

EVENT NEWS



GROVE ACADEMY



Well here we are at the end of our first term of this academic year! The time has gone so quickly, as it always does and I am wowed by everything that our children have achieved! We have loved getting back to some sort of normality, with the easing of Covid restrictions, reintroducing many exciting events for children to take part in. We have worked on a new format of an end of term newsletter, which showcases all the wonderful things that the children have done this term – I hope you enjoy reading about the great times we have had! As always, the children have been fantastic in everything that they have done.

I would like to thank parents and carers for their support in understanding and supporting us when things have been difficult, and know that working together we will continue to provide our children with a fantastic education.

Things are still very challenging in terms of managing Covid, but we continue to follow all government and Public Health guidance and adapt our arrangements to keep everyone as safe as can be.

A reminder that after Christmas, we take another giant step towards returning to normality as we return to 5 full days per week, so children will no longer finish early on a Friday. A reminder of the new times and gates is given below.

class	Exit time (every day)	gate	class	Exit time (every day)	gate
3JBC	3.10	Keelings	5HC	3.15	Turner
3KE	3.10	Myatt	5PR	3.15	Turner
3JK	3.10	Keelings	5CM	3.15	Myatt
3JW	3.10	Turner	6CPo	3.15	Keelings
4CC	3.10	Turner	6LP	3.15	Keelings
4SJ	3.10	Turner	6CPe	3.15	Keelings
4KN	3.10	Myatt	6JBP	3.15	Myatt
4EH	3.10	Keelings	The Den	3.15	Keelings
Spitfires	3.10	Keelings			

Autumn 2021

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Please bear with us as we embed the new arrangements as there are bound to be a couple of hiccups, but again I know that we will get it working perfectly.

It just remains for me to wish you a very merry, safe and relaxing Christmas from everyone here at Grove and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Wednesday 5th January.

Mrs. Carrigan
Academy Principal

Dear parents and carers

We are delighted to announce that Esprit MAT - the Multi-Academy Trust that runs Grove, Hamilton and Northwood Broom Academies - has entered into a long-term agreement with Frank Field Education Trust (FFET). Frank Field Education Trust is a Trust of two secondary schools; a primary and SEND school and 3 associate primary schools based across the North West and West Midlands. They are the Trust that support and run Birches Head Academy and they were a natural partner to work with, because of our shared values and because so many of our children go on to Birches Head. Frank Field Education Trust's vision is for Social Justice through Excellence in Education and they are committed to delivering this educational excellence in our area of Stoke.



Welcome!

Following the departure of our much loved CEO, Steph Moran, Frank Field Education Trust will be supporting our three schools as we continue to improve the quality of education for your children and also providing support with premises and with finance.

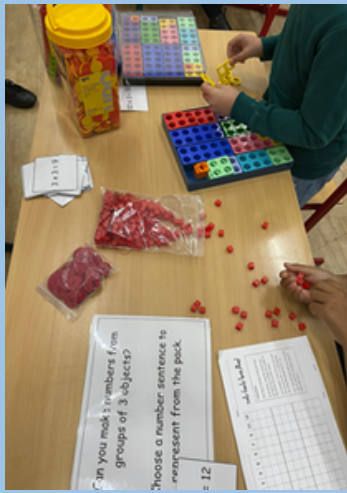
Mark Unwin, Deputy CEO of FFET and an outstanding Primary and Special Needs Headteacher, will be acting as Executive Principal and supporting Mrs Carrigan and Mrs Glaister to continue the ongoing improvements at Grove, Hamilton and Northwood Broom. The CEO of Frank Field Education Trust, Mr. Tom Quinn, and the central team led by Stephen Gauller will be supporting Esprit with the refurbishment of premises; Governance, HR and Finance.

Esprit and FFET share a commitment to make all three schools into outstanding places for your children's education and over the coming months, we look forward to offering many exciting opportunities for the children as result of this partnership.

