



Friday 31st January 2020

The Grove Valer

Blind Dave visit to school

On Monday, we were very lucky to have been visited by David Heeley. He was in school as part of the Move It Sandwell initiative, which is all about teaching people the importance of being active. David, who is better known as Blind Dave, is a father of three from West Bromwich who was the first blind person to complete the seven marathon challenge in 2008. In late 2016, UK film production company, Pixel Revolution Films announced that they were producing a film titled "7 Days" based on the life of Dave Heeley. The film was released in 2019 and is directed by Ian and Dominic Higgins and produced by Nigel Martin Davey.

School bank launch

The opening of our school bank for KS2 was very successful with 82 children opening bank accounts! The school bank will next be open on the 7th February 2020 during morning break time. If your child wants to open a bank account please ask them to see Miss Hopcroft for the relevant paperwork. The children's paying in books will be arriving at their home address over the next week or so, please look out for them. The children will need to bring these in to school when they are paying in.



Eco Bus

This week the children have been visiting the eco bus and learning how to look after our planet! They have done a variety of activities including Promise Captain, Rappers Delight and Recycle It! We are now helping the eco bus protect our planet by collecting crisp packets. The school who collects the most have the chance to win £250 so get collecting!!!



PFA Meeting

On Thursday 6th February, we are holding a PFA meeting at 3:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend. We will be discussing the upcoming disco and future fundraising events.

Grove Valer's Holiday Club— Update

We currently have a few spaces left on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at our holiday club in half term. If you would like places on these days please click the link here: [holiday club link](#). Please see previous letter about what activities are on at the club on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Any questions contact Mr Dodd. **The deadline for applying for a place is Friday 7th February.**

Australia Day

Using the money we raised on Australia day, each class are going to become koala protectors! Each class will receive their own certificate, and over the coming months will get updates on how the money they raised helped the response, recovery and restoration of koalas and their habitats.



Swimming Challenge

The children are still working hard at our swimming challenge! Last week's results are as follows:

6C 28 children swam for 25 minutes 358 lengths (+ 99 lengths)

5M 31 children swam for 25 minutes 340 lengths (-5 lengths)

5B 28 children swam for 25 minutes 314 lengths (+ 5 lengths)

6H 23 children swam for 25 minutes 286 lengths (+6 lengths)

Well done everyone— look forward to beating those scores next week!

Tuesday 4th February	Reception school hearing screening
Wednesday 5th February	Reception hands and teeth talk
Wednesday 5th February	Year 6 heights and weights
Thursday 6th February @ 3:30pm	PFA Meetings to All Parents
Tuesday 11th February	Safer internet day
Friday 14th February	Break up for half term
Monday 17th-Friday 21st February	HALF TERM
Monday 24th February	SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher training day.
Tuesday 3rd March	Year 6 trip to RAF Cosford
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Friday 13th March	Sports Relief
Friday 13th March	Year 3 Parent Mosaic Workshop
Thursday 19th March 3.45-6.45pm	Parents evening
Thursday 19th March-Friday 20th March	Mother's day shop
Friday 20th March@2pm	Mother's Day workshop for reception parents
Thursday 26th March	School Disco
Tuesday 31st March @ 2.30pm	Year 2 India showcase for parents
Wednesday 1st April @ 9:30am	Year 5 Easter Assembly to Parents
Thursday 2nd April	Break up for Easter
Friday 3rd April	INSET DAY—school closed
Monday 20th April	Return to school after Easter holiday

