



GROVE ACADEMY



Wow! Another half term has gone by so quickly!

If you are wondering about my photo this half term, it is from World Book Day where I came as Skellig (from the book by David Almond – one of my favourites!)

As you can see from our newsletter – school is always such a busy place!

As well as all of our usual activities, at the moment we are continuing to prepare for joining the Co-op Trust. We had hoped that this would be on 1st May, but due to a few legal queries, this has been put back to 1st June. There is a great deal of work for us to do behind the scenes to ensure that we are able to adopt the processes and systems that the Co-op Trust use and we are beginning to access training on these systems.

One of the exciting things about joining the Co-op Trust is that due to the size of their trust (they have 33 schools) they can employ a range of specialist advisors to help schools with all of their development needs. We are already working with these advisors and have already benefitted from their support in a range of ways:

- 2 visits from their Curriculum advisor to help us to develop our curriculum further (Science, History, Geography in particular)**
- 2 visits from the SEND advisor to help us improve our Pupil Passports**
- Our children have attended the Year 6 Spelling Bee in Manchester**
- Staff have attended termly Subject Network meetings to hear about the latest developments in their subject**
- We have accessed a discount on the Read Write Inc phonics subscription**
- We have visits scheduled in the summer term from the Computing, Maths and Behaviour advisers**
- Website development work is taking place to launch our new website for September 2024**

We are excited about the opportunities we believe this will bring for our children!

Enjoy reading about everything we have been upto this half term, stay safe and have a lovely break.

See you on Monday 8th April 2024.



Event News

Bullying allegation process



At Grove Academy, we take bullying very seriously and this is the process that will be followed should there be an allegation of bullying made.

Step 1:

Parent / child alleges bullying and reports to class teacher

Step 2:

A senior leader will investigate the allegation, speaking to all parties and witnesses.

Step 3

Action plan to be implemented, parents and children informed.

Step 4

2 week monitoring period

Step 5:

Action plan to be reviewed with parents and children involved.

Is it bullying?

Yes

No

Step 6A

Further discussion with parents and children. Further actions implemented. Monitor for 2 weeks

Step 6B

Further review in 2 weeks to check no reoccurrences.

Step 7

Has the bullying stopped?
Yes No




Repeat Step 6A

We are fully committed to working together to ensure that your children feel safe in school. We welcome your feedback along the way.



ATTENDANCE



Whole School Attendance September to current date:	93.96%
School target:	96%
3GC -94.76%	5AB-91.08%
3HK -90.63%	5CPO -93.33%
3PB -94.49%	5JBC -95.48% 
3KN -94.68%	5SJ -95.41% 
4CC-95.24%	6CB-93.29%
4GB -94.40%	6CPE-94.69%
4KE -95.99% 	6EP-94.08%
4JW-94.52%	6SK-90.04%

Well done 4KE for achieving the highest attendance throughout the school.



Whole School Attendance this week, Monday – Thursday – 95.60%



All children with 100% attendance this week, have received an Easter Egg. 4 children, 1 from each year group, have been drawn from our Easter Raffle for their 100% attendance since September.

A huge well done to everyone that was entered in to the raffle for their perfect attendance so far!!

Attendance Certificates and Badges, both Bronze and Silver, will be awarded to children, with attendance 98% or above, after the Easter Holidays.

Keep HOPPING in to school for the rest of the year to be awarded your next badge, whether it be Bronze, Silver, or Gold.

Year 6 Spelling BEE



A huge congratulations to our fantastic Year 6 spellers: Mya, Lily and Sophie, who attended a very professional Co-op Spelling Bee in Manchester. They performed extremely well under pressure. They spelt some really challenging words correctly and achieved an amazing 16/18 on the anagram challenge. They are pictured with Chris Tomkinson, the Co-op CEO!

**We are so very proud of you all.
Well done!**

Mrs Costa



BEE Netball

Year 5 & 6

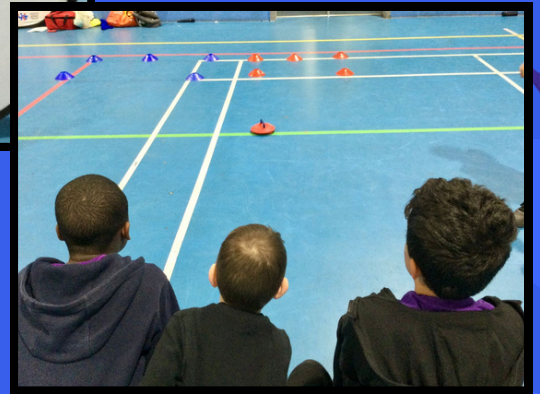


Some of our year 5 and 6 children attended a Bee netball competition at Fenton Manor with other local schools. The children did extremely well, we did win a game and then drew with others.

