



Friday 13th September 2019

# The Grove Valer

## Empower me day

This half term our core value is Empowering all learners—this is where we have high expectations about what learners can achieve, we ensure that all learners are suitably challenged. As part of this, today has been Empower Me Day. During the day pupils have looked at how to give constructive peer and self assessment.

## Picture News



Each week we use the picture news resources to drive our assemblies. Each week we focus on a current news story and discuss this with the pupils with a thought provoking question and images. We also focus on a British value each week. All of these resources are shared with parents via parent pay each week.

### This week's Key question:- Is it wrong to refuse help?

Fires have been burning in the world's largest tropical forest, the Amazon Rainforest, for around 4-weeks. The French President, Emmanuel Macron, has called the fires an "international crisis" and along with 6 other countries, offered money to help put the fires out. The Brazilian President, Bolsonaro, refused this money. It has been reported that there have been 74,000 fires in the Amazon this year so far, a lot more than last year. It's a worrying increase because the Amazon very rarely burns on its own as it is usually too wet to ignite, so most of the fires are caused by people. The Amazon Rainforest is important to the air we breathe and for turning the gas carbon dioxide into oxygen. The jungle is home to many different species of wildlife and plants, many of which are rare or endangered.

Things to talk about at home...

- Do you think important places like the Amazon Rainforest, should be protected by all countries together, rather than individual countries?
- Do you think that Brazil should accept help from other countries to try to stop the fires there?

### This week's British Value—Respect

## Bikes

We are encouraging children to come to school on their bikes and scooters. Could we ask that parents please contact the office or class teacher to inform us if your children we be travelling to school on their bike.

All children MUST wear a helmet.

We are in the process of buying bike and scooter sheds, the PFA have offered to pay for these.



## Forest School

Monday afternoon: Yr 2

Tuesday morning: Yr 5

Thursday Morning: RH

Friday Morning: RGB

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 or MR Dodd.

## Aldi Stickers

This year we are collecting stickers for the Aldi Initiative 'get set to eat fresh'. If you spend over £30 on your weekly shopping you will be given a sticker to add to our school chart to enable us to get some sports kits for our school. Please bring any stickers into reception. We have already had lots of stickers sent into school this week and our chart is filling up—thank you for your support.

## Flip and Dippy

A letter has been sent out this week about the PFA event.

Flip and Dippy 'The Greatest Show' an evening of crazy clown fun for all the family.

At school on **Friday 20th September 6.30-8pm.**

Refreshments and circus items will be available. Please return the form by Friday 13th. Tickets cost £3.50, all children must be accompanied by an adult.



## Walk to school initiative




As of this term we are promoting children walking to school. Children will complete a daily interactive **WOW Travel Tracker** by clicking on an icon on the interactive whiteboard that shows how they have travelled to school. If they travel sustainably (walk, cycle or scoot) once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge.

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school—for-more-info>.

Please send your pictures of children walking to school to our twitter account: #GVwowntoschool and @GroveValePS. Thanks

## #GVtweetcard competition

Over the summer Miss Cotterill set a twitter challenge, thank you to everyone who entered! We had lots of great entries from home and away by lots of our parents, staff and governors! Here are just a few we would love to share...

Winner is ...Agam - Class 1P	Runners up: Rahul and Rohan class 5B and 5M	Runner up: Shaana, class 2D.
		

The new competition #GVwowntoschool is now live so get tweeting!

## Secondary School Applications

A reminder that the deadline for secondary school applications is **Thursday 31st October**. All applications now have to be made online. If you have any questions regarding secondary school applications please do not hesitate to get in contact with school.

[http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200303/school\\_admissions/349apply\\_for\\_a\\_school\\_place](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200303/school_admissions/349apply_for_a_school_place)

## Secondary School Open Days

- **Sandwell Academy**: Thursday 19th September and Tuesday 8th October (appointment needed)
- **Q3** - Saturday 21st September 9am-12 (presentations at 9.30am and 10.30am) ; open mornings week beginning 23rd September 9.15-11am.
- **Phoenix** - Tuesday 17th September 2019 from 4pm to 7pm. They also have an open week which runs from Monday 16th to Friday 20th September when tours of the school can be arranged via an appointment system.
- **George Salter**—Wednesday 25th September 5-7pm (presentations at 5.15pm and 6.15pm); Open morning Friday 27th September.
- **Barr Beacon** - Thursday 19th September 6-8pm; Friday 20th September 10-11am or Friday 11th October 10-11am.
- **Holly Lodge**—Thursday 26th September 5.30-7.30pm
- **West Bromwich Collegiate academy**—Wednesday 18th September from 4:30 pm

Friday 20th September	Reception vision screening
Friday 20th September 6.30-8pm	PFA Flip and Dippy Event
23rd-27th September	Edgmond Hall Residential Year 3 and 4
Friday 27th September	Harvest donations sent into school
Monday 7th October	Year 3 Healthy Eating Talk—school nurse
Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
Monday 14th-18th October	Black History Week
Thursday 24th October	School photos
Thursday 24th October 3.45-6.45pm	Parents evening
Friday 25th October @ 2.30pm	Year 2 Parent showcase 'London'
28th October—1st November	HALF TERM
Thursday 31st October	Deadline for Secondary school applications
Thursday 7th November	School disco 3.30-4.30pm infant 5-6pm juniors
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th January	Spring term start—pupils back to school





**Fantastic news...Magical Maths is coming back to Grove Vale Primary School for the 5<sup>th</sup> time!!**

Magical maths is a super fun after school club designed to boost children's confidence and better engage them with maths. We have been invited back for the 5<sup>th</sup> time to run our super maths club. This is a brand new club with new activities so if you have been before, you are invited to attend and continue the fun and learning.

The KS2 club runs for an hour a week after school starting **Thurs 19th September 2019** and will run for 5 weeks. Each week has a different theme and includes a dressed up character including Professor Poopenshtinken (maths genius), the Mathemagician, Stately Holmes (the maths detective) and the Olympic Mathletes! Parents receive weekly email updates to see what their child has been learning (but you must give your email address to obtain this).

#### **Dates and Times of KS2 Club**

**KS2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6only) - 3.35pm to 4.35pm on Thursdays**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sept, 26<sup>th</sup> Sept, 3rd Oct, 10<sup>th</sup> Oct and 17<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**Please ensure you register your child to the correct year group**

**For more information and to sign up, visit [www.magicalmathsclub.com](http://www.magicalmathsclub.com)**

**Or call 0121 392 7475**

#### **Spanish Club**

Calling all budding linguists! There are still some spaces available in the award-winning Grove Vale Spanish Clubs starting up again next week. Get involved in learning another language the fun way, with role-plays, songs, stories and games. All clubs run at lunchtime on the following days:

Mondays - Year 2 and Year 3

Tuesdays - Year 1 (new group) and 4&5.

Contact Señora Fennell at [clarefennell@outlook.com](mailto:clarefennell@outlook.com) for all enquiries or to book your child's free trial. ¡Hasta pronto!



#### **Football**

##### **Girls Football matches:**

Hanbury Friendly football match @ Hanbury Wednesday 11/9/19

John Bosco Monday 23rd September @ GV

##### **Boys Football matches:**

LEAGUE GAME GV Vs. Ferndale @ GV Tuesday 17/9/19

Any questions please contact Mr Dodd.

