

Dear parents and carers,

Another week has flown past in a hurry, which is always a sign that it has been filled with fun and learning.

I have really enjoyed seeing the fantastic work that children have been doing this week. A particular highlight was the rap battle in year 5 about the planets in our solar system, which not only made Mrs Chadda and I smile a great deal - it taught us about the difference between the planets too. I was also thoroughly impressed by Year 1's writing about foxes - what great progress they are making.

Year 2 performed brilliantly in their assembly. It was a wonderful snapshot of their first half term, with art, science, literacy and topic on show for all to see. Their reading was very impressive, as everyone in the audience - and it was a packed audience - could hear every word that was read. Well done Year 2.

There is lots to look forward to for the rest of this half term. We have just sent a number of staff on minibus training, and excellence groups at Grovelands and Cleves are now about to get up and running, providing many opportunities which will benefit a range of children in the school.

There are lots of opportunities for parents to help within the school or on trips and visits this year, and to that end, Mrs Chadda has invited parents to a parent volunteer workshop on Thursday morning at 9.00am next week to explain how this will work and how you can help.

Finally, thank you to the parent that provided the lovely book 'The Lost Words' to the school library (see article). Please do come and visit our library with your child which is open after school (Monday to Thursday) from 3.00pm to 3.30pm.

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

15 Nov	Parents Helpers Coffee Morning (9.00)
21 Nov	Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
21 Nov	Giraffes visit Wagamamas
22 Nov	Zebras visit Wagamamas
1 Dec	FROGS Christmas Fair (4.00—6.00)
5 Dec	Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
11 Dec	YR2 Christmas Performance (9.30 / 2.00)
12 Dec	YR1 Christmas Performance (9.30 / 2.00)
13 Dec	Reception Christmas Performance (9.30 / 2.00)
14 Dec	Tigers and Bears Christmas Performance (9.00)
17 Dec	YRs 3 & 4 Christmas Concert—St Marys (10.00 / 6.30)
18 Dec	YRs 5 & 6 Christmas Concert—St Marys (10.00 / 6.30)
19 Dec	END OF TERM (2.00)

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
KS2 = Years 3, 4, 5, 6

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.

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

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

NURSERY

In nursery this week our learning has been based on fireworks. We have looked at photos and videos of fireworks and talked about our own experiences. The children have made firework pictures using lots of different art media and have also used the computer to draw fireworks.

RECEPTION

This week reception have been counting sounds and actions and ordering numbers 1-10. We have also been writing about and dancing like fireworks. This weekend is Remembrance Day and we have been talking in class about the importance of this day and how it is remembered. For one of this week's star jobs the children designed their own medals.

YEAR 1

In maths this week year 1 have been learning place value to 20 and beyond. We have used dienes and Numicon to support our understanding of tens and ones. We have learnt how to partition numbers and used our reasoning skills to solve problems. In English we have asked questions, researched facts and produced an information leaflet all about foxes. In science we learnt the names of common trees found in our school woodlands and discussed their similarities and differences.

YEAR 2

What a busy week we have had! The beginning of the week was spent perfecting our class assembly where we shared our learning on boats, Captain Cook, and demonstrated our skills as scientists. The performance was amazing and everyone was really proud of us. We have continued our boat topic in English where we are studying the Lighthouse Keeper stories in preparation for writing our own next week. We are getting really good at using tens and ones in maths to add and subtract, and have been having a go at subtracting with exchanging.

YEAR 3

In maths, we have been estimating the answers to simple addition calculations and have been consolidating our work subtracting 3 digit numbers. In English, we have been studying the characteristics of Greek Gods and have written a character profile using similes and expanded noun phrases

YEAR 4

We've had a fun week reading Harry Potter and exploring fantasy narratives. We had a go at writing our own part of the story! In maths, we've been working on multiplication and division strategies. In science, we had fun exploring different states of matter. We filled up two balloons with water and placed one in the freezer. We were amazed with the result!