Well done Team Grove.



Change4life Festival



The change for life festival is aimed for children to build confidence in physical activity and to enjoy learning new skills. The children all worked together at different stations to earn stickers. The stickers given are based on the School Games Values which are: Determination, Honesty, Respect, Passion, Teamwork and Self Belief. Our children at Grove follow these in all aspects of their PE and when they represent Grove.



Ilam Hall

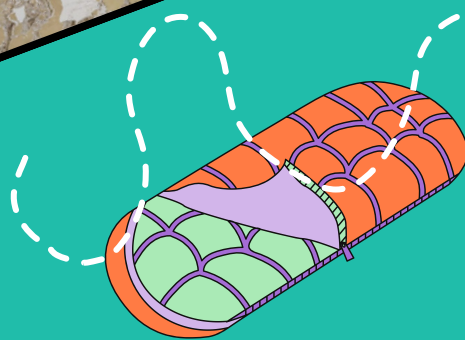
Year 4

Residential Trip



Our Year 4 students embarked on an unforgettable residential trip to Ilam Hall, nestled in the picturesque Derbyshire Dales. From the moment they arrived, adventure awaited! One of the highlights of our trip was the muddy walk during which the children splashed through puddles, their laughter (and grunts!) echoing through the countryside. Each step was a lesson in resilience, as they navigated the challenging terrain together, creating bonds that would last a lifetime.

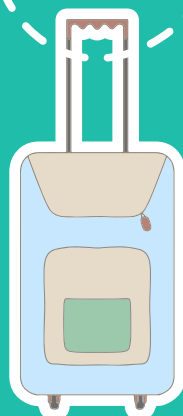
Indoor orienteering challenged minds, as Year 4 raced to decode clues.



A nature walk immersed them in the wonders of the outdoors, discovering new plants and allowing them to understand the journey of a river. Indoors, games sparked friendly competition creating cherished memories and fostering teamwork. We hope that, for many this trip has instilled in them a love for the great outdoors and a sense of self-confidence that will stay with them long after they return home and will forever hold a special place in their heart.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who trusted and supported us with this adventure. We could not make this happen without you.

Thanks also to the staff who gave up so much of their own time to make this happen and keep our children safe and happy!



Girls Shooting Stars

Festival



Shooting stars football for our year 3 girls. Some children in year 3 attended Fenton Manor to have a go at learning skills for football. They really enjoyed the day. In the same week, the whole school have been celebrating 'Lets Girls Play football'

All the children enjoyed playing and the boys gave so much support when watching their class play. The results were:

Year 3 Mr Bloor - 'the Bloor's Spartens'

Year 4 Miss Wynne - 'the Ruthless Slayers'

Year 5 Mrs Beresford - 'Copestake the Valiants'

Year 6 Mrs Blues - 'the Blues Bombers'

Well done to everyone.



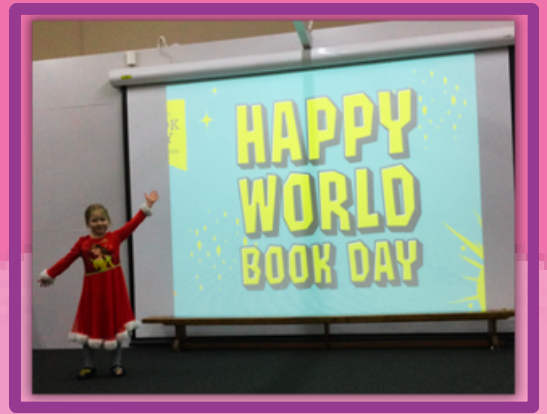
MOTHERS DAY AFTERNOON TEA



It was absolutely wonderful to have so many ladies attend our Mother's Day afternoons where we shared songs, poems, tea and, of course, cake. The children read their poems beautifully and made both their teachers and loved ones proud. We hope you all had a lovely Mother's Day as we know how special you all are to your children. Thank you to all of our special ladies for attending and making the afternoons so memorable.



World Book Day



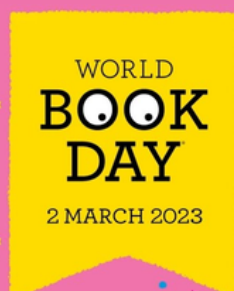
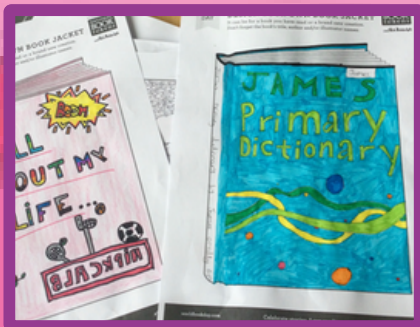
Thank you to everyone who celebrated World Book Day at Grove. It was a spectacular day! All the book cover designs were absolutely amazing and it was a pleasure to see all the children enjoying reading activities in the classroom. It was also exciting to see children win the golden ticket during the special lunch.

