

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another eventful week at Grovelands. I have enjoyed getting into classrooms this week and seeing learning in action. I have always been and remain impressed by the behaviour and effort of our pupils, who embrace their learning with enthusiasm and energy. For example, year 2 were very excited to show me the stories they have been writing based on animation, which included some very impressive vocabulary.

There have been a number of exciting opportunities for children this week. First of all, our year 6 children enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Science Museum, which I know has been insightful and inspiring. Their time in the Wonder Lab was a particular highlight, and is well worth a visit. Thank you to the parent helpers that attended and helped make the trip such a success.

I was also very impressed by the children from year 4 who took part in the Drama workshop this week. Their performance was stunning and we look forward to watching the video back in our class assembly. Well done also to Panthers for their amazing assembly. We were so impressed by how you presented all of the wonderful work that you've done over this term so far. Great job!

I would also like to celebrate how quickly many of our children have taken to using Lexia, a new online programme that supports children with reading and phonics. I know the children have embraced this and are using it both at home and at school in order to develop their reading skills.

Next week, we have our Valentines Discos taking place on Monday and Tuesday. Today is the last chance to get tickets, so please sign up if you haven't already done so. We look forward to seeing you there!

Have a great weekend.

Mr Daniel Tuck
Head of School

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. 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.

Dates for your Diary

13 Feb	Leopards Class Assembly (9.00am)
13 Feb	ISP Drop in Session (3.00pm to 4.45pm)
14 Feb	Parent Workshop—Teaching Spellings (9.00am)
14 Feb	Sign 2 Sing (Mufti / £1 Donation)
15 Feb	Inset Day
18 Feb	Half Term Week
1 Mar	Jaguars Class Assembly (9.00am)
4 Mar	Parent Workshop—Computing across the Curriculum (9.00am)
5 Mar	Parents Evening (3.00pm — 5.00pm)
4 Mar	Book Week
6 Mar	Dress-up as a Book Character Day
7 Mar	Parents Evening (4.00pm — 7.00pm)
8 Mar	Nursery and Reception—Mill Cottage Farm Visit
13 Mar	YR2 Parent Workshop—YR2 SATS (9.00am)
13 Mar	YR4 Marchants Hill Residential
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18 Mar	Scholastic Book Fair Week
21 Mar	Voice in a Million (school choir)
22 Mar	YR1 Assembly (9.00am)
22 Mar	FROGS Quiz Night
4 Apr	YR6 SATs Parent Information Meeting (3.00pm and 6.00pm)
5 Apr	Break up for Easter (2.00pm)
23 Apr	Inset Day
24 Apr	Return to School
25 Apr	YR6 Land and Wave Parent Information Meeting (3.00pm and 6.00pm)
29 Apr	FROGS Movie Night
30 April	FROGS Movie Night
18 May	FROGS Circus
7 Jun	FROGS Sponsored Walk
29 Jun	FROGS Summer Fair
12 Jul	YR6 Prom
Inset Days	15 February 2019 23 April 2019 3 June 2019
	N.B. Please note dates are subject to change. Early Years = Nursery & Reception KS1 = Years 1 & 2

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please pay dinner money in advance every Monday or, alternatively, you can pay half termly using our online payment facility. Should you require log-in details for online payments, please speak to the main office. The cost of a school meal is £2.30 per day.

The total cost for lunches this term is £71.30.

Please notify the office of any changes to school meal preferences a week in advance in writing. Thank you.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

NURSERY

This week in nursery our learning has been based on the story 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt'. We were very brave and went on a bear hunt in our garden. Luckily we found a friendly bear in our tunnel. We drew very colourful and detailed maps of our bear hunt and have also enjoyed playing a fun dice game feeding Mr Bear!

RECEPTION

This week reception have been learning all about Chinese New Year. We have been learning about Chinese traditions and have celebrated by trying some yummy Chinese foods! In literacy, we read the story, 'Cleversticks' and talked and wrote about being determined. In maths, we have been sharing numbers equally between two or more in a variety of creative ways.

YEAR 1

This week in year 1 we have been looking at a range of animal poems. We have been rehearsing, acting and finding the words that rhymed. In maths we have been learning about capacity using vocabulary such as full, half full and empty. In art we have created our own animal prints using polystyrene. We have also been learning about our new value- determination.

YEAR 2

Year 2 have continued their work on fractions this week. We have learned that the numerator is the part and the denominator is the whole and used lots of pictures and equipment to understand halves, thirds and quarters. In English we have really enjoyed watching some episodes of Morph and used our own dough characters from last week to act out and write a short story. We tried to make our writing interesting by varying our sentences. In P.E we have been improving our skills of rolling balls in competitive games and developing techniques to dodge the ball.

YEAR 3

In year 3 this week, the children have been writing their narrative story about the 3 little pigs focusing on fronted adverbials and the overall structure. In maths, the children have been developing their understanding of bar charts. They have drawn different charts and have answered questions to solve problems using the information they have read from the graphs.

YEAR 4

Year 4 have been in full swing rehearsing or performing our class assemblies. Meanwhile, we have also been discovering the topic of Area in maths, enjoying being creative with a range of poetry and in topic, looking at how the Celts impacted our lives in Britain.