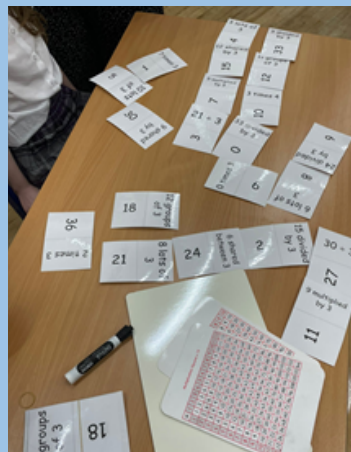
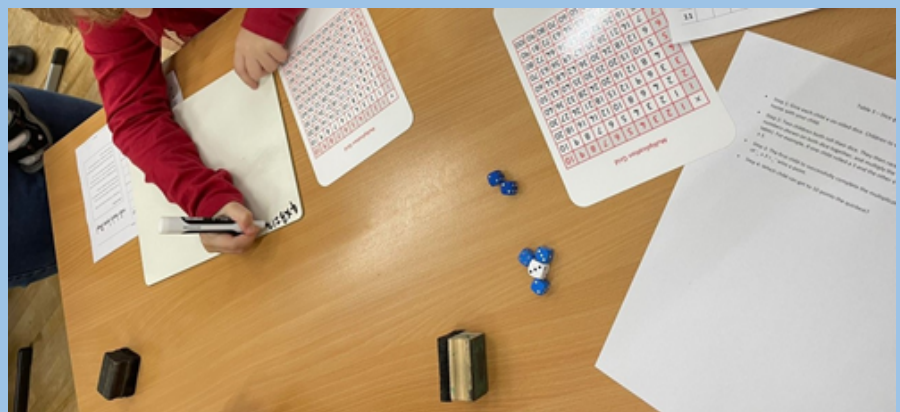
Best regards
Mrs S Carrigan



Frank Field Education Trust

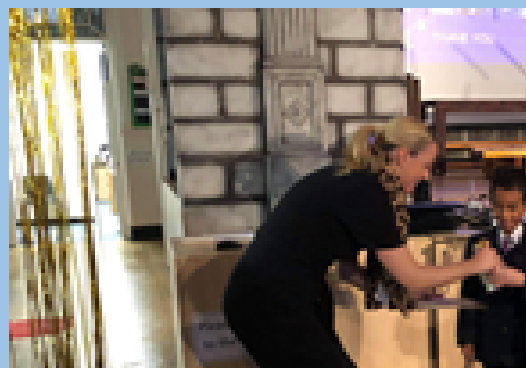


On Thursday 23rd September 2021, Grove Academy hosted a MTC (Multiplication Tables Check) information evening for children and parents in year 4 in preparation for the national times tables check in June 2022. At this event, children and parents listened to a short presentation from our Maths leader all about the MTC. They also learnt ways that they could practice times tables at home, and had a go at some of these activities themselves! Some of the activities that children enjoyed the most to practice their times tables were making multiplication arrays, playing times tables snap, practicing on TT Rockstars and playing dice games.



Fun with Maths

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World Teacher's Day
Wednesday 6th October 2021

This year, for World Teacher's Day, we wanted to do something a little extra special to recognise all of the hard work and dedication that our staff put in each day at school and beyond in order to support, encourage and enrich the lives and learning of our children here at Grove.

We developed the theme of the 'Grove Academy Awards' whereby each teacher had their name inside a star on their very own red carpet outside of their classrooms. Plenty of glitzy decorations surrounded our main hall where we hosted an Oscars type award ceremony. Children from each class presented their teacher with their own personalised certificate and special prize to say thank you for being so amazing!

Everyone had plenty of fun guessing who the nominees might be and enjoyed drum-rolling to announce the winner. Well done to all of our superstar teachers – we hope you've had a nice relaxing brew on us!



On Thursday 7th October, here at Grove, we celebrated 'Good to be Me Day'! This is an event we celebrate every year and everyone here at Grove is really passionate about it because we have the opportunity to celebrate who we are and how we are all different!

The children loved coming into school dressed as the person they aspire to be! We have had people from all walks of life including sports personalities, teachers, artists, doctors, ICT technicians and family relatives!

