



Dear parents and carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the new year at Grove. The children have settled well in their new classes and their behaviour in class, at playtimes and at lunchtimes is very good.

Attendance

School attendance is 96%. Well done to the 337 pupils who have achieved 100% attendance this term. The school target for attendance is 95%. Congratulations to pupils in RG, 1G, 1Y, 2G, 2Y, 3G, 3Y, 4Y, 5G, 5R, 5Y, 6G, 6R and 6Y. These 14 classes have achieved 95%+ attendance so far this term.

437 pupils were part of the 10-day attendance challenge. Four pupils were selected to win an amazing prize.

To find out more about attendance at Grove please visit:

<https://web.grove.bham.sch.uk/attendance-and-punctuality>

Reading at Grove

Our reading and phonics workshops for parents were very well attended. This term pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been bringing home a reading book that is matched to what they are learning in phonics. So many parents have said their child is enjoying reading at home.

Next term in Nursery teachers will be sharing reading scheme books in lessons. These books are designed to help our youngest pupils develop early language skills. Pupils will also bring a book home each week to share with parents.

Children tell us they really enjoy reading their class novel. They study the novel in school and bring a copy home to read at their own pace. The class novels for next half term are:

Year 3: The Butterfly Lion – Michael Morpurgo

Year 4: The Spiderwick Chronicles, The Field Guide – Tony Diterlizzi

Year 5: Stormbreaker – Anthony Horowitz

Year 6: Holes – Louise Sachar

Curriculum

Our pupils have embraced their learning this term. To find out about what your child has been learning please visit: <https://web.grove.bham.sch.uk/curriculum-journey>

The curriculum experiences have been enhanced with educational visits. The children in Year 1 had examples of toys from the past in their classrooms provided by Birmingham Museum.



Year 2 visited the Jame Masjid Birchfield Mosque to support their learning of Islam. The children had the opportunity to learn about the importance of the mosque as a place of worship.

The children in year 3 have been learning about rocks, soils and fossils. The children visited Birmingham Thinktank and participated in a workshop that helped them understand how fossils are formed, providing an exciting addition to their learning.

It has been all about teeth in Year 4 with the children having the opportunity to spend the day taking part in a teeth workshop with Hands on Science who visited Grove School.

Year 5 had the opportunity to visit the Black Country Living Museum and experience what life was like for Victorian children, they experienced a lesson in a Victorian school.

The children in Year 6 visited the Museum of Cannock Chase and participated in drama activities to help understand the feelings of evacuee children during World War Two. The children also had the opportunity to look at artefacts from the time and compare their living room to one in the 1940s. The children enjoyed looking at the gas masks, ration books and realising how loud an air raid siren was.

Staying healthy

Pupils have enjoyed their lessons in physical education. To find out more about PE at Grove please visit <https://web.grove.bham.sch.uk/pe>

We are proud to offer a weekly swimming lesson to every pupil in Year 3 and Year 4 at Handsworth Leisure Centre. Knowing how to stay safe in water and to be able to swim is a skill for life. Pupils thoroughly enjoy their lessons.

Many children bring water to school, this helps keep them hydrated throughout the school day. Please do not provide fruit juice, squash or flavoured water in bottles, we have a number of pupils with allergies in school.

After school clubs

This term we have offered dance clubs for pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Pupils in Years 1 and 2 have started learning to sing with the Welsh National Opera and pupils in Years 3 and 4 have been learning to play the tabla.

Next half term we have expanded the offer for after school clubs. The following clubs will be on offer for children at Grove School:

Reading club: Nursery and Reception

Dance club: Years 1 and 2

Choir club with the Welsh National Opera: Years 1 and 2

Arts and craft club: Years 1 and 2

Family games club: Years 1, 2, 3 and 4

Drumming club: Years 3 and 4



Girls football club: Year 3 and 4
Art club: Years 3 and 4
Sewing club: Years 3 and 4
Djemebe club: Years 5 and 6
Boys football club: Years 5 and 6

Our aim is that every child who wants to participate in an after-school club has the opportunity to do so during the year.

To find out more about after school clubs please visit: <https://web.grove.bham.sch.uk/after-school-clubs> clubs

Parents evening

Thank you to all parents who met with teachers to talk about the progress your children are making in reading, writing and mathematics. So many of you completed the parental survey, your feedback is important to us. To find out more about what your child is learning this term please visit: <https://web.grove.bham.sch.uk/curriculum> and click on your child's year group. You will find information about the books your child is reading, the writing and mathematics they are learning and the curriculum projects they will be exploring.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish families who are celebrating Diwali an enjoyable time with your family and friends.

We look forward to the start of a new school term on Monday 31st October 2022.

Yours Sincerely

Ms J Baker
Headteacher