



Friday 15th March 2019

The Grove Valer

Science Week

Children have had a fantastic week completing lots of exciting experiments and learning about famous scientists.

Year 1—Scientist: Mary Anning. They have made Lava lamps.

Year 2—Scientist: Nikola Tesla . They have investigated the distance cars travel on different materials.

Year 3—Scientist: Marcelina Sanz de Sautuola 'They have investigated fossils.

Year 4—Scientist: Mae Jemison. They have investigated how long it takes for a puddle to evaporate'.

Year 5—Scientist: Billy Nye. 'They investigated momentum.

Year 6— Scientist: Rosalind Franklin. They became crime scene investigators.

Children have also designed a lab coat, Miss Hopcroft will be choosing 2 winners per year group to send off for the competition.



Attendance and Punctuality

Class with the highest attendance: RDW&2P

Most punctual classes: 1H&2P

Number of lates:

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
4	8	2	8	6

Times Table Rock Stars!

All junior children have been given a log-in to the APP *Timestable Rock Stars*. Well done to all those who have logged on and are competing in the weekly challenge to improve their times table knowledge.

This weeks winning rock stars are:

2P - Rosalie
2K - Tanisha
3CP - Jack
3S - Samuel
4A - Jake
4B - Amber
5B - Sukhmani
5M - Kaira
6C - Jessica
6H - Finlay

Battle of the Bands Winners -

2K vs 2P - 2P winners
3CP vs 3S - 3CP winners (very close!)
4B vs 4A - 4A winners
5B vs 5M - 5M winners
6C vs 6H - 6H winners
Year 5 vs Year 6 - Year 6 winners
6H Boys vs 6H girls - Boys winners
6H Blues vs 6H Yellows - Blues winners (very close!)
6H Reds vs 6H Greens - Greens winners

Forest School

Year 4 Forest School

Class 4A: 8th March 2019, 22nd March 2019 and 5th April 2019

Class 4B: 15th March 2019 29th March 2019 and 5th April 2019

Pre School Forest School Every Tuesday Morning

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.

Growth and greater depth

thinking day

For this terms core value 'Growth' we are going to have a growth in writing day. This will take place next Friday 22nd March.

Every class will do a piece of writing based around this video: <https://www.literacyshed.com/the-present.html>

We look forward to reading the children's stories.

Zero Tolerance

Can we please remind all parents that we have a zero tolerance policy for any acts of violence, physical aggression, threats or verbal abuse towards staff. School staff strive to treat visitors with due care, courtesy and respect. Our staff expect the public to show the same courtesy and respect. In the event of such incidents action will be taken.

Grove Vale PFA



Challenge

Don't forget to keep saving your 20 pence pieces to fill your smarties packets! Send them back into school when they are full. Thanks.

Mother's Day Shop—Friday 29th March. On the infant playground.

Children will have the opportunity to buy their mum a present for Mother's Day. Gifts will be priced at £2 and will be on sale on the infant playground.



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 emmade-metrios@gmail.com for more information.



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.



Year 6 SATs talk

We would like to invite parents of children in year 6 to a talk regarding the year 6 statutory assessment tests, SATs, next Wednesday 20th March at 2-3.30pm in the infant hall.

SIMS parent APP

We have a convenient new way to share information with you about your child's school life. You will be able to access our new parent APP and website. You can access the system from a smartphone, tablet or PC—anytime/anywhere.

What you will find on the SIMS parent APP: School term/inset dates; contact details (you will be able to update your contact details so we always have the most up to date details).

All this is available at the click of a button by downloading the APP (SIMS parent) from the APP store and registering your child.



ECO BUS

Next week we have the Eco bus in school. The eco bus is a mobile environmental classroom that will help educate children about their local environment to try and help keep waste levels down and recycling levels up. Each class will have two 30mins slots.

Workshops involve activities on recycling, litter picking, planting, composting and understanding renewable energy sources.





Monday 18th-Wednesday 20th March	Eco bus in school
Wednesday 20th March 2-3.30pm	Year 6 SATs talk for parents
Friday 22nd March	Growth and greater depth writing day
Friday 29th March	Reception mother's day workshop
Wednesday 3rd April @ 6pm	PA meeting
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
Tuesday 9th April 2.45pm	Grand opening of infant playground
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