YEAR 5

We had a very creative week in year 5. We researched the solar system and wrote poems and raps about it. Eagles class challenged Kestrels to a 'rap-off!' Kestrels were the proud winners of this challenge. Some children also performed their raps to Mr Tuck! In maths we looked at prime, squared and cubed numbers! Children need to collect some junk material (nothing bigger than a shoe box) for our Moon Buggies that we will start planning in DT next week.

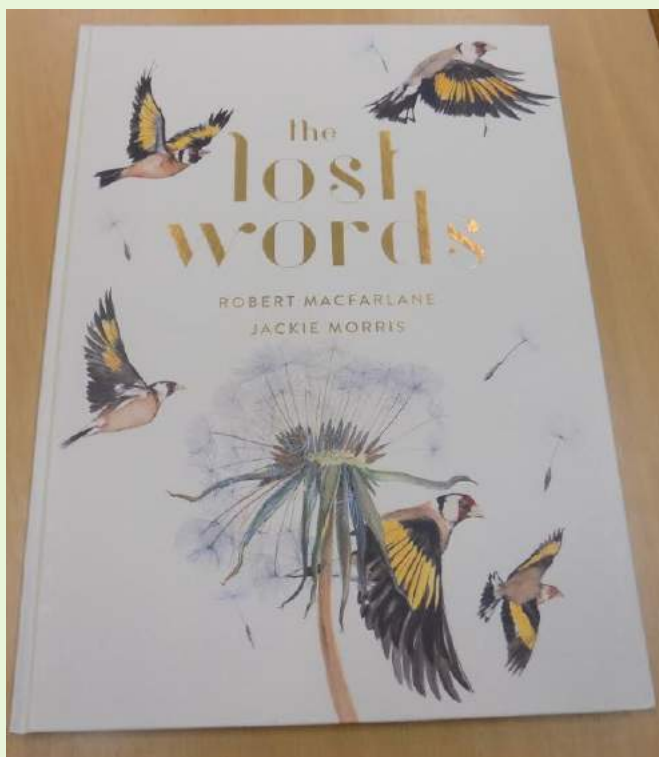
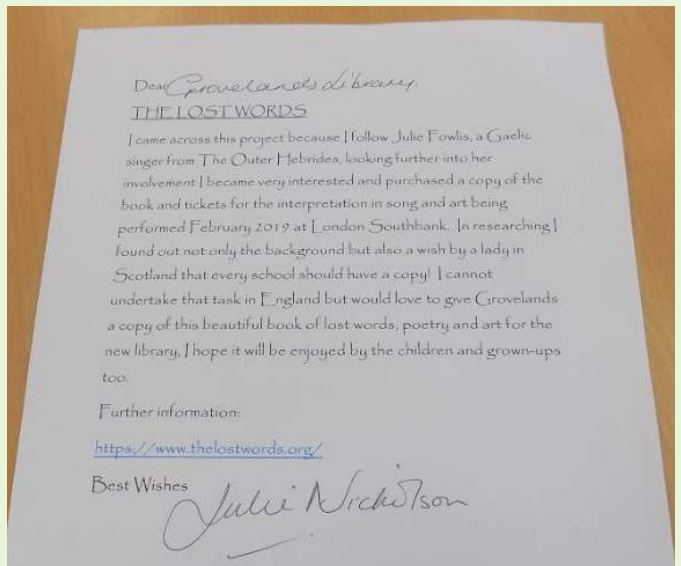
YEAR 6

Year 6 have moved on from ratio, and have been defining, comparing, and adding and subtracting fractions this week. We have also completed our very sophisticated character studies based on **Goodnight Mr Tom**. In topic, we have started to explore evolution and to sketch Darwin's finches.



For those of you who haven't had a chance to see it, here is our fantastic whole school display, inspired by 'The Dot' by Peter H. Reynolds. Every dot we received has been included in this display, thank you so much for your hard work. We have sent a picture of this display to the author, so we will let you know if he responds.

