



Friday 24th January 2020

The Grove Valer

Swimming Challenge

Last week, we began our new swimming challenge. The results were as follows:

6C	29 children swam for 25 minutes	259 lengths
5M	29 children swam for 30 minutes	396 lengths
5B	30 children swam for 25 minutes	309 lengths
6H	24 children swam for 25 minutes	278 lengths



Swimming teacher Mrs Reaney said: "After the first week of the challenge, I believe it has been very successful. As much as the children were clearly exhausted, they said they had enjoyed it. Well done everyone - Looking forward to beating those scores next week!"

Year 6 First Aid Training

Yesterday, Year 6 were visited by The Midlands Air Ambulance Charity. In the sessions, children learnt about how to carry out CPR and how to dress bleeding

wounds. The Air Ambulance staff, who carried out the training, were very impressed with the knowledge that children had on the heart and the circulatory system.



Reception Winter Walk

On Thursday and Friday this week, reception went on their Winter Walk at Red House Park looking at the changes of seasons between their last visit (autumn) and today's visit (winter).



Grapes in School

Can we please ask parents, if your child brings grapes to school as part of their packed lunch or as a snack, can the grapes be cut in half. This is to reduce the risk of choking.

Half Term Holiday Club



Grove Vale has decided to trial run a half term holiday club during February half term. The club will run from 9am – 3pm from Mon 17th Feb 2020 – Thurs 20th Feb 2020. All children will need to bring a packed lunch each day. Session costs for this half term club are £18.00 per child per day, to book siblings for this holiday club the cost will be £15.00 per child per day. Places will be offered on a first come first served basis and will only be offered to parents signing up your child / children to all 4 days. **All sessions need to be paid for in advance when signing up your child.** You need to log into parent pay on Monday 27th January 2020 to book a place. Places for this club will **go live at 9:30am**. Children will take part in a variety of activities such as art, sport, dance, and computing. There will also be a juggler and entertainer in to perform a show for the children. Any problems or questions please contact Mr Dodd on adam.dodd@grovevale.sandwell.sch.uk



Australia Day

We would like to thank everyone who came to school in yellow and green colours and donated money in aid of our Australia day. We have raised over £500 which is an amazing amount of money! We must say a big thank you to Karum in 6C who donated £50.



28th —31st January	ECO bus in school
Wednesday 5th February	Reception hands and teeth talk
Wednesday 5th February	Year 6 heights and weights
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
Thursday 19th March 3.45-6.45pm	Parent's evening
Thursday 19th March-Friday 20th March	Mother's day workshop
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
Thursday 2nd April	Break up for Easter
Friday 3rd April	INSET DAY—school closed
Monday 20th April	Return to school after Easter holiday

