



**GROVE
ACADEMY**

EVENT NEWS



Another very busy half-term here at Grove! There has been so much happening and you can see what we have been doing here.

We are so pleased that life is now back to normal after Covid, and enabling us to offer a fun-packed curriculum to our children. We continue with our commitment to ensure that children enjoy being active, by providing a range of sporting activities for all children, and extra-curricular clubs for those who just can't get enough sport! We believe that sport is so important for children, not only for the physical health benefits, but also because of the mental health benefits – sporting behaviours are excellent life lessons. For example, the importance of taking part, challenging yourself, teamwork, and of course, accepting that you can't win everything. We have seen some truly great examples of sporting attitudes from our children, as they have supported each other at these events.

We have also been very well supported by our parents and carers, who have helped to ensure our children can take part by helping us to supervise them when walking to Northwood Stadium, and by helping out at sports day. We also have a regular parent volunteer who helps us every week to supervise the children when they go swimming. We are always looking for help from parents and carers, in lots of ways, so if you want to get involved, please email the school and we'll be in touch with you.

I've been incredibly proud of Year 6 this half-term. As SATs tests have returned after Covid, they have worked so hard to prepare themselves. On the days of the tests, they displayed such mature attitudes, and really did give it their all. Whatever their results, they should be proud of the amazing young people they are. They are now working hard on their writing, which is teacher-assessed in June, and they are also working towards an end of year show for us all to enjoy! I can't believe they are leaving us – I knew many of them as infants, and will be so sad to see them go, but I know they are ready to shine at their next school!

What else has brought a smile to my face this half term?

- The fab playlist that Mr. Hannon provides for PE lessons, right outside my office window – I just have to go out and join them sometimes for a boogie! Who knew that our children were such fans of Elvis and Neil Diamond!

- Joe and Gracie- Mae from Year 6 bringing in the awards they have earned through their hobbies – swimming certificates for Gracie-Mae and duathlon medal for Joe

- Sharing a hot chocolate with Miss Wynne's class when they won the weekly attendance reward

- Seeing the children cheer each other on at sports day and cross-country competitions

- Seeing the effort the children are putting into our School of Rock production – its been a long time coming but its nearly there!

Wishing you all an enjoyable, safe half-term, I really hope the weather is kind to us all. Thanks as always for your support, it is greatly appreciated.

Best wishes

Mrs. Carrigan

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CRICKET TASTER DAYS



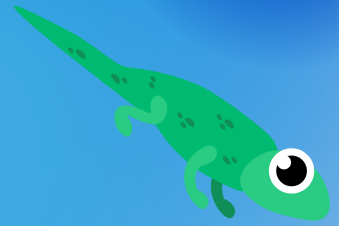
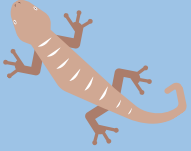


CRICKET TASTER DAYS

Cricket taster days – during the first week of this half term, Years 3,4 and 5 enjoyed a taste of cricket. Steph Butler from J and G Meakin Cricket Club gave all children a little introduction to the game of cricket. The children were ‘bowled over’ by the fun they had! Steph then also ran after school clubs for girls and boys



ZOO2U VISIT



YEAR 4

EASY WAYS TO GROW YEAR 3 GARDENING



Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed our Plant topic this half term. We learned all about the different parts of a flowering plant, and how seeds are formed and dispersed. We grew sunflowers and sweet peas from seeds and planted them outside. We can't wait to see them grow!



CROSS COUNTRY



68 children represented Grove Academy at Northwood Stadium at the Stoke Schools cross-country competition. They had been training hard and were very excited about this event! The standard was very high and it was a tough course. Our children displayed great gumption in not giving up! They also showed fantastic sportsmanship, cheering each other on. When Wiktor fell, it was so lovely to see Bogdan go back and encourage him. Also amazing to see Wiktor get back up and catch up the other runners! Grove Academy had the most children there out of the 26 schools that attended.

We had 2 individual successes – Isaac Bossons was 2nd overall in the Year 4 boys' race and his brother Joe was 2nd overall in the Year 6 boys' race. All of our teams performed brilliantly and our Year 4 boys and Year 5 boys qualified for the County finals at Keele University in June – we can't wait to see how they get on!

