

# Grove School Newsletter

## March 2017

Dear Parents,

This half term has seen the children immersed in a whole range of curriculum weeks: reading and book week, Fairtrade week and science week. These curriculum weeks have promoted a love of reading and scientific discovery as well as raising pupil understanding of Fair Trade. Do take a minute to look on the school website: <http://web.grove.bham.sch.uk/world-book-week-2017>

and under the Curriculum Journey tab.

Mrs Matty, Headteacher

### **Reading and World Book Day.**

The children looked amazing dressed in their book character outfits on World Book Day. They thoroughly enjoyed finding Wally in school and sharing their favourite stories and books with teachers. The library has lots of new fiction and non-fiction books on display. The children can loan a book each week and the library is open from 3-15pm-4-00pm on a Monday. Our school librarians will help the children select books. I hope you enjoyed reading the book your child was presented with by school. Many parents and children joined year 1 and year 2 staff for our annual read before you sleep event; year 3 and 4 launched Comic Club, I am sure this will prove to be a popular club and children in years 5 and 6 tested their book and author knowledge in a Mastermind quiz.

### **Key dates**

#### ***Events for parents and carers***

*05.04.17 6.00pm - Year 6 SATs workshop in upper school*

*30.04.17 4.00 – 5.00pm -*

*Special Educational Needs review meetings*

*During the week commencing 27.03.17 we are holding meetings for parents who have requested a nursery place for their child in September 2017.*

#### **Comic Relief**

*Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March*

*Children can wear red clothing to school and make a contribution to this worthwhile charity.*

*We have a number of red noses for sale, we are selling these for £1.00 each.*

#### *Term dates*

*School finishes on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April for the Easter holidays.*

*School commences on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017.*

## **Fairtrade week**

Children in early years developed their understanding of Fairtrade by sharing the book 'Handa's Surprise'. In years 1 and 2 children played a trolley game using Fairtrade products and used lunchboxes to find out more about produce and where it comes from. In key stage two children have used their geography skills to find out where food comes from. Did you know you can buy a Fairtrade football?

## **Science week**

A busy week for our scientists at Grove. Learning and exploration in science this week has included: working out how to free sealife animals from ice, making popcorn, making an alka-seltzer rocket, making a rocket in a workshop with Hands On Science, experimenting with fizzy pop and popping candy and visiting the science laboratories at Holyhead school and Handsworth Grammar.

## **School Council**

School council from years 3 and 4 wanted a clock in the playground to help improve punctuality. We now have a school clock! The councillors have also selected new playtime equipment and recycling bins for the classrooms.

## **The Ides of March Festival**

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March the children from years 5 and 6 drama club performed 'All The World's A Stage' on stage at the Repertory theatre. Their performance was outstanding; we certainly have some talented actors at Grove.

## **Educational visits and visitors**

**Y3** 13.03.17 Hands On Science – Magnets and forces

**Y4** 17.03.17 Hands On Science - Rockets

**Y5** 14/15/17.03.17 Museum of The Jewellery Quarter.

**Y5** 14/16/17.03.17 Handsworth Grammar School – Changing materials

**Y5** 05/06/07.04.17 Residential at Whitemoor lakes

**Y6** 13/03.17 Holyhead school – Crime Scene Investigation and using a Bunsen burner

Many thanks to all the parents who joined the year 4 workshop and played Fraction Action Snap with their child.

Congratulations to Mrs Cressey who has had a baby girl and Mrs Proud who has had a baby boy. Both babies were born in February. The proud mums are enjoying their maternity leave.