



Friday 7th April 2021

The Grove Valer

Book Fair

Thank you for your fantastic support with this year's scholastic book fair. The total amount raised was **£2129.92**, school will receive a percentage of this to spend on new books for the school.

Year 3 Swimming

A reminder that year 3 will re-start swimming on **Monday 10th May** and every Monday following this. All children need a swimming hat and need to come to school 'beach ready'.



Year 5 Bikeability

Over the next 2 weeks Year 5 pupils will be taking part in Bikeability sessions. *Bikeability* is a cycle training programme. It's about gaining practical skills and understanding

how to cycle safely on today's roads. This will take place week beginning 10th May and 17th May. 5J are doing their session next week, 10th May. Pupils need to have their own bike (without stabilisers) and helmet, outdoor clothes - coat, gloves.

Parents Evening

We had very good feedback from parents and staff about the quality of the online video calls for parents evening, this approach may well shape how we conduct parents evenings moving forwards as it was focused and well-timed. Our attendance was 73% which considerably lower than usual. 9% of parents did not make an appointment and 18% of parents did not attend the video call at the time stated. We do appreciate that everyone is busy however it also important to note that 75 ten- minute appointments were not kept which resulted in 12.5 hours wasted time overall, in one class 1/3 of the class (10 appointments) were not attended at the time arranged by the parent. Staff were online from 1pm-7pm to facilitate the time slots and having so much wasted time in some cases was unfortunate. Please note the six hours the teachers were online was directed time for discussions with parents and teachers do not have further time to make up missed appointments either by phone or by email. Requests for a written report in lieu of a missed appointment will be denied. If there is an urgent issue, please contact the school via the contact page on the website.

Just Giving

Well done to Maddi from year 5 who has raised £700 for the Princess Trust after having 22 inches cut off her hair. We are all so proud of her and her fantastic efforts.



Diversity Training

As part of our Be proud driver, Year 5 and Year 6 are having an interactive talk with two ladies from LUV (listen up and vent) who will be talking to the children about the importance of diversity and equality on Monday 10th May. The children will have an opportunity to ask questions and understand how diversity allows us to share rich and vast experiences including knowledge, food, understanding.

Forest School

This term years 2 and 6 will be taking part in forest school with Mr Dodd.

6C	6H	Year 2
Monday 10th May 2021	Tuesday 11th May 2021	Thursday 13th May 2021
Monday 17th May 2021	Tuesday 18th May 2021	Thursday 20th May 2021
Monday 24th May 2021	Tuesday 25th May 2021	Thursday 27th May 2021

Be Proud Driver

We are celebrating being proud this half term as part of Feel Good Friday teaching and learning. We are going to end the half term with a school improvement focus on improving the school grounds on Thursday 27th May and Friday 28th May. The children will be outdoors over the course of the two days and need to come to school in Feel Good Friday attire. More details will follow over the next few weeks

Eid

As Ramadan draws to a close, many of our families will be celebrating Eid next week. Eid marks the end of a month of fasting from dawn to sunset, as well as spiritual reflection and prayer. School we be holding a special assembly next Friday 14th May to celebrate the festival of Eid. If any children need to request a leave of absence to observe this festival, please contact the school office, 1 day of authorised absence will be allowed.



10th —13th May	5J Bikeability
Monday 10th May	Years 5 & 6 Diversity Training
Monday 10th May	Year 3 return to swimming
Friday 14th May	Eid assembly
Week Beg 17th May	5M Bikeability
Thursday 27th March	Be Proud Day
Friday 28th March	Be Proud Day
Friday 28th May	Break up for half term
1st and 2nd June	Summer Holiday club
Monday 7th June	Start of summer term
Monday 28th June	Training Day—school closed
Week beg Monday 28th	Year 6 residential Plas Gwynant trip
Wednesday 21st July	Break up for summer holidays

Year 1 Red House Park Trip

On Tuesday 4th May, Year 1 visited Red House Park as part of their local history topic. The children had a fantastic time and were really well behaved. Here are some pictures of their visit.



We visited all the playgrounds



We located the Obelisk and talked about why it was in Red House park and who it was in memory of.



Year 1 visited both of the ponds and learnt about the wildlife. The children were also lucky enough to see ducks on their nests and even spotted swan eggs!!



Children visited the Red House, they learnt about the history of who used to live there, who lives there now and who knew at one point it was even a play centre !!!

