



GROVE ROAD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – 17TH MAY 2024



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NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our weekly newsletter, we hope you find everything you need. If there is anything else you would like to see in here, please let us know.

What an amazing week we have had in school, our Year 6 children have finished their SATs exams now. We are so proud of the hard work and determination that they have shown. Well done everyone.

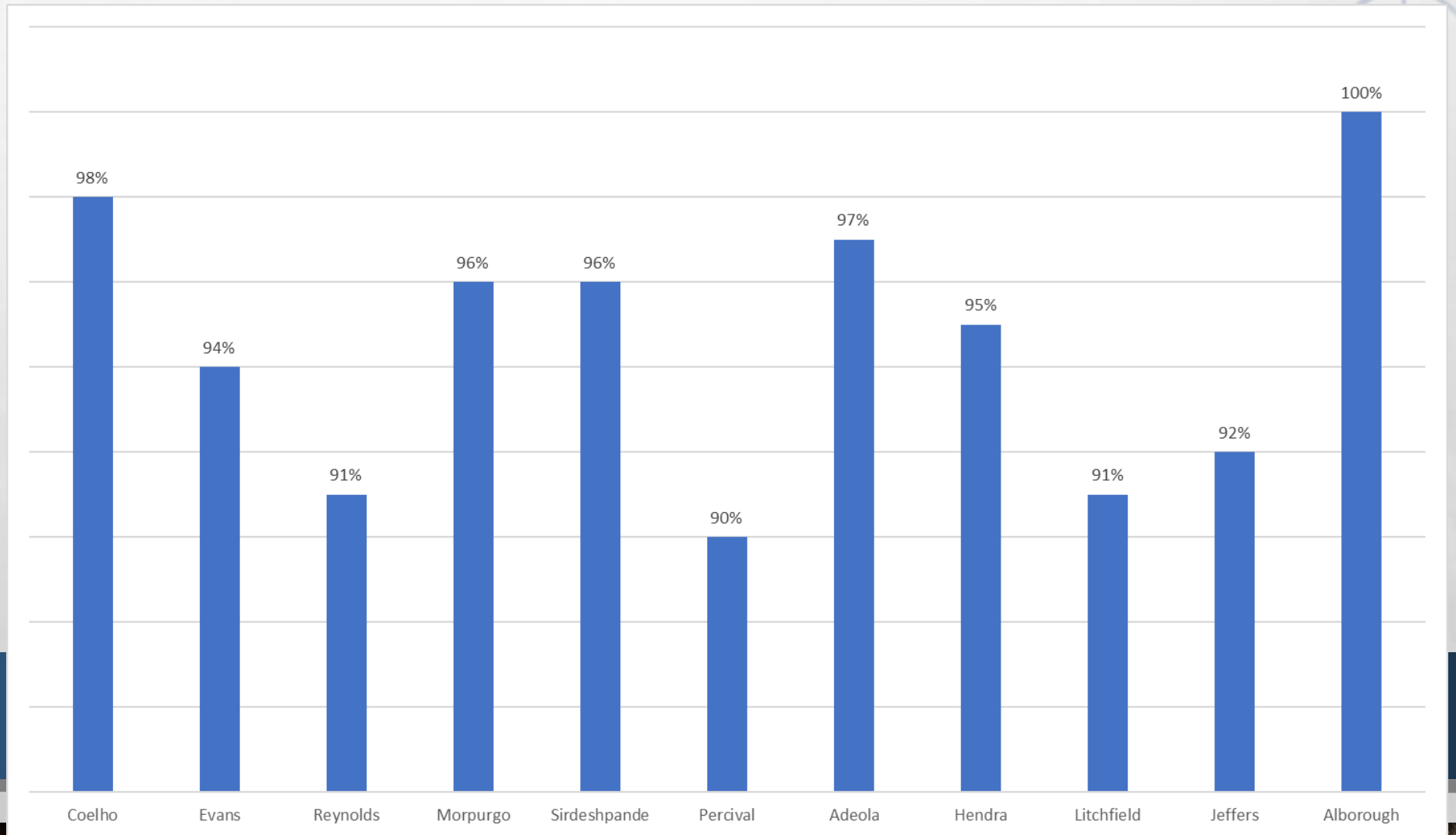
Throughout school, our children are showing our PRIDE values in all their lessons. We are having a real push on taking PRIDE in our work. Year 3 and 4 have demonstrated this beautifully in their Art work this week.

