



Friday 11th January 2019

The Grove Valer

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed a good Christmas break with your families. The children have all returned to school refreshed and enthusiastic about the new term and New Year. On Monday, we launched the core value for this half term Valuing ourselves and each other, this value deals with modelling expected behaviours and values of being a good person

Staff News

Miss Dubidat left school today to start her maternity leave today. We wish her all the very best and look forward to hearing the good news about baby Dubidat. Mr Platten is covering her maternity leave and is now teaching 1D.

The Daily Mile



On Monday 14th January the school will launch the Daily Mile. The daily Mile is a free and simple initiative, which improves the physical and mental health of children by them running or jogging, at their own pace for 15 minutes every day. This has been proven to improve focus within the classroom.

Starting from next week, the pupils will no longer have an afternoon playtime instead they will complete their daily mile. The juniors will run or jog for 15 minutes around the playground and the infant pupils will complete a BBC super movers activity (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/football/supermovers>) in the classroom.

The junior pupils will be keeping a record of how many laps they can do each week to monitor their improvement. We understand that all children's fitness level is different however, we also understand the importance in daily exercise and teaching the children about how to lead a healthy lifestyle. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Sports for Championship

Thank you to all families that sent in sponsorship money for the sports championship cause. From this, we are pleased to report that the total raised for school was £532.80. On Monday, the athlete David Smith visited the school. He completed an assembly with all the children and then each class completed a non-stop circuit of activities.



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NSPCC Number Day

After the success of problem solving day last term, we have decided to carry out another maths focus day. We have signed up to the NSPCC's number day which combines raising money for charity with providing a range of mathematical activities for children. This will take place on Friday 1st February. On this day, children can wear non-uniform sporting a number or shape on their clothing and bring a voluntary £1 contribution where all proceeds will go towards the NSPCC. During this day, children will take part in various maths and problem solving activities as well as learning about the work carried out by the NSPCC. Any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.



Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme



Bags of Help

Grove Vale are pleased to announce that we are in the customer vote for a Bags of Help grant from Tesco. It's a scheme which gives community projects like ours grants of up to £4,000 – all raised from the sale of carrier bags in Tesco stores.

Our project's title is 'Grove Vale Woodland Wonders' this is to fund developments in our forest School; a nature trail and a new seating area.

The public can vote in store from Tuesday 1st January 2019-Thursday 28th February. Please support us by voting at your local stores: Great Barr Express, Stone Cross Express and West Bromwich Extra. When you complete your shopping you will be given a blue token, take this to the Bags of Help display and vote for our school. Get Voting!!!!

Forest School

5M—Tuesday morning

5B—Wednesday morning

Next week only Class 5B's forest school will be on Thursday

2P—Thursday 17th and 29th January

2K—Thursday 31st January and Thursday 14th February.

Can we remind parents that children MUST have appropriate outdoor clothes and shoes to take part in the session (jogging bottoms, jumper, wellies or walking boots, waterproof coat, hat and gloves). If they do not have suitable clothes they will not be able to take part in the session. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact school.

Football

Wednesday 16th January—boys football team competition at WBA dome.

Monday 21st January –girls league game at St Pauls. 3-4.30pm

Monday 14th January	Launch of the daily mile
Wednesday 16th January	Boys football team—competition at WBA Dome
Thursday 17th January 1.30-2.30pm	School nurses in to talk to year 3 about healthy eating
Monday 21st January 3.45-4.30pm	GV vs. St Pauls Football match
Tuesday 22nd January @ 9am	SEN parent workshop
Thursday 31st January	Year 3 Trip to Cadbury world
Friday 1st February	Number Day (NSPCC)
Tuesday 5th February	Safer internet day
Thursday 7th February	Year 2 Trip to Smethwick Temple
Thursday 7th February	DISCO
Tuesday 12th February @ 1.15-2.15pm	Year 1 parent workshop (letters to be sent home)
Wednesday 13th February @ 1.15-2.15pm	Year 1 parent workshop (letters to be sent home)
Thursday 14th February @ 1.15-2.15pm	Year 1 parent workshop (letters to be sent home)
Monday 18th-Friday 22nd February	HALF TERM
Tuesday 26th February	Year 1 trip to Safari Park
Thursday 4th April 3.45-6.45pm	Parents evening
Friday 12th April	Teacher training day
Monday 15th —Friday 26th April	EASTER Holidays
Thursday 2nd May	SCHOOL CLOSED Polling Day

Have a Great Weekend!

