



Friday 1st March 2019

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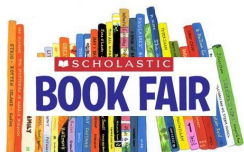


WORLD BOOK DAY

Next Thursday, 7th March school will be celebrating World Book day. Children can come dressed as a character from their favourite book, please can children bring the book their character is from to share with the class. Also during this week, we are providing a fantastic opportunity for parents to come in and share a book with their child on either Tuesday 5th March or Wednesday 6th March at 3pm. This can be a book from home or a book from our class shelves.

Book Fair

On Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March the Scholastic book fair will be in school. Children will have a slot to browse the books available during school time. The book fair will then be open after school in the junior hall between 3.30 and 4pm. There will also be opportunity for children to buy books during the day. Please visit the scholastic website <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases> to browse available titles. Every book sold at the Fair can help to get free books for your school.



Year 5 Trip to the Synagogue

Year 5 visited Singers Hill Synagogue to learn about how people of the Jewish faith practice their religion. At the door, all the boys had to wear a kepal, which was a small cap to cover the head, as a mark of respect. We found out that practising male Jews always have their head covered. When touring around the synagogue we observed the ornate stained glass windows which depicted Birmingham's history and also key events from the Old testament of the Bible. They looked at some Hebrew writing and by using a clock in the Synagogue we were able to decipher the numbers and noted them down in our draft books. Behind the bimah (altar where the Rabbi conducts his services), we saw several Torahs which were adorned with gold. Finally we took part in a mock wedding ceremony, which we all enjoyed.

Attendance and Punctuality

Class with the highest attendance: 6H

Most punctual classes: RDW, 1H, 2P, 4A, 4B, 5M

Number of lates:

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
3	2	5	2	1

Year 2 Parent SATs Talk

A reminder to all year 2 parents that there is a talk regarding the year 2 statutory assessment tests (SATs) on **Tuesday 5th March at 2.30pm**. During this talk staff will show examples of tests, talk about when and how they take place and answer any questions.

Year 1 Trip to the Safari Park

Stomp, crash, RRRAGH! Watch out everyone – the dinosaurs are on the prowl! This week the children in year 1 have been to Land of the Living Dinosaurs at West Midlands Safari Park. The children went on a dinosaur discovery trail where they learnt facts about all the different dinosaurs. They got up close and personal with other animals from the age of the dinosaurs, such as snakes and cockroaches and they even got to take part in a dino dig where they dug in the sand for fossils. Doyouthinkhesaurus? YES! RUN!

Grove Vale PFA



The PFA are launching a weekly School Lottery. Unlike other lotteries Your School Lottery lets you support your school directly. Tickets will be £1 and there is a guaranteed weekly winner. The more people that join the bigger the weekly prize is and the better off the school will be. 40% of all ticket sales go to the school. Along side the weekly draw every ticket has the chance of winning £25,000 in a separate draw.

Example:

If we sell 100 tickets in a week this means:

£30—local prize

£40—for school

Please visit: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/> for more details. This is going to be launched on 16th March, parents need to go online to register.

The PFA are always looking for more volunteers and ideas. The next meeting is Wednesday 6th March. If you have any questions please contact Emma on emmamade-metrios@gmail.com for more information.

Times Table Rock Stars!

This month we have launched a new on-line times-table practise called Times Table Rock Stars. Each week we will be awarding class winners. Please see below this weeks winning rock stars, well done!

Class winners:

2K - Tanisha Patel

2P - Amber Parkes

3CP - Jack Badger

3S - Arjun Dail

4A - Jake Barton

4B - Shivani Kandola

5B - Iman Mohiddin

5M - Amrita Dail

6C - Nilesch Makan

6H - Devan Patel

Battle of the Bands Winners

6C vs 6H - 6H are the winners

Year 6 Boys vs Year 6 Girls - boys are the winners

Year 5 vs Year 6 - winners are Year 6

5B vs 5M - 5M are the winners



On Friday 15th March Grove Vale will be supporting Comic Relief's 'Red Nose Day'. On this day we are asking children to come dressed in red and bring in £1 which will be donated to the Comic Relief charity. During this day children will be learning about the different causes supported by comic relief and how the money raised is spent.

Also during the week beginning the 11th March we will be selling red noses for £1.25 (only one per pupil).

Book Swap

On Friday 8th March we are launching our book swap. The idea of the book swap is very simple – children can donate up to five books to exchange and they can take 5 different books. That's all there is to it. If they love their new book they can keep it forever. If they don't want to keep it they can simply swap it again. The book swap can take place before or after school in the school foyer by the office. In the school foyer, you will now find an enchanted Narnia wardrobe. To swap your books simply open the wardrobe. We do ask that all donated books are in good condition. Comics and magazines will not be accepted. We hope that you will be able to join us to make this celebration of reading a huge success!



On Monday 8th April we will be holding our annual Easter Activities.

Infants (pre-school, reception, years 1 and 2) - will have an Easter bonnet parade. Children are encouraged to decorate a hat in an Easter/spring theme. We will then have a catwalk to see all the children wearing their hats and prizes given to the winners.

Juniors (years 3-6) - pupils can enter a decorated egg competition. Pupils can decorate an egg or create a diorama (a model representing a scene with three-dimensional figures) Prizes will be awarded for an entry from each class.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher.



New Play equipment on the infant playground.



We are pleased to inform you that the new play equipment and area is finished and children can start using this very soon. Mr Thomas has been working very hard to make the area suitable for the children. A big thank you also to Mr Cross, for donating wood chips and log and Mr Abbotts for giving up his time and helping Mr Thomas build the steps. All this new equipment has been paid for by the PFA—this money has come from all the fantastic fundraising that takes place.



Monday 4th March	Homework out
Tuesday 5th March @ 2.30pm	Year 2 SATs talk
Tuesday 5th March @ 3pm	Parents in school to share a book with their child
Wednesday 6th March @ 3pm	Parents in school to share a book with their child
Thursday 7th March	World book day
Monday 11th - Tuesday 12th March @3.30-4pm	Book Fair
Monday 11th-15th March	Science week
Monday 11th-15th March	Testing week
Friday 15th March	Red nose day
Wednesday 20th March 2-2.20pm	Year 6 SATs talk for parents
Friday 29th March	Reception mother's day workshop
Thursday 4th April 3.45-6.45pm	Parents evening
Friday 5th April	Topic homework handed in
Friday 5th April	Spanish day
Monday 8th April	KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade
Monday 8th April	KS2 Decorated Egg competition
Tuesday 9th April	End of term assemblies
Thursday 11th April @ 9.15am	Year 5 Easter Assembly to parents
Friday 12th April	Teacher training day—school closed
Monday 15th —Friday 26th April	EASTER Holidays
Thursday 2nd May	SCHOOL CLOSED Polling Day
Monday 6th May	MAY BANK HOLIDAY—school closed
13th—17th May	KS2 SATs testing week
10th-14th June	Phonics testing week