Have a restful weekend, see you all on Monday morning.



ATTENDANCE

Attendance totals for each class – Monday 13th May to Friday 17th May



SAFEGUARDING



Grove Road Community Primary School Safeguarding Team



Designated Safeguarding Lead
James Grayston - Headteacher



Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Dawn Winkley – Deputy Head
& SENDCo



Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Sue McGrogan – Parent
Support Adviser

Lead Governor for Safeguarding – Margaret Beagle

For further advice / referral information, please contact:
North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership
<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk>

- Please visit our school website for more information and links to safeguarding websites.
- [Grove Road Safeguarding Page](#)
- For more information about keeping children safe please click here:
- [NSPCC – Keeping Children Safe Online](#)
- These websites have wonderful advice about children keeping safe on Instagram and other social media sites
- [NSPCC – Share Aware](#)
- [CEOP Police Safety Centre](#)



STARS OF THE WEEK



JEFFERS	-	Yusuf
LITCHFIELD	-	Archer
HENDRA	-	Ned
ADEOLA	-	Kian
PERCIVAL	-	Saffiya
SIRDESH-PANDE	-	Finley
MORPURGO	-	Andrea
REYNOLDS	-	Henry
EVANS	-	Davide
COELHO	-	Mason

congratulations



School Uniform

We are proud of our uniform at Grove Road. We encourage the children to look smart as we believe that it gives them a sense of belonging and pride in our school. Ask for your co-operation in supporting the uniform policy at Grove Road.

We expect all children to wear our school uniform every day:

- **Maroon jumper or cardigan**
- **White shirt, blouse or polo shirt**
- **Dark grey trousers/shorts or skirt**
- **Grove Road School tie (optional)**
- **White, black, grey socks**
- **Checked or striped red dresses for summer wear**
- **Sensible black school shoes (not trainers.)**

Please note that trainers are not allowed as general school footwear.

P.E. clothing is essential. Plimsolls are only appropriate for outdoor PE for Early Years pupils. Children come to school in their PE kit on the days when they have PE your child's class teacher will tell you what day this is.

They will need to wear:

- A plain T-Shirt
- A pair of shorts or joggers/leggings
- Pair of plimsolls or trainers
- School jumper or cardigan

Football kits should not be worn for PE lessons



A stylized sun with orange and yellow wavy rays is on the left. A cartoon character with large blue eyes and a blue body is in the background. A dark blue rectangular box with a white border is on the right, containing text.

SUN SAFETY

AS THE WEATHER IMPROVES AND WE ENJOY THE SUNSHINE, PLEASE CAN YOU MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS SUNSCREEN APPLIED BEFORE THEY ARRIVE AT SCHOOL AND THAT THEY BRING A SUN HAT AND WATER BOTTLE WITH THEM EVERYDAY.

CHILDREN ARE ABLE TO RE-FILL THEIR WATER BOTTLES THROUGHOUT THE DAY – PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THEY SHOULD ONLY BRING PLAIN WATER TO DRINK.

Wyspa TV

80th Anniversary Battle of Monte Cassino
Join us on Sunday 12th May 2024 12pm

Polish Heritage Day

Polish Saturday School at Harrogate High School Ainsty Road, Harrogate HG1 4AP

Bring your family & friends
Try authentic Polish food
Watch football match

Try Authentic Polish desserts & savoury dishes-
PIEROGI
Shop for Polish/English products,
arts & crafts
Live music
Folk dance
Fun activities & games for kids
Workshop .bobby Health check
Raffle & Tombola

Monica's Crochet Craft.

