



The Grove Weekly

THE BIG CLEAN UP

Across school, for National Poetry Week, we have been reading various poems, one of which is **The Great Big Clean Up** by **Christian Foley**. As one of the themes for this year is community, we wanted to look at our own school community and how we can improve it.



Thinking about our character traits of integrity, bravery, gratitude, curiosity, citizenship and kindness, we had the idea of having our own Big Clean Up! We explored our garden area to think about future developments- something the PTA is helping our school to raise funds for! Such an exciting time for us...

DATES FOR THE DIARY

For a full list of important dates over the course of this year, please see our **annual planner** [here](#)

9th October - Scholastic Book Fair drop in 3:15pm

12th October- Prospective parent tour 9:15am

15th October - **Autumn PTA Discos: EYFS 3:30-4:30pm**

Years 3 & 4: 4:45-5:45pm

16th October- **Autumn PTA Discos: Years 1&2 3:30-4:30pm**

Years 5 & 6 4:45-5:45pm

Show Racism the Red Card day

23rd October - Harvest assembly/ last day of term

2nd November - INSET Day

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

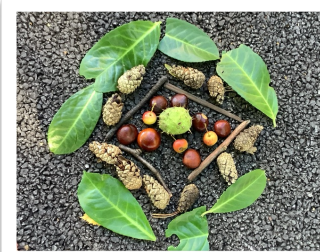
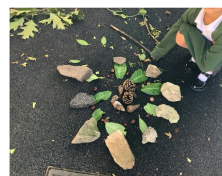
Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children thrive at school. Being in school every day keeps children connected to their learning, their friendships and the wider school community. It helps them develop confidence, enjoy a consistent routine and take part in the experiences that support their personal, social and academic growth.

When children miss school, even for short periods, they can find it harder to keep up with learning, maintain friendships and feel fully involved in school life. Over time, lower attendance can affect progress and future opportunities. By working together to support excellent attendance, we can give your child the best possible chance to succeed both now and in the future.

Watch [this video](#) to find out more information.

ART CLUB

In Miss Rogan's Monday Art Club, the children have been busy making nature mandalas inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. They have partaken in craft projects, including making paper plate peacocks and cats, inspired by Tracey Ann Finley, and yarn monsters! It has been lovely to see the children be so creative and some of the children have even stated how they cannot wait for Monday to come around again!



LIVE BUDDING POETS FROM HAZEL GROVE



We are excited to share with you that last Thursday, ideas from our Year 5 children were considered, and one published, in a nationwide poem. There were over 1000 schools on the National Poetry Day call and they gave us 3 minutes to make contributions in the chat for what *Wonder* means to us.

One of our Year 5 pupils suggested, '*wonder is a blanket you can't get out of*', and we submitted the contribution into the chat. Liv Torc, one of the hot poets, then had 15 minutes to weave a poem out of some of the thousands of contributions and at the end of the call Michael Rosen read the poem. Our budding poet's idea was chosen and she was delighted (as were the rest of the class)!

It is published on the website here: [The biggest smile in the school - read the group poem created by 1000 schools - Forward Arts Foundation](#)

PSHE SPOTLIGHT

Is YouTube Shorts safe? A guide on features and safety....

- YouTube Shorts is a short-form video feature within the main YouTube platform.
- It offers a continuous feed of content that can be difficult to step away from.
- Risks include exposure to age-inappropriate material, echo chambers, and cyberbullying.
- YouTube's supervised experience helps parents manage safety settings and screen time

Find out more information here at the [Online Safety Hub - Stockport LA](#)



PUNCTUALITY

In order to settle your child straightaway in school, children can **arrive from 8:35am, ready to be sat down in class for 8:55am.** Gates will be opened and closed **promptly** at these times. If you are unable to arrive before 8:55am, please contact school for support.

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

We aim to foster **anti-racism** discussions and create safe spaces for our children to talk about and combat racism in society. To support this, we will be taking a day to **Show Racism the Red Card**, inviting all children to wear something red on **Friday 16th October**.

MEETING OF GOVERNORS OF HAZEL GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Last week, our school Governors held their first meeting of the Academy Committee for the 2026/27 school year. The Governors are volunteers who meet once each term. Their role is to support the school, the senior leadership team and the teachers to provide excellent education for our children. The agenda for the first meeting included pupil achievement, attendance, behaviour, the school development plan and priorities for the coming year. The Academy Committee is looking to **recruit an additional parent Governor** this autumn. If you are interested in joining us or would like to learn more about the role, please contact admin@hgps.org.uk



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness