

# EVENING NEWS



## GROVE ACADEMY

Well, another half term gone! Whilst there were some challenges with high Covid cases at the start of this term, thankfully these now seem to be reducing, as we continue to endeavour to return to a normal school routine for our children.

There have been lots of exciting things happening at Grove this half-term, with our children wowing us with their hard work and determination. They make us proud in so many ways.

The half-term started with our exciting 'ignition' days to get our new topics going – have a look at the pictures below to see what they all got up to!

We have continued to see high quality swimming lessons taking place at Trentham Academy, this term has seen Year 5 swimming. The children have put in so much effort, we are so proud of everything that they have achieved.

The redecoration of classrooms has continued – you can see some photos of this below. Each class has moved out of their classroom for a couple of weeks for this to happen, and they have been so excited when they have moved back into a beautiful classroom!

Special well done to Year 6 who are working incredibly hard in preparing for their end of year SATs. Many of them are attending after-school booster sessions run by our staff, and they are really applying themselves to their learning. I know that the Year 6 teachers are extremely pleased with how the children have done in their practice SATs last week. Well done Year 6, keep up the hard work!

Hope you all have a happy and safe week, we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 28th February.

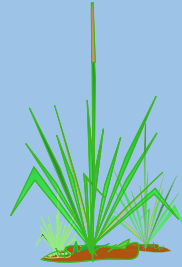
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# IGNITION DAY 5TH JANUARY 2022

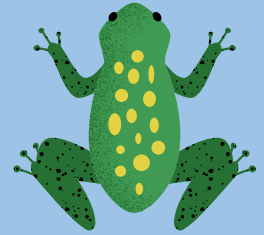




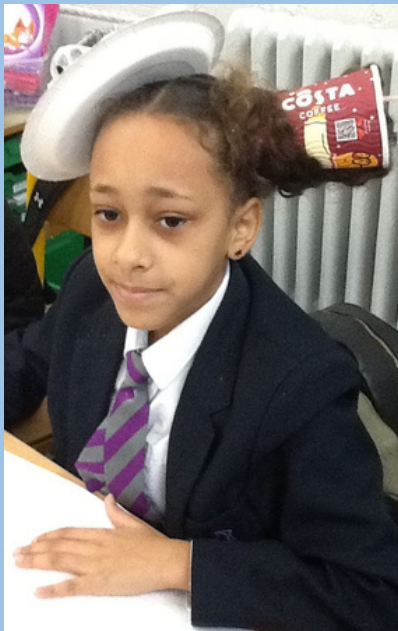


As an exciting start to our Classification science unit, we took a trip down to Central Forest Park on the hunt for some different types of animals. We first spent some time by the lake, using nets to search for any signs of life in the water. Afterwards, we went on a hunt for ‘invertebrates’ – these are animals that do not have a backbone. We discovered lots of insects and worms, which we used magnifying pots to zoom in on. We also identified some fungi growing on trees, which we now know is a type of ‘microorganism’. We all enjoyed getting our hands dirty and becoming taxonomists for the day.

# POND DIPPING







Week commencing 17th January 2022 saw Grove's children and staff embracing our attendance week; albeit looking a little bizarre at times! We had Mixed-Up Monday, Tickled Tuesday, Workout Wednesday, Thrilling Thursday and Fluorescent Friday. Everybody looked fabulous and it's clear that we have some very creative children (and parents/carers) who may have missed their vocation as hairdressers! We want to thank you for your continued support in improving attendance at Grove Academy. Don't forget to look out for attendance updates on Class Dojo.



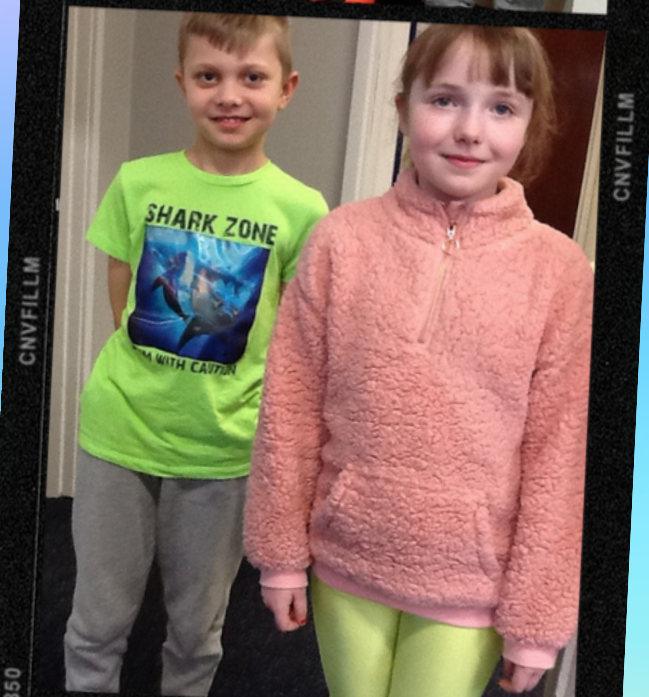
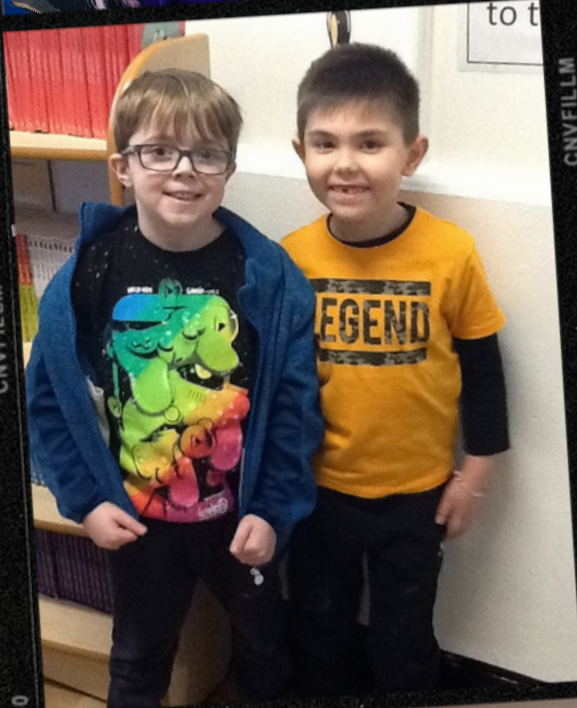
# Attendance Matters!