Cracovia

POLISH HERITAGE DAY



May 2024

Dear Team GR

Summer Fair, 5th July 2024, 3:30pm – 5:30pm

The Friends of Grove Road (FOGR) group have started preparations for this year's summer fair, which will be held in the playground and the bottom hall after school on Friday 5th July and we need your help to make it a success!



Olympic Theme

As the 2024 Olympics in Paris are coming up at the end of July, we are planning to do an Olympic themed summer fair. If you belong to an organisation that has any connections with the Olympics or are involved in sports represented at the Olympics and might be able to arrange any themed prizes/activities for the fair, please get in touch with the FOGR. Or do you know an Olympic sports star who might agree to come along for a brief appearance at the fair?

You can see a list of all the sports involved in Paris 2024 on the Olympic website: <https://olympics.com/en/paris-2024/sports>

How else can you help?

- Pre-fair preparation - wrapping prizes, preparation for games stalls, picking up donations, preparing signs/posters, selling tokens in the playground.
- Fair set-up – Stall set-up, putting up signs, food preparation etc.
 - 1.30 till 3pm on the day of the fair
- Running a stall – run a stall throughout the fair and packing away once finished.
 - 3pm till 5pm (ish)
- General tidy-up – help with packing away, tidying and taking away rubbish/recycling at the end of the fair.
 - 5pm till 6pm
- Donations – we would appreciate any donations of prizes for games, tombola, pre-loved soft toys etc. Please bring any donations to the school office

If you can help with the fair preparation, set-up, or running a stall and tidying up, or if you think you can help in any other way, please get in touch with the FOGR at friendsofgroveroad@gmail.com or ask one of the teachers to point you in the direction of a member of FOGR. We particularly encourage families with SEND children to get involved to help us make our events inclusive and enjoyable for everyone.

To keep up to date with plans for the summer fair and other FOGR activities and fundraising, please join our Facebook page – you can find the page using the QR code below.



Kind Regards

The FOGR Committee



As you know, we have a wonderfully dedicated staff team here at Grove Road, I simply could not ask any more of them.

The feedback from parents and staff about the use of Seesaw is excellent, I really love to see the interactions between school and home. As a parent myself, I know the reassurance and joy it brings, seeing your child's journey through school.

Please can I remind everyone though, that staff are not expected to monitor or respond to emails or messages outside of their normal working hours (including weekends and published school holidays).

Whilst parents/carers may compose emails at hours to suit their own needs, they need only be addressed during working hours.

Seesaw and email, must only be used for non-urgent, school related, communications. For anything that requires an urgent response, please contact the school office.



MOBILE PHONES

YEARS 5 & 6



Can we please ask for your help and support with ensuring we don't have phones/ smart watches in school unnecessarily.

We have had an increase of children bringing their phones into school, only if your child walks on their own either to, or from school, should they bring it with them.

We will be collecting them at the door on the way into school, to avoid any incidents where they can be left turned on and used in school.

They must be switched off as they enter the playground, and not be turned back on until off school premises.

Our expectation is that children in Year 4 and below will not bring a mobile devices/smart watches





What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CLICKBAIT

Clickbait is a controversial online marketing strategy which uses sensationalist (and frequently misleading) headlines to encourage engagement with an article, image or video – often playing on users' emotions and curiosity, while much of the actual content is of questionable accuracy. Clickbait is also sometimes used to disguise scams, phishing sites and malware.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

HARMFUL MISINFORMATION

Clickbait tends to play fast and loose with the truth, opting for eye-catching content over objectivity. This is particularly dangerous for younger internet users, who are generally more susceptible to that type of material. A child could be presented with fake news, misleading articles and – in some cases – outright lies without fully understanding what they're viewing and why it's harmful.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Due to the misleading nature of many examples of clickbait, what may seem to be innocuous and child friendly could actually contain age-inappropriate material such as extremist political views or violent, pornographic or sexually explicit content. This is clearly a hazard for young people, who could be upset, disturbed or influenced by exposure to such subject matter.