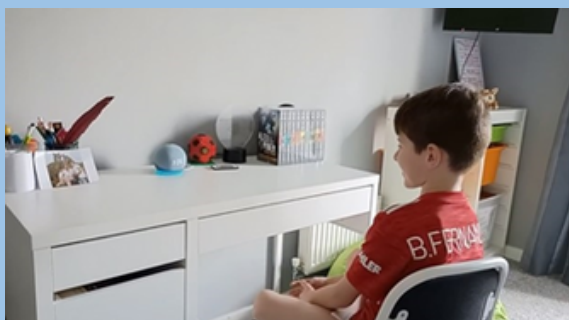
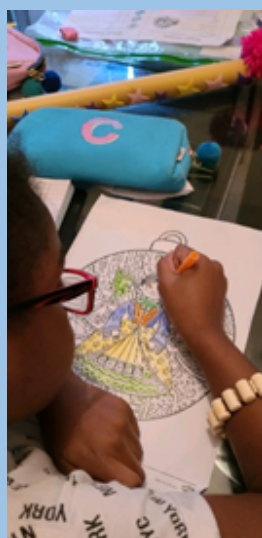




On Friday 8th October, we thought about World Mental Health day in school. In our classes, we discussed what mental health was and why this was just as important as our physical health.



We thought back to the mental health workshops that we took part in last year and recapped strategies that we can use to support us with having positive mental health. These included mindful meditation, exercise, making calm jars along with many more. In addition, we discussed our five wellbeing days at Grove and what routines we could use for these days to help us to promote our own wellbeing.



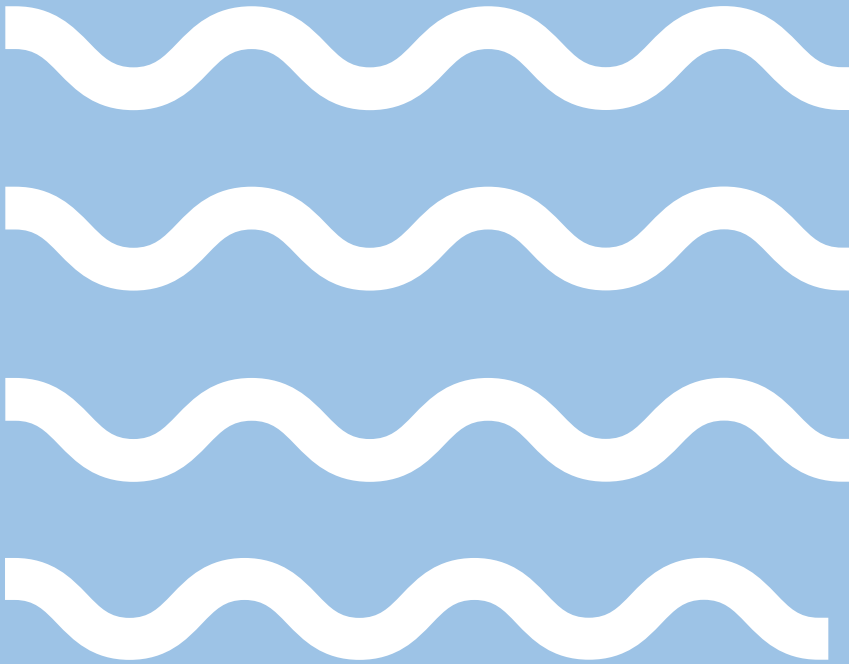


For our Harvest Thanksgiving Festival, our amazing Year 3 superstars presented their assembly. As part of our celebrations, we watched live lessons and completed a pizza quest which took us to visit an arable farm and we found out what crops are grown and how they grow. We even saw a cow calf being born live! Our quest then took us to a cheese making farm and we saw the ins and outs of cheese making and we were all fascinated by how much salt is used in it! Once our quest was over, we spent the afternoon making our harvest pizzas! We used different ingredients such as corn, peppers and cherry tomatoes to decorate them!

Grove would like to say a massive thank you to all parent/carers for your generous donations to the foodbank.