The results were:

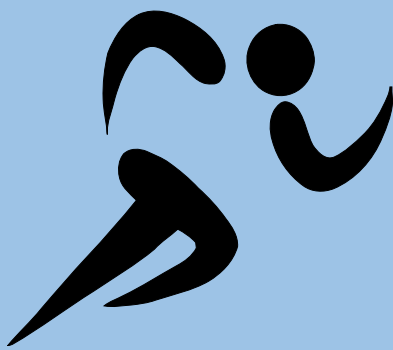
- Year 3 boys – 3rd
- Year 3 girls – 4th
- Year 4 boys – 2nd
- Year 4 girls – 3rd
- Year 5 boys – 2nd
- Year 5 girls – 3rd
- Year 6 boys – 5th
- Year 6 girls – 6th

Thanks to Mrs. Sheldon and her children Alfie and Xanthe for helping to train the children. Thanks to all of the parents and carers who helped us walk the children to the stadium, and thanks to all staff for their help in supervising and running the event – we couldn't do it without you all!

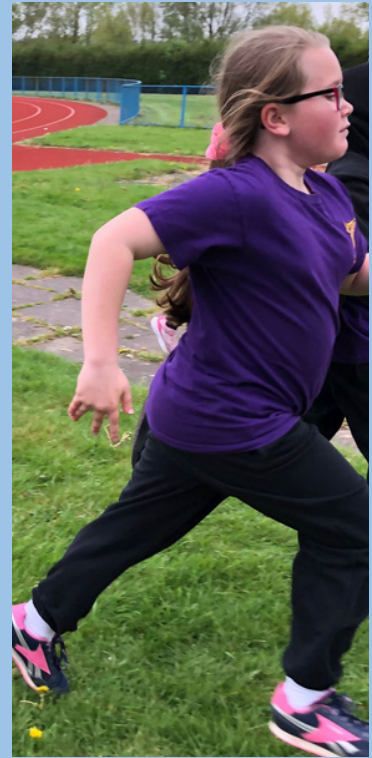


YEARS 3 & 4 CROSS COUNTRY





**YEARS 5
& 6
CROSS
COUNTRY**



YEARS 5 & 6 KNIFE ANGEL VISIT



At the beginning of this term, Years 5 and 6 went to visit the Knife Angel statue in Hanley. This was a monument created using confiscated knives to draw awareness to the ongoing issue of knife crime in the UK. We were amazed by the facts that we learned such as the statue was made using 100,000 knives received from 43 police forces across the UK. During our PSHE lessons, we had discussions about the severity of knife crime and the message that was being sent through the knife angel statue.



COMMONWEALTH WEEK AT GROVE



Commonwealth Week -

This year Birmingham are hosting the Commonwealth Games. To celebrate this, we held our own mini Commonwealth Games. The children participated in a range of Commonwealth sports, such as hockey, archery, weightlifting and wheelchair basketball. The photos speak for themselves - every child really enjoyed each activity! Maybe they will take one of these up as a new hobby!



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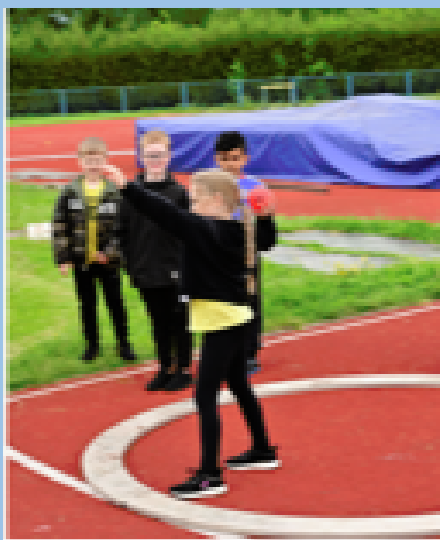
Commonwealth week at Grove Academy



Sports Day



Wow what a day for each sports day! On Tuesday 17th May upper school (year 5/6) had a glorious day of sunshine. All children participated in a track and field event where they were all superb. The children had great support from parents/carers on the day. The winners from upper school were the Blue team (Australia) Well done upper school! Friday the 20th May was lower school sports day. A day of uncertainty with weather changing every hour. We only had the one shower during the races which didn't last long before the sun came back out! Another great effort from the year 3/ 4 children who all did amazingly in their track and field events, leaving red team (Canada) to win. A big shout out to all the amazing parent/carers for helping with the walking down to the stadium, the ones who raced and supported and everyone who bought a raffle ticket!







Platinum Jubilee



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All staff at Grove Academy would like to wish all of our families a lovely half-term break. We look forward to seeing you all on 6th June ready for a busy Summer 2 last term.