YEAR 5

This week, in year 5, we have been working hard on the addition and subtraction of fractions. In English we have been planning our own mythical stories about ancient Egyptian artifacts. In science we looked at practical ways of separating mixtures and in art we started making canopic jars with clay.

YEAR 6

Year 6 had a blast at the Science Museum, literally, seeing the show Flash, Bang, Wallop, and exploring the Wonderlab. We have also been proud of the progress our mock exams have shown!

Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
85.3%	92.9%	92.2%	96.9%	93.5%	96.1%	92.9%

Well done to **Year 3** for the best year group attendance

Well done to **Panthers** for the best class attendance **98.3%**

Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2018

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.2%	96.6%	95.4%	96.8%	96.1%	95.8%	95.4%

Overall attendance percentage to date: **95.7%** - Target: **96%**

CERTIFICATES



Class	<i>Behaviour</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Writer of the Week</i>
Otters	Leo	Jasmine	Licia-Mae
Squirrels	Ronny	Nectarie	Erin
Flamingos	Mysha	Harry	Agata
Penguins	Amelia	Amelia	Zach
Swans	Dominik	Joe	Roan
Dolphins	Poppy	Aiden	Vishayna
Seals	Sophie	Ben	Grace
Giraffes	Rosie	Oscar	Toby
Zebras	Noor	Scarlett	Ethan
Jaguars	Scarlett	James	Martyn
Leopards	Millie	Bogdan	Beau
Panthers	Emily	Joshua	Aston
Eagles	Tilly	Eva	Cameron
Kestrels	Jessica	Alex	Daisy
Cobras	Frankie	Hannah	Toby
Pythons	Albie	Louis	Isis

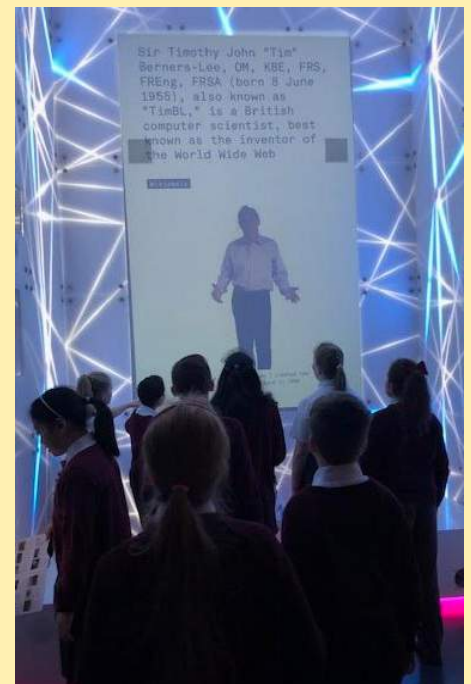
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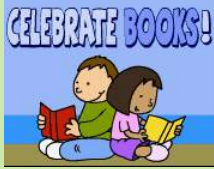
YR6 VIST THE SCIENCE MUSEUM



The Y6 children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Science Museum. They visited an abundance of exhibitions: mathematics, atmosphere, DNA explained and space. This was followed by a visit to the Wonderlab to watch an interactive show about explosions and the elements needed to form fire. Finally they explored the fully interactive zone.

It was described by one child as the 'best trip ever!'





Grovelands Book Week



We will be celebrating World Book Day by having a Book Week from **4th March – 8th March.**

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

Bedtime Story



This year (due to Parents' Evening) we will be holding our bedtime story during the school day. Children will be served hot chocolate and read bedtime stories in the afternoon of **Friday 8th March.** We are hoping the older children will come and read some stories to our younger children as well.

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.



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 8th March.**



Prizes for the winners!

Guest Readers

If you would like to come in and share a favourite book with your child's class, please see your class teacher.



Book Character Dress Up

Reception to year Six, dress up as your favourite book character, and Nursery as pirates on **Wednesday 6th March** for World Book Day 2019.

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 **Tuesday 5th March.**



Extreme Readers



What's the most unusual place you have ever read? Take a picture and hand in to your teacher by **Friday 8th March.** These will be displayed in the library and there will be a prize for the most extreme!

Lucky Dip!

There will be an Usborne Book lucky dip in the playground on **Wednesday 6th** and **Thursday 7th March** at 3:00pm. £1 to enter and a prize every time!



FROGS NEWS



We had a very successful fundraising term last year and managed to raise a staggering £6,831.36. This means that we are only approximately £1,000 off our target for the Multi Use Games Area! This is fantastic news and we should all be extremely proud of what we've achieved! A huge thanks to all of you – we couldn't have done this without your support.

Save the Date!

MOVIE NIGHT

KS1 - 29th April
KS2 - 30th April

More details coming soon...

FROGS presents:

The Sensible Circus

18th May 2019

SAVE THE DATE!
More details coming soon...



There's still time to buy tickets on Classlist.com for the Valentine's party & discos. Get them before midnight on Friday 8th Feb! Ticket sales will not be accepted after this date.



UPCOMING DATES

Valentine's Party	11 th Feb
Valentine's Discos	12 th Feb
Adult Social	22 nd March
KS1 Movie Night	29 th April
KS2 Movie Night	30 th April
The Circus	18 th May
Sponsored Walk	7 th June
Summer Fair	29 th June
Year 6 Prom	12 th July



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