YEAR 4 SWIMMING



Throughout the autumn term, our Year 4 children have been swimming at Trentham High School in a 2-week intensive course. By the end of the course, the children were able to identify important rules associated with the poolside environment, how to enter the water safely and how to stay safe in the water. Not only did they develop and improve their swimming efficiency but they were also introduced to brand new techniques, strokes and swimming skills. Overall, all of Year 4 have shown great enthusiasm and excitement for swimming and it was brilliant to see their confidence grow throughout.





Spooky Ball

On Tuesday 2nd November, here at Grove, we held our first ever Spooky Ball. The event included a prize winning pumpkin competition, spooky decorations, fancy dress (and not just the children), treat stalls and a huge amount of fun and laughter from all.

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Here at Grove we feel passionate about not only providing excellent educational opportunities for all our children, but also the chance for children to have fun, express themselves and most importantly feel like a valued member of our school community.



A huge congratulations to our pumpkin competition winners and massive well done to everyone who entered – it was so hard to choose a winner!

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GO TEAM!



This term, lots of children have had the opportunity to represent the school in sporting events. They have all had lots of fun and enjoyed being active. They have learned lots of skills along the way and were, of course, fantastic ambassadors for our school. We had:
48 children (24 Year 4s and 24 Year 5s) attended Bikeability in September
14 children attended the Year 5&6 multi-skills festival in September
12 children attended the Change for Life Festival in November
12 children attended a Sport4All festival in November
8 children attended a Year 5 sports leader event in November
20 children attended the Aviva Sportshall Championships
In total, 114 children attended an external sports event during the autumn term! We are entering lots more events next term too, so there will be more opportunities for children to enjoy sport!

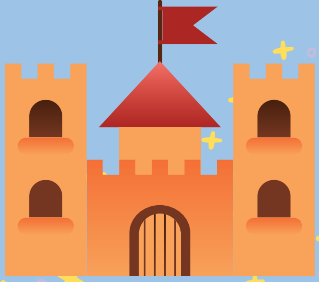
The Hubb Club

This club took place for a day over October half term. The children who came had a great time and took part in lots of sport. The children couldn't decide if their favourite activity was Tag Rugby or Dodge Ball! Or maybe their favourite activity was lunchtime??? They were certainly well fed and didn't even save a cake for the staff! Thanks to the Hubb foundation for funding this club.

SPORTS NEWS

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Beauty & The Beast 6th



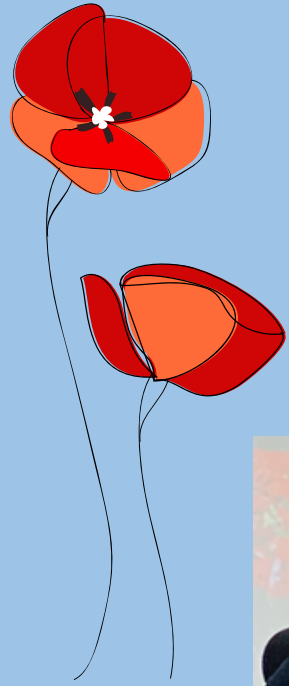
Beauty and the Beast

We had a fantastic whole school trip to the New Victoria Theatre to see Beauty and the Beast. This was a really magical show and the children were wowed! This theatre is 'in the round' which means it has a round stage surrounded by the audience so the children were very close to all of the action. The children loved all the fun, music and singing, and most of all the truly magical moments, for example when Belle 'flew', when the food and chandeliers appeared from the ceiling and when magical ribbons swooped across the stage. The actor playing the Beast walked on stilts so he was so tall! The children also really enjoyed travelling by coach to get there and they were impeccably behaved for the whole trip.



Each year, at Grove Academy we celebrate Anti-Bullying Week as we are passionate about creating a happy, welcoming and safe environment for all our children. It has been lovely to see the children and staff joining in as they came into school showing off their odd socks! It has been a wonderful way to celebrate individuality and be proud of who we are. This year's message was "One Kind Word" and we explored how just one act of kindness can cause a ripple effect and help spread kindness! Some thought provoking discussions have taken place in classrooms and all the children know how to recognise bullying and what to do if they need support or spot someone who might need it. Thanks to all the parents and carers who have supported us once again.