Thank you to Julie Nicholson for the very kind book donation for our school library of 'The Lost Words'. As you can see from the pictures—the children are already enjoying this wonderful book and we have received many comments from the children as to how beautiful the book and the illustrations are.





Year 2 have discussed the significance of the poppies we have been selling in school this week, and created their own poppy wreaths to commemorate this weekend's special 100 anniversary Armistice Day. Well done Year 2.



Fri-

day 16th November 2018

Wear something Spotty! (Full Mufti)



WALTON LANTERN PARADE HELP NEEDED!

Our Year 2's are taking part in the annual Walton Festival of Light on Saturday 24th November and we will have brochures about the event next week. The organisers, WoTTA, have asked us to reach out for volunteers to help the Parade take place safely and professionally.

They are looking for 3 types of Volunteers:

- (1) Parade Marshalls- anyone aged over 18 (a safety briefing and instructions will be given),
- (2) Large Feature Build Carriers- anyone over 16 (the builds have frames which usually go over the shoulders and are secured around the body)
- (3) Build Carrier Chaperones- to ensure the route ahead and to the side is clear and spacious for the build.

We are looking for just 2 hours of your time 16.30 - 18.30 and you will be right at the heart of the parade.

To volunteer please use this link and complete the online form:

<http://www.wotta.co.uk/help-at-the-festival-of-light.html>

Finally parents, carers - please do like and follow us on social media:

<https://www.facebook.com/WoTFestofLight/> / <https://twitter.com/WoTFestofLight>

YR6 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

ROYAL HOLLOWAY



On Thursday 1st November 2018,

Grovelands entered themselves into the Royal Holloway Boys

Football Tournament and it was an outstanding performance.

Myself and the year 6 team had so much fun. When it

came to the matches, there were many things that

could sway the games outcome which caused many intense

minutes. Most of our games

were tight but we did not score nor win. Everyone however,

played as a team and at their best ability - Well done Grovelands!



By Frank

Y6 - Cobras

Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.7%	99%	96.8%	95.9%	97.7%	97.6%	96.6%

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

Well done to **Swans** for the best class attendance **100%**

Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2018

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.4%	97.1%	96.4%	96.9%	96.9%	97.2%	95.6%

Overall attendance percentage to date: **96.6%** - Target: **96%**

CERTIFICATES



Class	<i>Behaviour</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Writer of the Week</i>
Otters	Jasmine	Jessica	Lukas
Squirrels	Dominic	Erin	Jimmy-Junior
Flamingos	William	Isabella	Scarlett-Rose
Penguins	Leighton	Jack	Holly
Swans	Finn	Roan	Rayen
Dolphins	Gergely	Poppy	Jessica
Seals	Oliver	Scarlet	Rylee
Giraffes	Jacob R	Kayla	Sufian
Zebras	Sammy	Scarlett	Alana
Jaguars	James	Miles	Joshua
Leopards	Marnie	Charlie	Frank
Panthers	Lily	Aston	Arabella
Eagles	Chloe	Aleksandra	Tai-Maree
Kestrels	Oliver	Lilia	Gabriel
Cobras	Panna	Ethan	Olli
Pythons	Melad	Hamzah	Albie



Pen Licences

Ethan—Cobras

WELL DONE EVERYONE

FROGS NEWS



A huge thank you to all our fantastic helpers and amazing cake donations for the Halloween Discos and Party. And thank you so much to all the staff who gave up their time to support us.

Profits from the events are £921.40



The school Christmas Fair is fast approaching. It will feature old favourites such as the popular Santa's Grotto, Food Hall and fun games, but also some Christmas shopping and a mini fun fair. The school choir will open the event to spread some cheer.

We desperately need people to volunteer just half an hour of their time to help at the Christmas Fair. It's only running for 2 hours, so if everyone just does one thing it makes a huge difference.

The fair is open to the public this year, so let's make Grovelands proud. If you want to get involved, please let us know.

**SAVE THE DATE: Family Christmas Movie Night
Monday 10th December**



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"FROGS Group"



Guess what? We're now on Twitter:
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Grovelands School's **FROGS**