Congratulations to our book cover winners:

Braydon 3PB
Emanuele 4CC
Miriam 5JBC
Darcie 5AB
Amalia 6CPe

A final thank you to all who donated on this special day. £174 will be going towards a brand new library at Grove. We will be keeping you updated as plans move forward.

Mrs Costa (English Lead)



Changing lives through a love of books and reading.

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WELL DONE



On Friday 15th March (Comic Relief Day) 8 Children took part in a non-competitive inclusive environment, to build confidence in mini Paralympic physical activity at Fenton Manor. They all enjoyed the day and learnt new skills around our school game values which are; Determination, Teamwork, Success, Respect, Honesty, and Self Belief. Well done! The festivals that we provide for children are always great fun and the children always really enjoy the opportunity of going.



Potteries Museum

Year 6

Year 6 visited the Potteries Museum.

We completed two workshops – one on classification where we observed beetles and classified them according to their characteristics. We also sketched them and created classification keys.

Our second workshop was looking at clay. We drew portraits of each other and then used air drying clay to model the features – with some very interesting results! Y6 had a fantastic day out and represented Grove with pride!



Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who browsed and purchased books from the fantastic book fair. It was a joy to see the children immersed in such a fantastic range of books.

You will be excited to know that you have helped raise £483.25 for our new library!
Well done everyone!



Well done to...



Braydon 3PB
Emanuele 4CC
Miriam 5JBC
Darcie 5AB
Amalia 6CPe



...for winning a £5 book token to spend on a brand new book.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Year 3

Class assemblies

WELCOME TO 3HK'S
ASSEMBLY!



WELCOME TO 3GC'S
ASSEMBLY!



WELCOME TO 3KY'S
ASSEMBLY!



WELCOME TO 3PB'S
ASSEMBLY!



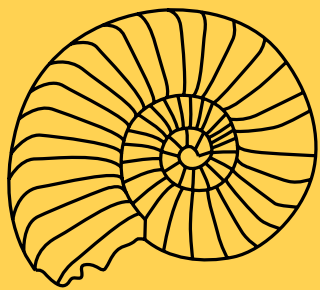
All Year 3 classes invited in parents, carers and other adults to watch their class assemblies.

The children enjoyed showcasing their amazing work from all areas of the curriculum. They shared the knowledge and skills they have learnt within their lessons.

All children participated extremely well, speaking clearly, using a microphone and showing great confidence.

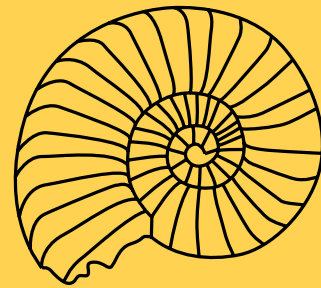
They really did look like stars of the future.





Mary Anning

visit



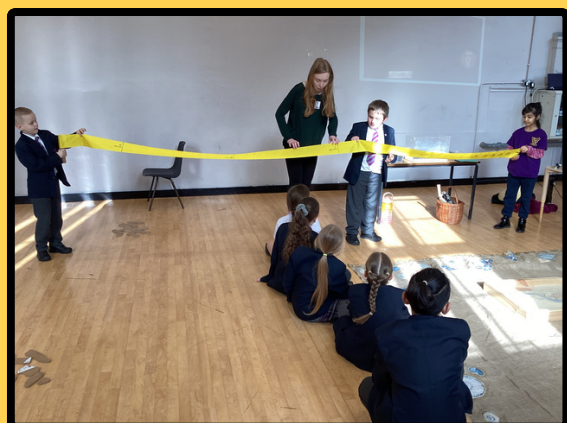
Year 3 had a special visitor from the past- Mary Anning (1799-1847).

She told us all about her life, how she was a world famous palaeontologist, but was never given the credit she deserved until many years after her death.