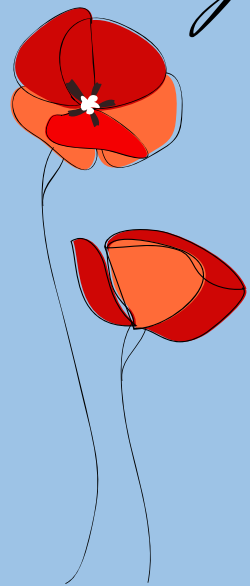




Remembrance Day 2021



Let's We Forget



On the 11th November, Grove Academy remembered and paid tribute to the brave soldiers who died in war. Throughout the day, we took part in many activities to honour the armed forces members. In year 3, the children painted beautiful red poppies onto milk bottles. These were then collected and placed in our Remembrance Day garden with a candle inside to help us remember and reflect. Year 4 made windmills in the shape of a poppy and held a brilliant assembly. During which, we learnt all about the different coloured poppies, ways we can remember those who have been lost to war and we also heard some moving poems. Years 5 and 6 also made poppies which helped to create a fantastic display for our garden. At 11 o'clock Grove held a two minutes silence on the playground to think of those who have defended our freedom and protected our way of life.



This year Grove wore their spots and rattled the buckets to raise an amazing £428. Each year, we support Children in Need because so many of the causes are close to our heart and give money to groups within our community. Children within our schools at some point may need the support of many charities including counselling, occupational health and young carer support so our amazing school community joined together to raise funds that go to a good cause.

Children In Need

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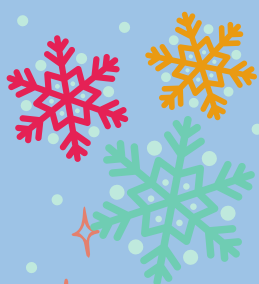
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Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day





CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY

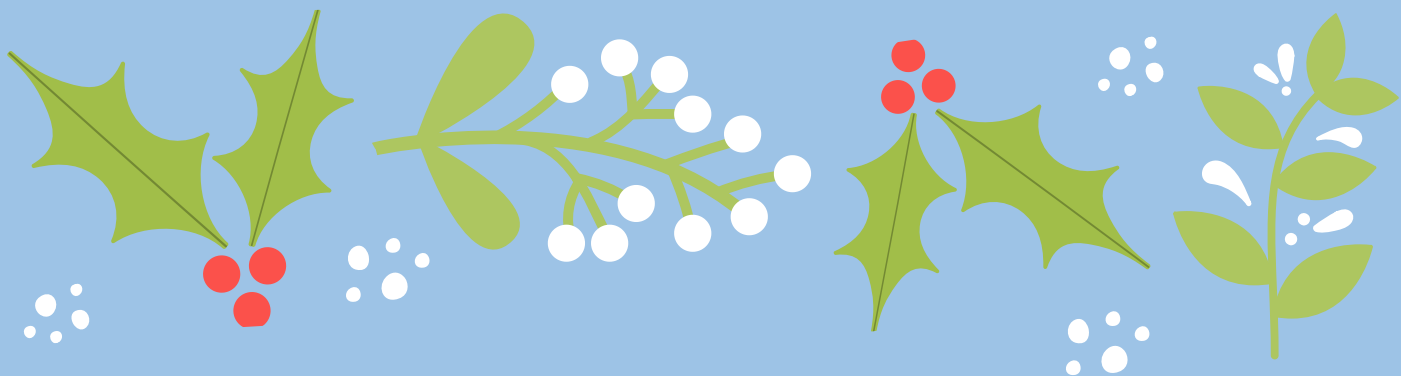


Thank you to all our fabulous parents and carers for supporting our Christmas fundraising. We raised over £400 and we were able to give over 50 prizes to the lucky winners!

Many thanks to our Parent Forum Volunteers for giving up their time to make up the prizes. We really do appreciate it.

We would like to wish you all a wonderful, safe and Happy Christmas!





ALL STAFF AT GROVE ACADEMY
WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL

A HAPPY
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AND A
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YEAR

