



The Grove Primary School



Newsletter No. 11, Thursday, 29th June 2017

Our value for this half-term is...

RESPECT

FRIENDSHIP

COURAGE

COOPERATION

QUALITY

HAPPINESS

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year, we are pleased to share with you some of our achievements and activities.

Firstly, thank you to all those parents and carers who supported our pupils at our Sports Day. The new format for Sports Day was a great success, allowing all children to participate fully. We are already working with our sports coaches from Sports4All to plan next year's Sports Days, building in some further learning from this year. One boy and one girl from each year group has been chosen to represent The Grove at the Kite Winners' Day on Thursday, 13th July at Holly Lodge Primary School.

This is a busy two weeks - we had our first summer teacher Parent Consultation evenings on Tuesday, 27th June and the second will be on Tuesday, 4th July - both from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. It is important that every parent/carer meets with their child's teacher to understand their progress and next steps; please ensure that you have booked an appointment to see your child's teacher. Mrs Tancock and Mrs Semper are running two training workshops for parents on both evenings to review the Kite's new assessment system and the new Pupil School Reports. The workshops are at 4.00pm and 5.00pm on both evenings in Clarence Classroom – parents are strongly advised to attend to understand the new system.

Our Grove Summer Fayre will be held on the school field on Saturday, 15th July 2017 from 12pm – 3.00pm. Please join the fun and take part in some exciting activities (see the end of this newsletter).

Finally, we are seeking parental volunteers to help out in class with reading, writing, maths, art ... anything which you feel you can bring to the school would be much appreciated. As little as one hour a week would make a big difference to our school. Please note that, after Reception, we will not ask you to work in your child's class so please come forward. If anyone is interested, please give your names to the School office, who will co-ordinate your induction to the School.

Thank you for your continued support.



Leslie Semper
Head Teacher



Responding to Parental Feedback

You requested ...	We did ...	Our next steps ...
... that teachers sign reading diaries when they have read with a child.	This has been passed on to teachers and LSAs, who believe they are doing this, but will be vigilant.	
... could EYFS teachers meet and greet pupils and their parents outside the classrooms in the morning, helping to minimise parents coming into class.	EYFS teachers are happy to do this.	This practice will continue in September 2017. We will have a settling period of two weeks when parents can come into Reception classes, thereafter parents will be requested to allow their children to enter on their own. This will build pupil independence and resilience.
... still an issue with adults wandering in with pupils to the Year 1 building.	Two LSAs in rotation are manning the external door and asking parents not to enter.	This will continue in September 2017.
... that we nominate parental representatives for each class.	Leaders and teachers all agreed this would be useful, and are approaching potential volunteers.	We aim to have parental representatives in place by September 2017. Please come forward if you would like to represent your child's class as a parental representative.
... encourage parents to be volunteers.	Leaders have written to parents and teachers are frequently asking parents in their classes.	Please volunteer if you would like to help us in school – we will not place you in your child's class!
... that the Year 1 cloakrooms are messy.	Staff and pupils reminded to be tidy.	Lockers to be installed over the summer.
... that the SATs stress pupils and that the school works hard to alleviate stress.	All the staff are mindful to minimise stress and allow the process to go smoothly for pupils in Years 2 and 6.	Continue our strategies, living with government directives.
... EYFS homework expectations be clearer.	Discussed with the teachers and implemented clear communication.	
... a crossing is needed on Portsmouth Road.	The leaders have raised this with Surrey many times, to no avail. Mrs Semper has discussed it with our Local Councillor.	Parental action campaign may be the way forward.



Ukulele Day at Lakeside School

On June 15th Year 2 were very excited to join Lakeside and the other Kite Schools for a Ukulele concert. All of the Year 2s across the Kite have been learning the ukulele this year and it was an opportunity to share our skills. At The Grove we stayed true to our 'Under the Sea' theme and gave a stunning rendition of 'Under the Sea' from The Little Mermaid accompanied by our ukulele strumming. The children were wonderful and did us very proud.

They have really enjoyed learning the ukulele this year. Here are some of their thoughts...

"I have enjoyed learning the C and G chords," Miley Gill

"I like making up new songs and strumming," Elias Pemberton

"I loved ukulele day because I made new friends," Sanuthi Subramaniam

Amy Taylor
Year 2/3 Leader



Trip to Painshill Park

We were very lucky with the weather, luckily it didn't scare away the mini beasts. On our mini beast hunt, we found baby frogs, millipedes, wood lice, spiders, grass hoppers and many more. We turned over logs to see what was living underneath; shook trees into white sheets to observe all of the spiders living in the trees. The group leader asked if we could walk like a millipede, we all put on blind folds, put our hands on each other's shoulders and walked with our many legs! It was very tricky not to fall over. We then went on a Christopher Robin treasure hunt where we explored the park reading clues and completing different activities. Finally, we found Winnie the Pooh sleeping high up in a tree. Thank you to all of the parents that came to help.



