



Friday 8th March 2019

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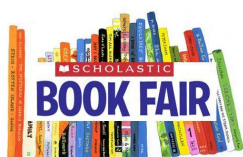


WORLD BOOK DAY

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day, it was wonderful to see all the children and staff in their costumes; thank you to all the parents. The day started with an assembly led by Miss Powell, back in class all children wrote their own short story (a winner from each class has been chosen) and the children completed a character profile about the character they had dressed up as. Also during the day year 6 children went to reception and year 5 went to pre-school to read to the younger pupils.

The winners of the short story competition:

- 1H - Shaana
- 2K - Ravi
- 3CP - Amaris
- 4A - Rahul
- 5B - Erin
- 6C - Isabelle



Next week Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March the Scholastic book fair will be in school. The book fair will 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/> to browse available titles. Every book sold at the Fair can help to get free books for your school.

Attendance and Punctuality

Class with the highest attendance: 2K

Most punctual classes: 1H & 2P

Number of lates:

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
3	1	5	3	12

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!



Grove Vale PFA



Challenge

The PFA will be asking all children to take part in the smarties challenge. On Friday 8th March all children will be sent home with a tube of smarties and will be asked to take part in a fundraising task by filling it with 20 pence coins. We hope all the children find the activity fun.

We've given you these smarties to eat,
But the empty tube you must keep,
20p pieces are what you must find,
Ask friends and family, they won't mind,
Fill your tube right to the top,
Return to school and we'll collect the lot!



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 emmam-metrios@gmail.com for more information.

Science Week

Next week is British Science Week and as a whole school we will be having a science focus week. Each year group has a scientist to focus on and research. The children will also be completing exciting practical experiments.

Year 1—Mary Anning

Year 2—Nikola Tesla

Year 3—Marcelina Sanz de Sautuola

Year 4—Mae Jemison

Year 5—Billy Nye

Year 6—Rosalind Franklin

Also next week pupils will be designing their own lab coat, these are going to be entered into a competition to win a class set of lab coats to use in their science lessons.



TESTING WEEK

Next week the children in years 1-6 will be completing tests in maths, English and SPAG. These are used to help teachers with their end of term assessments of the pupils. This is the second year we have completed these termly assessments.

Classes RDP and RGB

Could parents of children in reception please make sure they send in a set of spare clothes with their children. School are running out of spare clothes especially as the clothes are very rarely returned to school. Please send a change of: underwear, socks/tights, trousers/skirt and polo shirt in a clearly labelled bag which can be left on their peg. If you have any questions please speak to a member of the reception staff.



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).

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!

2P - Rosalie Dawes
 2K - Ayman Parkar
 3CP - Jack Badger
 3S - Sahibjit Kang
 4A - Emily Badger
 4B - Amber Manku
 5B - Amrita Ghag
 5M - Anthony Golding
 6C - Archie Leonard-Quinn
 6H - Devan Patel

Battle of the Bands Winners -

4B vs 4A - winners 4A

4B girls vs 4B Boys - winners boys

4A girls vs 4B boys - winners boys



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.



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

