



Grove Valer – Friday 8th March 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

We hope that you have had a great week.

Visits to places of worship

This week, Year 4 have visited Aston Mosque on Trinity Road this week and had an amazing time, thank you so much to Mr Parkar for welcoming us once more. Our children and staff always have a fantastic time. Visiting different places of worship is fundamental part of our GV offer, we value the trips greatly as they enhance our curriculum with real life experiences. The visits across our GV journey to encourage children to reflect upon mutual respect, tolerance and the understanding of different beliefs and views.

Parents evening

Please book your appointments now for parents evenings on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March. Please ensure that you only book one appointment for your child.

Thank you

Ramadan

Wishing our students, families and staff a wonderful month of Ramadan, we look forward to our Eid celebration in April.

Have a lovely weekend and **Happy Mothers** day to all the great Moms out there - you do a fantastic job so have a lovely day!

Parents Evening

We will be having a parents evening this term on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March. Appointments will be available to book on your school cloud account on Monday Evening at 18:00. Please book your preferred time slot as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.

Comic Relief

Our charity day for the Spring Term is supporting Comic Relief on **FRIDAY 15th MARCH**. On this day, children can come dressed in red and/or with a mad hair design/wig. As it is Comic Relief Day, the aim is to make somebody laugh so all jokes are welcome! In return, children can bring in donations of any amount for this charity.

Edgmond Hall & Plas Instalments

Reminder that 2nd instalments are due for Edgmond Hall (£42.40) and Plas Gwynant (£62.00) on the 5th March 2024. Please arrange for payments to be made via parentpay.



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Weekly Attendance Awards

A very well done to 20 who are this week's weekly attendance winners with a whopping 99%!



Week/Date	Winner(s)	Percentage%
Week 1 wb; 19.2.24	IH	97.7%
Week 2 wb; 26.2.24	20	99%
Week 3 wb; 4.3.24		

Working together to improve school attendance

Being in school and having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school for your child, such as their learning, wellbeing and wider development.

For some children, attending school every day will be harder than for others. This is why schools, and local councils in some cases, are committed to working together with families to solve problems and support your child's school attendance.

If my child needs to be absent from school, what do I need to do?

You should contact school as early as possible on the first day of absence to explain why. If you do not, a member of our office team will contact you on the first morning of their absence to find out why your child is not in school.

A TELEPHONE CALL MUST BE MADE ON EACH DAY OF YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE. This is so we can ensure the wellbeing of your child and offer support if or where necessary.

If we are unable to make contact with you to ensure the well being of your child, Miss Dubidat and another member of the leadership team will conduct a home visit to again ensure the wellbeing of your child.

Safeguarding is our main priority here at Grove Vale and therefore we require you to keep us informed about your child's absence.

Leave of absence

All parents must complete a 'leave of absence' form for their child which will ask for the reason and date of the required leave. Each request is looked at on an individual basis by Miss Dubidat. However, it is important to note that **leave of absence requests will not be permitted for holidays or any event that can be booked or planned outside of term time.** Ultimately, the final say over whether to approve the request and for how long your child can be absent will be made by Mrs Connop.



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Please remember that '**Attendance matters, moments count!**' Missed minutes equate to missed learning and missed opportunities. Missed opportunities set your child back and hinders them from making the best progress that they possibly can.

Easter EGGstravaganza

We would like to welcome Year 5 parents into school on Thursday 21st March at 9.15am to share and celebrate with you their Spring term work. The assembly will focus on the Easter story and in addition, the amazing work and experience that they have all had learning the djembe drums. The assembly will last around 45-60 minutes and there will be refreshments. Please come to the assembly via the Junior playground, we look forward to seeing you all!

Easter bonnet parade

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to announce that this year we are working with our PFA to invite parents to our Little Valers, EYFS and KS1 Easter bonnet parade! This is the first time; we are in a position to offer this wonderful event out and it is on Tuesday 19th March. The event will take place in the Junior playground and the following times:-

9.15am Little Valers, Ladybirds and dragonflies (Reception), 1H, 20 (Yellow ticket)

1.15pm Little Valers, Bees and Grasshoppers (Reception) , 1P, 2P (Green ticket)

Tickets will cost £1.50 to raise money for the Christmas pantomimes. All ticket holders will be able to have a hot drink and hot cross bun as part of their ticket purchase. The sale of the tickets will go live on Tuesday 27th February and will be on sale until **Monday 11th March. Tickets will be distributed from Tuesday 12th March.** Each family can buy **two tickets** per child.

The PFA will support the event and will serve the refreshments.

Thank you in advance for your support

Word of the Week

Word of the Week - **UNGAINLY**

Meaning an awkward or clumsy person or movement.

The ungainly teenager tripped over his laces.

Synonyms – gawky, lumbering

Antonyms – graceful, elegant

Etymology – mid 17th century. 'Un' meaning 'not' and 'gainly' meaning 'graceful'.

'Gainly' comes from the Old Norse 'gegn' meaning straight.



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Little Valers

This week Little Valers have had a fantastic week crafting and making some little surprises for mother's day. Please look on tapestry on Sunday morning for one more surprise. Well done to Avneet for receiving the star of the week, she will be taking home the everywhere bear this week. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend.



Little Valers Weekly Planning

Story	The Three Little Pigs
Song	This Little Piggy
Word	Construction
Makaton Sign	Play
Colour	Grey
Shape	Triangle
Maths	Number 3
Events to remember this week	Friday 15th March Dress in red and/or with a mad hair design/wig. Please bring in a donation for any amount.