Year 5 trip to Dapdune Wharf



On Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th June, Year 5 went to Dapdune Wharf. There, they studied artefacts, investigated river flow and looked at negative human impacts in historical sites. The children enjoyed themselves thoroughly and have already done some fantastic writing about their experience.

Many thanks to the children, teachers and parent helpers who helped make this trip a huge success.



Year 1 trip to Marwell Zoo

As part of our topic 'Amazing Animals', the children in Year 1 were given the exciting opportunity to explore Marwell Zoo. During the day we saw lots of interesting animals, including cheetahs, giraffes and penguins! We took part in a special workshop, where we learned about why we need to protect animals in the wild and we even had the chance to handle a few of them!



School Council Elections



On the 21st June 2017, The Grove School held School Council elections for September 2017. It gave the children the opportunity to vote for the candidates that they would like to see as their Chair person, Treasurer and Secretary.

Year 5 candidates wrote speeches and presented them in assembly.

Students learned about the process of voting and we had the added benefit of being able to use real voting booths.

The announcement of winners will be made in assembly on Friday.



Kite Winner's Day: 13th July 2017

The following children have been invited to represent The Grove at the Kite Winner's Day on Thursday, 13th July 2017 at Holly Lodge Primary School:

<u>Year Group:</u>	<u>Children's Names:</u>
Reception	Skye and Isaac
Year 1	Aleyna and Zuban
Year 2	Lilly and Terelle
Year 3	Rosalyn and Josh
Year 4	Maddie and Lucas
Year 5	Jasmine and James
Year 6	Andrea and Lewis

Yr 1 and 2 Sports Day



What a wonderful day we had! The children were so excited to get out onto the field to get started. We began the day with a carousel of activities including football dribbling skills, long jump and beanbag throwing. Then the children took part in races around the track. There was a lovely atmosphere with children cheering each other on and supporting their houses. We were also very proud to see how well the Year 1 and 2 children worked together and looked after each other. Then the morning was finished off with a family picnic on the field. Well done children, you were fantastic!



Dear Year 1 Parents,

As you are aware all the PAC's are now complete and the scores have been sent off. Our results are fantastic and a record for the School, with 92% of pupils passing in Year 1 and 95% have now passed in Year 2. The children have worked so hard and have really appreciated all the support that they have received at home. It has been a truly amazing joint effort.

*Thank you so much
Miriam Peace and the Year 1 Team*

Celebrating Eid al-Fitr

Very kind parents from Reception came in to help us learn about the Muslim festival Eid. The children loved tasting different foods, getting a henna tattoo, dancing to music and creating a moon mobile. The children really enjoyed learning about the festival, thank you so much for all of your help and support.



The Grove Enrichment Calendar – June 2017

Friday 30 th June	Parental Forum with Head Teacher from 9.00am
Wednesday 5th July	Yr 1 into 2 transition meeting 3.20pm in Francis Drake Pupils to meet new class teachers
Thursday 6 th July	Yr 2 Legoland Windsor Trip Yr 3 into 4 transition meeting 3.20pm in David Attenborough
Friday 7th July	Yr 2 into 3 transition meeting 3.20pm in Enid Blyton
Week beginning 10 th July	Outdoor Learning Week – including an outdoor day for KS1 and KS2 to be confirmed
Monday 10th July	Reception into Yr1 transition meeting 3.10pm in St Andrews
Wednesday 12th July	Yr 6 Friendship Day at Kite Schools 9.15 – 3.20pm Yr 4 into 5 transition meeting 3.20pm in Roald Dahl
Thursday 13 th July	Kite Academy Sports Day – details to follow
Friday 14th July	Yr 5 into 6 transition meeting 3.20pm in Queen Victoria
Saturday 15 th July	FOG Summer Fayre
Monday 17 th July	Reports sent out to parents
Friday 21st July	BRING OLD SPARE SHOES FOR ‘SAL’ CAMPAIGN Last Day of Term – finish at 13.30

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Summer fayre

BBQ, lots of stalls, face painting, meet a storm trooper, bouncy castle, raffle, tombola, ice cream, magic ponies, live events and so much more.

July 15th

1pm till 4pm

Bridges
SCHOOL



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