Rose (Zebras)



Grammar Wizard

Venoth (Dolphins)

WELL DONE EVERYONE

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

NURSERY

This week in nursery our learning has been based on the story 'Handa's Surprise'. We have shared the story and re told it using props. We have started to think about changing features of the story, including the ending. We have also looked at a globe to see where Africa is and have talked about the different animals that live there. Outside, we have been building obstacle courses to help us with our balancing skills.

RECEPTION

This week the children have been reading, 'Barry the Fish with Fingers'. They have thoroughly enjoyed this story and have loved talking and writing about the main events and characters. In maths, the children have been doubling. Make sure you ask them to show you their, 'Bunny Ears'.

YEAR 1

In English this week we have been focussing on memories for our new topic 'Memory Box'. We have been writing speech bubbles in the past tense and also reminisced about our trip to the zoo and all the fun memories we had from that. We have also revised speech marks and ask that you look for them in books when sharing a story.

In maths we have been counting in 2's 5's and 10's and have been using these skills to group and also write repeated addition stories. 'Scratch Garden' on the internet do some fantastic songs to support the counting if you fancy practising.

In science we have been labelling animal parts and extending our learning by explaining why an animal needs a particular part and what that part does.

YEAR 2

This week year two started the term with a medieval day to begin our new topic 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets' where we will be learning all about castles. There were some amazing costumes, and all had a great time at our medieval banquet in the afternoon. We even carried out a scientific experiment to find out which cannonball would be best to knock down a castle wall. This led to some great writing when we recounted our experience. In maths we have been revising the names of 2d and 3d shapes and reasoning about them. Can you tell me which 2d shape has double the number of sides as a quadrilateral?

YEAR 3

Year 3 have had a great start to their 'Stone Age' topic. We started the week doing cave art as well as other activities. In maths we are looking at measurement and converting m, cm and mm. We are all very excited about our trip to Butser Farm - pictures to follow in next weeks' newsletter!

YEAR 4

In year 4, the children have been learning about information texts. They have looked at the structural and grammatical elements of these texts and have identified features in examples. In maths, the children have learnt about fractions and then identified equivalent fractions using simple denominators. In computing, the children have looked at the differences between the internet and the world wide web.

YEAR 5

In year 5 this week, we have been learning and planning our explanation texts all about Ancient Egypt. In maths, we have been practising how to multiply fractions and solving problems using different methods. In art, we have been designing our Egyptian canopic jars ready to start making out of clay next week!

YEAR 6

Year six have been looking at newspaper articles which show a bias. In maths, we have been learning about time and solving some rather difficult problems! In our foundation subjects, we have started singing songs for our end of year production (it's going to be amazing!) and we have been classifying animals according to their features.

Sharing is Caring!



Here is Simona from Leopards with her pancake stack that she made and brought in to share with her class. What a thoughtful and lovely thing to do. Thanks Simona—they were scrumptious!



WOW—THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT WITH BOTH THE MUFTI DAY AND SPONSORSHIP. THE TOTAL RAISED FROM BOTH

EVENTS AMOUNTED TO £1,285.42 WHICH IS FANTASTIC!



GROVELANDS vs ASHLEY

On the 27th of March Grovelands netball team played against Ashley. It turned out that we scored 8 and they scored 4. The first half we played really well; Lilia scored 2 including a fabulous long shot! The second half Ashley came back with 3 shots. The other quarters Alfie scored 2, Nancy scored 1 and Eva scored 3. We were really good at coming in front, shooting and defending. Hopefully it carries on!

By Eva (Cobras)



We will be celebrating British Science in school between the 9th-20th March.

We are asking all of our parents and carers to think about how their jobs might link to science and technology. We would love for you to come in and talk to the children about what you do so please do speak to your class teacher if you can help. Thank you.



Reading is not just for children!

One of the aims of our English curriculum at Grovelands is to develop children's love of reading as it has so many benefits, both educationally and personally. There is **strong evidence** linking **reading for pleasure and educational outcomes**, but more importantly the benefits go beyond this and stretch throughout a person's life. Research from The Reading Agency suggests that reading for pleasure can result in increased empathy, improved relationships with others, reductions in the symptoms of depression and dementia, and improved wellbeing (for more information, please see <https://readingagency.org.uk/news/blog/why-is-reading-for-pleasure-important.html>).

It is important for children to see their role models as readers in order to understand the importance of it for themselves. We know that many of you already enjoy reading so we are developing a small parents' reading library at school. You will find a book shelf in the main entrance with some books which you are welcome to borrow and read yourselves at home, then return to the shelf. You are also welcome to contribute any additional books that you have finished with.

Enjoy!



YR2 Medieval Day

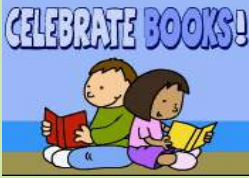


Medieval Day

By Rayen (Dolphins)

On Monday year two dressed up as medieval people. We did some activities in the morning and afternoon. We tried to build castles (we did not succeed)! After we had a banquet I was servant I served Olivia the queen of year 2 and Jack the king of year 2. Year 2 had a great time!





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.



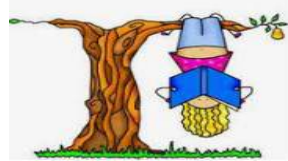
Mystery Readers

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!

