



Friday 1st February 2019

# The Grove Valer

## Road Safety Awareness



On Monday we launched our Pupil Road safety Wardens as part of our road safety awareness day. All week the pupils have been out on duty in the mornings and after school monitoring the parking of parents. You may have noticed that we have had new blue cones to show no parking zones, banners and bollard signs. The new cones and pupil parking wardens have had a positive impact as we have definitely seen a reduction in dangerous parking. However we have seen an increase in parents letting their children out of the car whilst sat in traffic and children running across the road without supervision. We have also noticed an increase in the number of lates; we fully appreciate there is reduced parking close to the school however we would advise parents to leave earlier as they may have to park further away from school and walk the last part of their journey. Thank you to all the parents for your continued support with this cause, we hope that you understand how we are trying to safe guard our children and make sure they are safe coming to school.

On Thursday parents were sent a letter from West Midlands Police after they received a number of complaints from local residents about the parking in and around the School and concerns for the safety of pupils. Residents/Teachers have raised concerns that cars are creating an obstruction by parking dangerously on the bend, over dropped gutters, completing dangerous manoeuvres, stopping on zigzag lines and allowing children to disembark parent's vehicles at great risk to the child. They would like to make all parents aware that PCSO's will be conducting patrols with the intention of recording and photographing evidence. Those caught in contravention of road traffic laws will be issued with £90 fixed penalty notices.

On Friday morning the PCSO's were on patrol and a parent was on-the-spot fined £90 and given 3 points on their li-  
cense for parking on the pavement. School have been advised that in the future we can take photos of illegal parking and send these to the police for drivers to be punished.



## Attendance and Punctuality

Class with the highest attendance: 5M

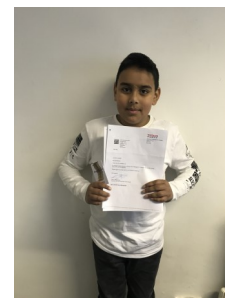
Most punctual classes: 1D & 3CP

Number of lates:

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
14	1	7	24	13

## Allotment

One of our pupils; Rajan Bhatoe in year 5 has taken it upon himself to write to the CEO of Tesco to ask for a contribution to the year 5 gardening project linked to their topic 'Allotment'. He explained how year 5 are planning to create their own allotment patch to grow fruit and vegetables and asked for any donations of gardening materials such as soil, spades and seeds. Rajan was very happy when he received a reply from Tesco and as a gesture of good will have sent him a £20 gift card to use to buy gardening resources. When Mrs Connop heard about what Rajan had done she decided to match what Tesco had donated. However this turned into a £200 donation to the year 5 allotment project; raised beds, gardening equipment and soil have all been ordered. Well done Rajan, we look forward to seeing and tasting what year 5 grow!



## Number Day

Today the children have participated in the NSPCC's number day. Thank you for all your kind donations, a special thank you to a parent who donated £200.

Pupils had a fantastic day taking part in various maths and problem solving activities. They also learnt about the work carried out by the NSPCC.



## SIMIS parent APP

We have a convenient new way to share information with you about your child's school life. From Monday 4th February 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 and contact details (you will be able to update your contact details so we always have the most up to date details) all this available at the click of a button.

## Safer internet Day

On 5th February it is **Safer internet day**. Our focus is going to be linked to our core value of valuing others and relationships. The particular focus of this is linking to relationships and valuing other people, including ourselves, online. The theme this year is "together for a better internet". On the day, the schools online safety champions will deliver an assembly to the whole school and during the day, children will complete activities linking to the theme "together for a better internet" and "valuing others and relationships". This is going to link to the idea of our digital footprints and how we can ensure that the footprint we leave online is as a positive and respectable one.



## Fizz Free February

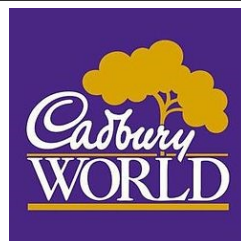
On Thursday we launched Fizz Free February as a whole school. This campaign aims to encourage all children to give up fizzy drinks for the month of February. In the afternoon children completed activities linked to: investigating the effect of sugar on teeth, food labels and making healthy food choices. We are also pleased to announce that on 14th February we are having a visit from Tom Watson (Labour deputy leader) to see how we are getting on with the campaign.



**TESCO**

## Bags of Help

Please keep visiting local Tesco stores (Great Barr Express, Stone Cross Express and West Bromwich Extra) and vote for Grove Vale project Grove Vale Woodland Wonders' this is to fund developments in our forest School; a nature trail and a new seating area. When you complete your shopping you will be given a blue token, take this to the Bags of Help display and vote for our school. Voting closes on Thursday 28th February.



On Thursday, as part of their current topic 'Scrumdiddlyumptious' year 3 went to Cadbury World. They had a fantastic day learning about how chocolate is made; the history of Cadbury and Bournville and of course tasted some delicious chocolate. The children were all well behaved, a credit to the school, they asked some great questions and hopefully will bring and use their new knowledge in the classroom.

## Forest School

5M—Tuesday morning

5B—Wednesday morning

2K—Thursday 14th February.

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.

## DISCO

**Glow party** disco Thursday 7th February

Infants: 3.45-4.45

Juniors: 5-6pm

The closing date for letters was Friday so please do not send letters into school now.

Infant children will be collected from the playground at 4.45pm. Juniors need to come to the junior link for 5pm and collected from this point also.



Tuesday 5th February	Safer internet day
Thursday 7th February	Year 2 Trip to Smethwick Temple
Thursday 7th February	DISCO
Tuesday 12th February 9.30-12	Year 4 visit to the Mosque
Tuesday 12th February @ 2-3.315pm	Year 1 parent workshop
Wednesday 13th February @ 2-3.315pm	Year 1 parent workshop
Thursday 14th February @ 2-3.315pm	Year 1 parent workshop
Monday 18th-Friday 22nd February	HALF TERM
Tuesday 26th February	Year 1 trip to Safari Park
Thursday 4th April 3.45-6.45pm	Parents evening
Friday 5th April	Spanish day
Friday 12th April	Teacher training day
Monday 15th —Friday 26th April	EASTER Holidays
Thursday 2nd May	SCHOOL CLOSED Polling Day

# Have a Great Weekend!