HIDDEN MALWARE

While most clickbait is simply trying to promote engagement to earn companies additional revenue, some of it does redirect to dubious sites with the potential to infect devices with viruses or malware. This could put a child's sensitive data – such as their name, their location and their date of birth – at risk of being accessed and exploited by malicious hackers.

PRIVACY PROBLEMS

Some clickbait leads to sites which could coax a child into volunteering their personal data – using pop-ups to ask them for their email address and phone number, for example, in exchange for accessing additional content or subscribing to various services. Normally, this harvested information is then sold to third parties, who often utilise it for targeted adverts and other sales schemes.

A DRAINING DISTRACTION

Clickbait encourages spiralling consumption of online content, which could easily result in a young person spending hours scrolling aimlessly instead of doing something productive or interacting with family and friends. This can leave them tired, asocial and lacking focus – and, in the long term, can negatively impact their social skills, education and mental wellbeing.

IMPACT ON BEHAVIOUR

Depending on the type of clickbait a child is interacting with, you might notice negative changes in their behaviour. Weight loss scams, for example, are common among clickbait and have the potential to influence eating habits and body image – while deliberately inflammatory 'rage bait' articles can leave impressionable young people feeling irritable, restless or argumentative.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START A CONVERSATION

The sheer volume of clickbait can make protecting children against it quite challenging. It's vital to talk to young people regularly about the types of content they encounter online, so that they understand the risks of engaging with clickbait. If you're still concerned, it may also be wise to keep an eye on children's online activity to ensure they're not being tempted by clickbait headlines.

PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Encouraging children to question the legitimacy of sensational headlines and too-good-to-be-true promises will help them to become savvy online – and far less likely to be drawn in by clickbait content. These critical thinking skills will also serve to protect them in other areas of the digital world where misinformation is becoming increasingly common.

SPOT THE TELLTALE SIGNS

There are certain common elements in clickbait, including headlines and images that use shock and outrage to grab people's attention – as well as numbered lists, such as "8 Facts You Won't Believe Are True". Some clickbait combines several of these tactics to snag users' interest. Learn to recognise these techniques for yourself so you can teach children to notice them as well.

TAKE CONTROL

Many parents opt to place limits on how long their children can spend online each day, which obviously reduces the chance of exposure to clickbait. Alternatively, most internet-enabled devices have built-in controls that allow parents to manage what sort of online content their child can access – including filtering by age, which can screen out a percentage of inappropriate material.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology writer with more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, she is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant who writes for Forbes, TechRadar and Wired, among others.



#WakeUpWednesday



The National College




IMPORTANT DATES



When	Event
Monday 15 th April – Wednesday 17 th April	Parents evenings
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 7 th May	School reopens
Friday 17 th May	8:40-9:10am Second hand uniform sale front of school – Donations only
Friday 24 th May	8:40-9:10am Second hand uniform sale front of school – Donations only
Friday 24 th May	School closes for half term (3:15pm)
Monday 3 rd June	School reopens
Tuesday 4 th June	Jeffers & Litchfield – Visit to Harlow Carr Gardens
Friday 7 th June	Hendra & Adeola – Visit to Harlow Carr Gardens
Wednesday 26 th June – Friday 28 th June	Year 6 Residential – Newby Wiske Hall
Monday 1 st July 1:30pm – 3:00pm	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Sports Day
Wednesday 3 rd July 1:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 5 & Year 6 Sports Day
Friday 5 th July – 3:30pm – 5:00pm	Summer Fair
Wednesday 10 th July 1:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 3 & Year 4 Sports Day
Friday 19 th July	School closes for the Summer Break (2:15pm)
Monday 22 nd July	INSET Day – School Closed