



Well I can't believe we are at the end of this year – it has absolutely flown. Coming back in September, being determined to get back to normal life after the pandemic, but still finding ourselves challenged with lots of staff testing positive for Covid. Things have definitely improved over the year though and we are definitely now fully back to normal – thank goodness. It has meant that we have been able to enjoy many sporting events, our first big theatrical performance (School of Rock), lovely community events like the Big Breakfast, fundraisers such as the Spooky Ball and Valentines film night and lots more besides.

I know that some lower school parents have never been inside Grove, as due to Covid, we weren't able to hold our usual welcome meetings. However, hopefully there are more and more opportunities now for you to come into school to get to know us and see where your child spends their days!

At the start of November, we began a 20 week programme of painting classrooms and we have to say that they look amazing now! We are beginning work on creating a proper library space, so site staff have been hard at work on this!

What a great end to the term we had, despite the overwhelming heat, we were still able to hold our Year 6 prom, which was absolutely gorgeous as always. We are so privileged to work with such amazing children, who certainly 'danced like no-one is watching'! Luckily we managed to re-arrange the heat-struck leavers' concerts, and what a fantastic and emotional event they were. Its so lovely to see how the children have grown and developed during their primary years, and they all look so ready for high school. They are bound to be nervous about this but we have no doubt that they will continue to shine wherever they go! Remember Year 6 'believe you can and you're halfway there'!

I would like to say a big thank you to all parents and carers for their support this year, it means so much to us, and we couldn't do what we do without you. I'd also like to thank the staff for their hard work and devotion towards ensuring our children have the most fun at school, are well cared-for and learn well. And lastly, not least, to our fabulous children – Year 6 we will miss you so much, go smash it at high school; and Years 3 – 5 I can't wait to see you all back in September for another magical year! Stay safe everyone and have a great summer break.

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# **Fathers Day Big Breakfast**





Our Father's Day event was a fabulous success.

Everyone enjoyed an oatcake or two. It was lovely to see so many families together, with a chance to play games and share laughter. It was a fabulous celebration for the important role models in the children's lives.



















# Numeracy Day 14th June 2022









42 children represented Grove Academy at Northwood Stadium at the Stoke Schools Hanley Town athletics. 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.

The results were:
Boys 1st place
Girls 3rd place
Overall 3rd place as a school









# **ATHLETICS 22ND JUNE 2022**





We took 10 children to this event. It was for the County finals cross country race. We were also invited to take a Quidditch team - a sport we have never played before!

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### Quidditch

8 children went to Keele University to represent the school and try out Quidditch. You might know Quidditch from the famous Harry Potter films. The children didn't ride on broom sticks though as that it more for adults! They did have to chase the golden snitch to win points for their team. It was a great day and fully enjoyed by all

the children and staff.





**KEELE UNIVERSITY 24TH JUNE 2022** 





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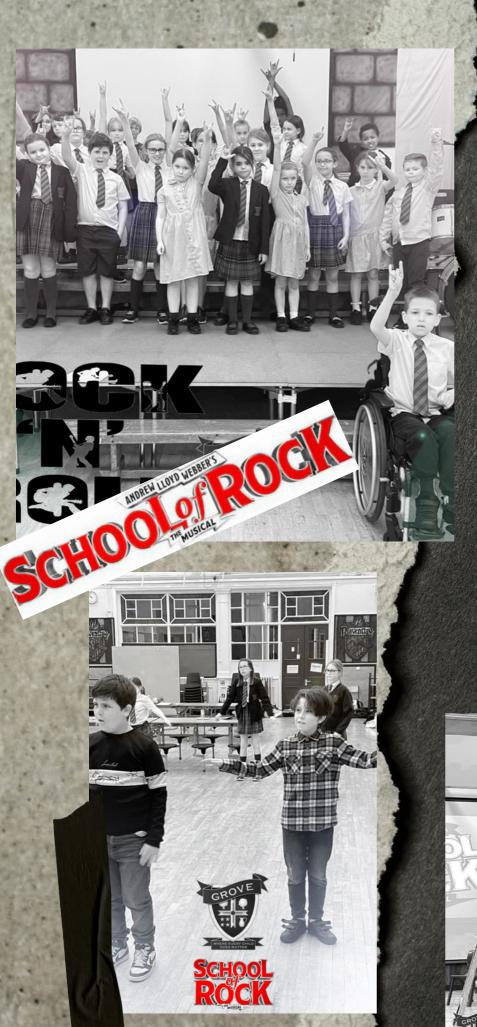
City Finals at Northwood Stadium 14th July 2022

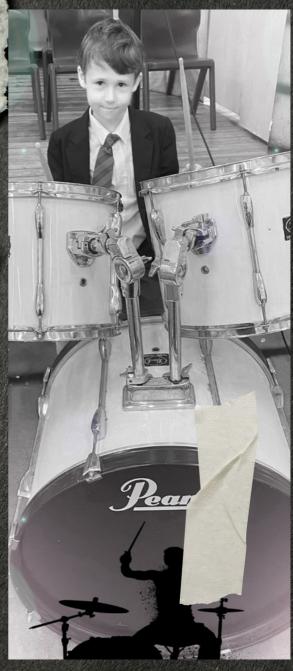
Wow, we made it to the city finals. Our 11 children represented their school and the town (Hanley). It was a great day by all and the children did amazingly, there was so much talent amongst the children and we did come away with some medals:

2nd place for year 3 girl's 400m run 1st place for year 4 boy's hurdles 1st place for year 4 boys 400m run 2nd place for year 4 boys sprint run 3rd place for year 6 boys 800m run

Overall Hanley town placed 5th in the competition. We cant wait to do this again.

























Y5 had a visit from 'Animal Magic'. We looked at various different animals – insects, reptiles, birds and mammals. The pupils had the amazing opportunity to handle the animals – we even stroked a tarantula. We learned lots of interesting facts about the creatures and got up close and personal with animals we've never seen before. It was an unforgettable experience for us all















## **GROVE ACADEMY**

HERE EVERY CHILD

Looking forward to seeing all of our new Year 3 pupils in September 2022