## Every Student, Every School, Every Day



# Fluorescent Friday 21st January 2022 – Attendance Week







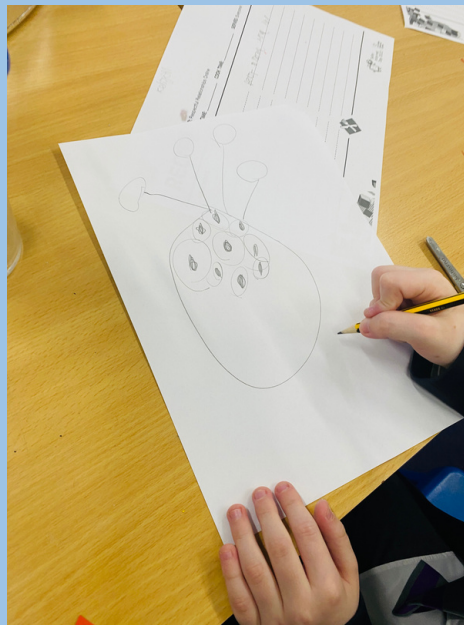
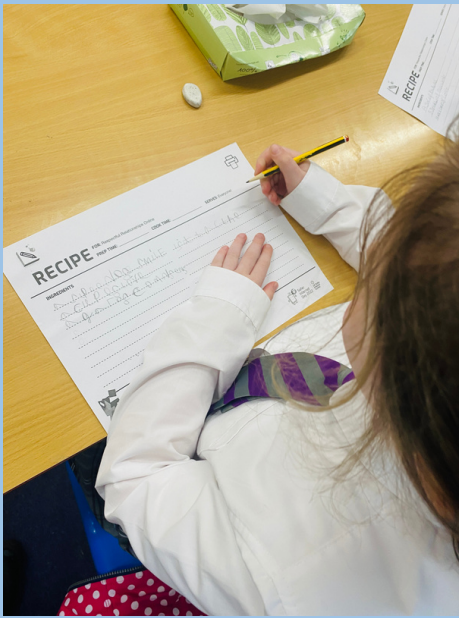
# UNITAS CUP FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



CONGRATULATIONS to the upper school boys' football team who made it to the semi-finals of the Unitas cup at Port Vale. Well done boys - we are so proud of the way you played in your first ever game as a team! Thanks to Mr. Hannon and Miss Griffiths for taking them, and to Mr. Bateman-Price and our office staff for organising at such late notice!

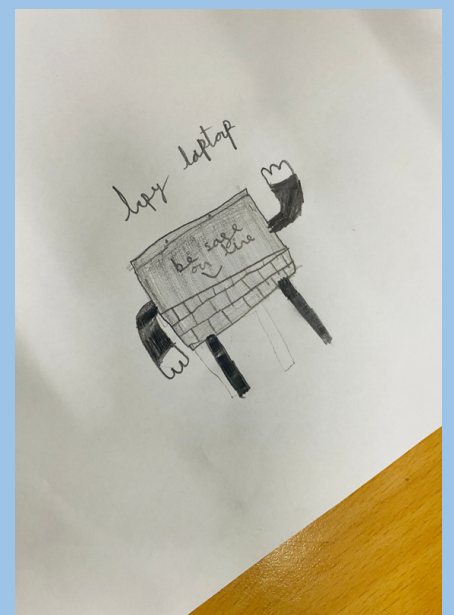
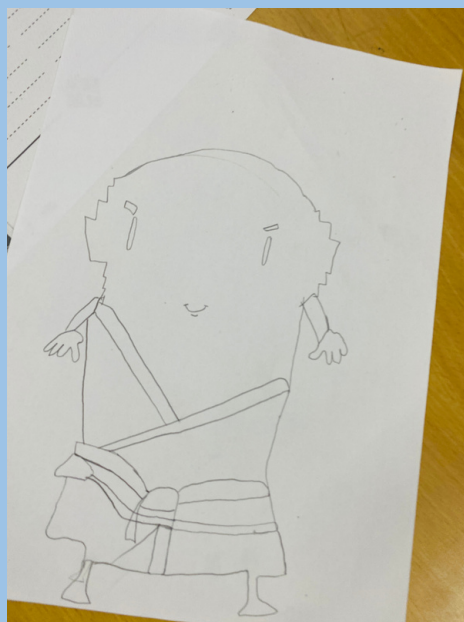