Dogs on Site

Reminder to all parents that dogs are not allowed on site or on either playground whilst picking up your child. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Book Fair

Celebrate reading at our Book Fair! The Spring Book Fair will be arriving in school soon, with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy. Come and join us from Monday 11th March - Thursday 14th March. A timetable with class slots will be sent out closer to the date.



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There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone...and don't worry if your favourite sells out, we can order them for you to be delivered to school. Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school library!

Book Fair Timetable – Monday 11th March – Thursday 14th March

	9.30 – 10.30am	10.30 – 11am	11– 11.45
Monday	Book Fair Browsing Day – children invited to browse before buying		
Tuesday	Year 1	EYFS – Dragonflies and Grasshoppers	Year 2
Wednesday	Year 3	EYFS – Ladybirds and Bees	Year 4
Thursday	Year 5	Preschool AM	Year 6 Preschool PM at 1pm

Easter Holiday Club

We will be running a Grove Valer's Holiday Club this holiday on the following dates:

Week 1

- Monday 25th March 2024 - Easter Arts and Crafts Day
- Tuesday 26th March 2024 – Cooking & Easter Movie Day
- Wednesday 27th March 2024 - Easter egg hunt & Easter Bunny challenge Day
- Thursday 28th March 2024– Easter Party Day

Week 2

- Tuesday 2nd April 2024 – Sports and competition day BCFC Football Coaching
- Wednesday 3rd April 2024 Fun and fitness Day
- Thursday 4th April 2024 - Entertainment day with Steve Arnold
- Friday 5th April 2024 – Feel good Friday Inflatable Day with a Trip to Red House Park

I am delighted to announce that the HAF project will be back this holiday club. Any children that are free school meals will be able to access the club for free over the Easter Holidays. Any parents that are applying for spaces via the HAF Project will have to fill in a separate form, more details about this will be on the booking form that I will send out this week. “

Club information

Holiday club opens from 8:30am, the playground gates open between 8:30am – 9am for a staggered drop off. Holiday club ends at 4pm, all children will need to be picked up at this time from the infant playground. Holiday club is for Grove Vale Pupils only for children for all year groups (inc Pre School)



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Please find below two links, one link is for parents that are free school meals and are booking places through the HAF Project and the other link is for parents that are not free school meals.

You will need to fill in **one form per child** as adding siblings onto one form throws out my numbers when populating attendance.

For parents booking their child's place through the HAF Project please click the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/TkDnbMQzW3>

For parents that not booking through the HAF Project please click the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cxo-UxKnGUiAeGC4n0DEgrAukiXYIehFoTziLbIKo3pUN1hXWFIUS09PV01ZOTQ00Eo0Wjc3MFhMUSQIQCNjPTEu>

You can even book up by going onto our school website - www.grovevale.co.uk click on holiday club - click the links

Bikeability

Bikeability Level 1 & 2 is aimed at children from year 5 onwards who can already ride unaided. The training starts on the playground and then those that are capable and safe are taken out onto the quiet local roads around the school. Groups are small at 6 children with 2 instructors. School will organise the groups and tell you which day your child has been allocated.

What does my child need to take part in Bikeability?

In terms of equipment, your child will need a bike which is in a roadworthy condition, the right size for them, have pumped up tyres and two working brakes. Instructors will show children how to check their bikes at the start of the first session and will ensure that your child's bike is safe for training purposes. BMX bikes are permitted in most circumstances so long as the bike has working brakes, and has not been adapted to the extent that it is no longer suitable for use on the road. The instructors will have the final say on whether your child's bike is safe for them to complete the training on but allowances will be made wherever possible.

Can my child share their bike with a child who does not have one?

Yes, with your permission.

What should my child wear to take part in Bikeability?

In most cases, your child may wear their normal school clothes, suitable for the season and weather. Excessively loose clothes may be hazardous and should be avoided. In colder months, warm layers and gloves are recommended. High visibility tabards will be provided by BikeRight.

Does my child need a cycle helmet?

Helmets must be worn on all sessions.



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Location

Grove Vale Primary School

Dates & Times

Monday 11 Mar 2024, 09:00-15:30

Tuesday 12 Mar 2024, 09:00-15:30

Wednesday 13 Mar 2024, 09:00-15:30

Thursday 14 Mar 2024, 09:00-15:30

Friday 15 Mar 2024, 09:00-15:30

How to book

Click this link to take you to the bikeability web page and book your child in now.

<https://bikeright.co.uk/events/c911e2b5-ebd9-43ad-8bc8-9d4c630e4eb7/>

Music Certificates

Well done to the following pupils who achieved the following in music this week.

- Alex- Elementary Cornet (Merit)
- Amber - Elementary Trumpet (Merit)
- Riyaansh- Elementary Cornet (Pass)

Picture News



Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?



In the news this week

Ministers have confirmed plans to ban the use of mobile phones in English schools and have released guidance for headteachers. The guidance is not statutory and offers schools different ways of introducing the ban. These include an order to leave all phones at home, handing them in on arrival, keeping them in inaccessible lockers or allowing pupils to keep them, on the condition they are not used or heard.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your experience of mobile phones and other portable devices. Do you use them at home or at school? Do you enjoy using them?
- > Discuss with people at home your thoughts on the new guidance. Do you all agree that mobile phones should be banned in secondary school classrooms?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



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Ramadan Mubarak



Wishing you a peaceful and happy Ramadan.