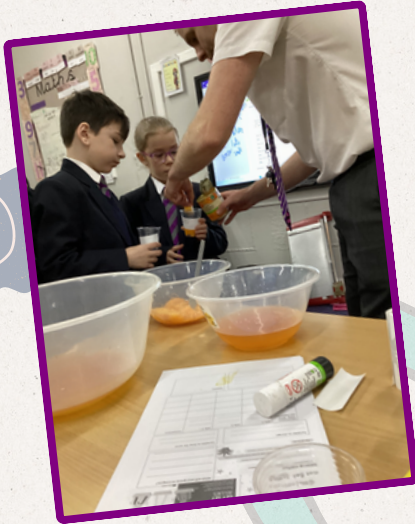
Mary told taught us about how she discovered ‘curiosities’ and what they actually were - fossilised animals.

We discovered that some of these fossils would have been from billions (not millions) of years ago. Mary was one of the first scientists to realise that the fossils teach us about life back then- such as what dinosaurs ate- due to what was in their fossilised poo- coprolites.

She told us about her BIG discovery of the Ichthyosaur- and the skills she needed to extract the fossil of it.



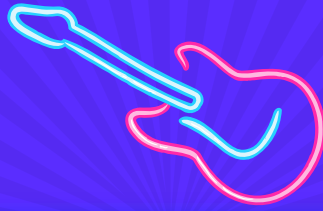
BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



British Science Week ran in school from Monday 11th- Friday 15th March. This year, British Science Week celebrated its 30th Anniversary and focussed on the theme of 'time'. Each year group took on a different investigation to explore the concept of time: from investigating the time taken for jelly to set in Year 3; using the Sun to tell the time in Year 4 to exploring electronics and motors in Year 5 and exploring how different-sized particles interact with our respiratory system in Year 6. The children had a great time completing lots of hands on experiments



Rocksteady Easter Concert



On Wednesday 20th March, we held another amazing Rocksteady Concert showcasing all our fantastic pupils who have been working so hard for their performance. Rocksteady has continued to be a fantastic opportunity for pupils since September and it is amazing seeing so many children carry on with it and new faces join too. This time, our Rocksteady bands were able to perform to all classes in Grove and to say they were proud is an understatement! Well done to all our performers and we look forward to a Summer concert!



Dance Extravaganza

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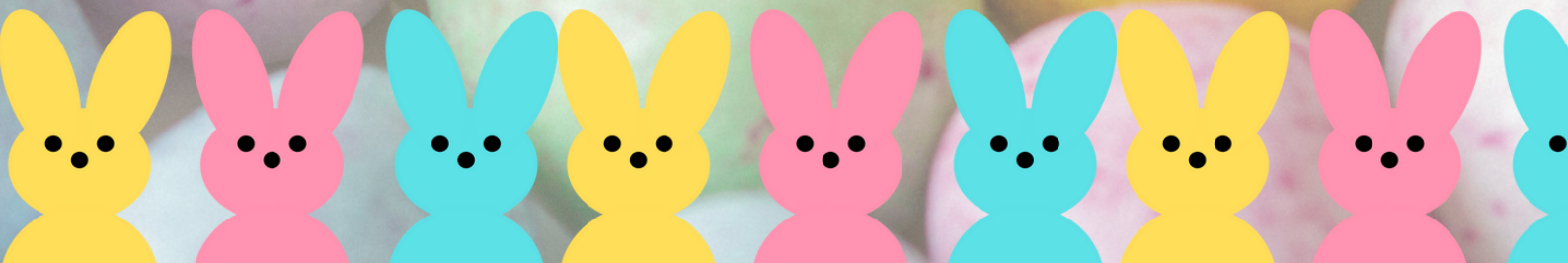
We took 22 children to Victoria Hall on Thursday 21st March. The theme this year was 'Lights, Camera and Action. Wow! The children have worked incredibly hard on remembering their steps, their places and where to move. They did a TREMENDOUS show and we could not be prouder all of 22 children.

Can't wait for next years!!!!

Chocolate Bingo



On the 19th of March, the Easter bunny visited Grove with lots of Easter eggs as we held our 'Chocolate Bingo' event. All eyes were down, as the children were looking for one line, two lines or a full house! The school was filled with excited children shouting, "Bingo!" as their numbers were read out by our fantastic bingo hosts (the teachers). The children left with smiles on their faces and chocolate to eat.



Easter Assembly



On Friday 22nd March, Year 5 hosted the Easter assembly in front of a packed hall of parents. The children spoke so brilliantly, sharing the Easter story, popular traditions around the world and even held a quiz for the parents. They blew everyone away with their confidence. We were so lucky to have Pastor Ian join us, who demonstrated some magic tricks and fantastic origami skills – our favourite was the Easter penguin. Well done, Year 5 – it was cracking!



BASC

This half term at BASC, the children have been getting creative by helping to make the beautiful display for the Mothers Day afternoon tea.



SEE YOU IN SUMMER 1



**Have a lovely half term, we will see
you all on Monday 8th April**