**Safer  
Internet  
Day 2022** | **Tuesday  
8 February**

We joined in Safer Internet day this year with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. The whole school completed activities to remind us about staying safe online when playing games. It's easy to share something you shouldn't and say something that you might regret but we saw how important it was to think carefully about our behaviour online and what to do when we are made to feel uncomfortable or unsafe





# YEAR 5 SWIMMING

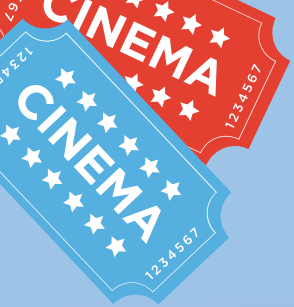


AT THE  
*pool*

This half-term, Year 5 had their swimming sessions at Trentham High School. We have been completely wowed by the enthusiasm, dedication and resilience that all of the Year 5 children have shown during their time swimming. Not only did the children clearly have a fantastic time but they also made tremendous amounts of progress from their first session to their last. We can't wait to go swimming again in the future!







# VALENTINES MOVIE NIGHT 10TH FEBRUARY



On the 10th February we held our first Valentines movie evening with the mobile cinema company 'Reels on Wheels' visiting to show the current cinema hit, 'Clifford the Big Red Dog.' The hall was transformed into a cinema, dining experience with Valentines themed decorations and lights. Our teaching staff donned their 'front of house' hats to serve popcorn, sweets and drinks throughout the performance. The movie was a huge hit with the children which was confirmed by the laughter that rang through the hall. Comments from the children included, "this is amazing!" and "can we do this again please?" It was a real pleasure to see the children in school and enjoying another fantastic event.





# NEW LOOK CLASSROOMS







Polite reminder that if your child is not in receipt of Free School Meals, school dinners are a cost of £2.61p per day. If you would like your child to receive school meals next half-term please credit your ParentPay account with at least the amount of £13.05 prior to the week ahead.



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As you are aware, safeguarding is of paramount importance to us all. Our staff have a deep understanding of their roles and responsibilities and are fully equipped to safeguard your children. As part of our safeguarding, it is extremely important that we have up to date and accurate information in our academy for you and your child. It is essential that contact telephone numbers are always up to date so that we are able to contact you / your nominated persons in any situation that should arise within the academy day. We also use a text messaging service to relay information to parents / carers so it is vital that we have your correct mobile phone number for this.



Our Before School Club at Grove Academy operates from 7:30am to the start of the academy day, term time and is a cost of just £3 per session.

The After School Club operates from the end of the academy day and is a cost of £6 per session for collection up to 4:00pm and a cost of £9 per session for collection up to 5:45pm, term time. If you require a Before and After School Club place for your child at Grove Academy you are required to complete the Before and After School Club registration form below before your child is eligible to attend. Once a place has been confirmed for your child, please follow the instructions below to book and pay for your child's sessions via ParentPay.

If you have any questions regarding the Before and After School Club places please don't hesitate to call the academy office on 01782 234550



or shoes are worn to school.

Please see below reminder of school uniform expectations

### Boys

Mid grey trousers, shorts in summer

Short / long sleeved white shirts with Grove Academy tie

Academy navy blazer with purple academy logo

(If your child still has a navy academy logo jumper they may wear this under their blazer if they wish).

Grey / black socks

### Girls

Purple tartan kilt (knee length)

Summer dresses (purple and white check) may be worn in summer

Short / long sleeved shirts with Grove Academy tie

Academy navy blazer with purple academy logo (If your child still has a navy academy logo cardigan they may wear this under their blazer if they wish).

Knee length grey socks, grey tights in winter

### General

Black trainers or Black shoes to be worn every day (Black shoes from September)

Warm and waterproof coat with hood

Sun hat when sunny

### P.E. Kit

Black shorts, leggings, jogging bottoms or skorts

Purple T-shirt with gold academy logo

Swimming trunks or one - piece swimsuit, swim cap and towel

PUPILS TO ATTEND SCHOOL IN PE KITS ON PE DAYS AND SWIMMING DAYS

Many Thanks

Mrs Blackhurst

Mrs Blackhurst (Deputy Principal)







Hello  
*Spring!*

ALL STAFF AT GROVE ACADEMY WOULD  
LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A LOVELY  
FEBRUARY HALF TERM

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN  
ON MONDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

