

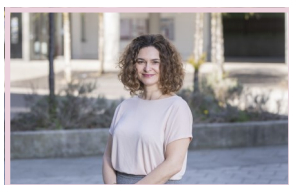


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School Newsletter

2019 Autumn Term 2

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HEAD'S WELCOME: It has been a very long term but an exciting term. We have welcomed so many new staff and pupils to the school and moved into a brand new

refurbished building.

For those of you who were able to join us last Friday at the Winter Show, it felt like the perfect end to a successful term. I was so proud of the pupils who were amazing and really proud of the skills and personal attributes they mastered over the weeks of practice. Our school SEARCH ethos stands for;

- Support
- Empathy
- Acceptance
- Resilience
- Compassion
- Honesty

I think I saw each and every value being showcased during the rehearsals and performances. It is times such as these that really brings a school community together and makes it stronger and more cohesive. I shall look forward in the future, to many more productions and the chance to showcase our pupil's talents once again. Thank you to all parents, carers, friends and families who came to the show last week, we were amazed at the turn out and the amount of support there was for the pupils. Thank you for making the afternoon such a lovely experience.

I am extremely proud of the progress pupils have made

over the last term. Last week during our pupil progress day we moderated assessments, looked at progress and heard teachers present examples of progress for their pupils. It was evident that all pupils had made progress this past term, in many different ways. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every staff member who has worked incredibly hard this term to ensure your children have the absolute best learning experiences possible, I am very proud of the team here at The Grove and the commitment and determination they show to ensure the best outcomes for the pupils in their care.

Looking ahead to next Spring Term we will be having our external safeguarding review which we have each year to ensure best practice. We also have our first Challenge Partners review which is a 3 day peer to peer review of teaching and learning in our school. This is an external review process we have opted in to for external validation and feedback. This is so we can continue to improve our offer for our pupils and school community.

I would like to wish you all a very happy and restful holiday and for those of you who celebrate the festive season, a very Happy Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all back for the Spring term 2020 and continue to work in partnership with you all.

Best wishes,
Lucia Santi
Headteacher

Goodbye & good luck



STAFF UPDATES: Mr Simon Garrill, CEO of the Heartlands Community Trust is leaving at the end of term. The Grove was always his vision and he led the application to open the school back in 2014. Simon

has been instrumental in the opening and set up of the Grove and for this we are extremely thankful.

Simon has always been passionate about inclusion and in particular tackling the provision and agenda for autism in Haringey. His commitment and determination to make a positive change and impact on children's lives has been the driving force to our school and its ethos. We will miss him as he goes to his new job in South London to lead a large multi academy trust, but know that he will be as successful there as he has been here.

We say a temporary goodbye to **Ms Sarah Galdes** in Central Class as she returns home to Australia. We hope to have Sarah back with us after the February half term. Ms Carolina will be the class teacher in her absence.

We say goodbye to **Ms Hunte** in Piccadilly class who is moving on to a new job. Also to **Ms Emma** in City class who leaves us to move into the photography field. Thank you both for your work with us over the last year.

UNIFORM: There are still a few pupils who are not wearing the correct uniform to school. We ask all parents and carers to work with us to ensure the pupils come to school in the appropriate uniform to ensure the sense of community is promoted.

If your child has a sensory sensitivity to any of the clothing that is the school uniform, please let us know and we will work with you to find an alternative solution that is more appropriate for your child.

ATTENDANCE: Can we remind parents and carers that holidays during school time are NOT authorised and parents who take their children out persistently will be referred to the Education Welfare Officer. There is an expectation that pupils attend school, the more they are in school the better progress is. This is a long established piece of research.



We understand there are complex issues around some of the young people we work with and Mrs Huseyin will lead any support you require. Ultimately the school will work with families and individuals to support the best attendance we can for each pupil.

Every case is treated fairly and individually. Supporting complex circumstances is not comparable to families going on holiday and so we will address unauthorised reasons for absence seriously. This will also include extended periods of sickness and low level frequent absence.

Deputy Head Message:

As we draw to the end of our first term, only one word constantly springs to mind, 'AMAZING'. What an amazing term this has been, amazing work from everybody, both students and staff, amazing to have settled so well into our new school, and what an amazing end of term production. Congratulations to ALL our pupils for their amazing production.



Primary News from Mr Mills

This term's topic has been Food in the Primary department. The pupils have been learning about lots of different types of food and even getting the chance to taste and experience them.



We have been working with Tottenham Hotspur Foundation this term. Connor is a specialist sports coach that comes to teach and help develop the pupils gross motor and sporting skills in a fun and exciting way.



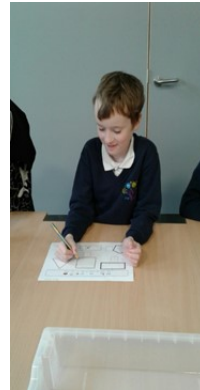


In Maths, we have been learning about lengths and sizes. In addition, we have been learning 1 more and 1 less from the number given, as well as quantity to numeral. In English, we have been reading 'The Enormous Turnip' and 'The Gingerbread Man'. We have been learning how to write simple sentences and when to use capital letters.

As a class, we have been working really hard on our communication which includes using PECS and Makaton, we have also been working hard to recognise when we need a break and request it. All students have made fantastic progress within the first term. Well done!!



During the half-term break we had two fantastic rooms fitted in The Grove. We now have a sensory room and a soft-play room. As you can see, the primary pupils love to explore and learn in these fun and exciting spaces.



Circle Class

This term our topic was 'Food'. In Circle class we have been exploring different food items. During our cooking sessions we all requested, made and ate our bread and Gingerbread man cake. All the students have enjoyed exploring and learning about different foods through our multi-sensory lessons.



City Class

City class has made a lot of progress this term. We have settled in class following routines and we have learnt through fun lessons. This term in our food topic we have learnt about shapes by using shaped food. We have read two stories: Bonfire Night and Maisy's birthday. Our functional activities (setting up tables, making breakfast) have really helped to provide meaningful balance and core learning. Great job! We wish you all a well deserved break and a happy Christmas!



Victoria Class

This half term the students have settled well into the class routines and made great strides in their social and self help skills, such as greeting, getting changed and using cutlery.

In maths the students have been learning counting and one-to-one correspondence through number action songs, puzzles and table activities. They have been sorting and matching 2D shapes, sorting into colours and learning about size.

In literacy we have been learning around the two sensory stories 'Bonfire Night' and 'The Enormous turnip' as well as 'Frozen'. The children have been learning to match pictures and have taken turns acting out parts of the stories. We have continued to make marks using different mark making tools and to form shapes and letters.

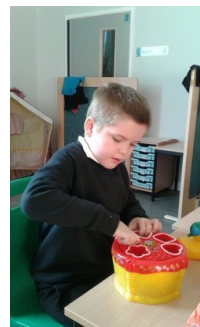
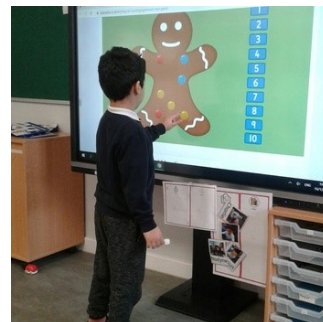
In art the children have created seasonal craft such as

pumpkins and snowflakes from paper mache and cotton and in cooking they have been pouring, measuring and mixing to create different types of doughs.

In our PE sessions the children have been following circuits to learn how to jump over hurdles, balance on beams and throw bean bags into hoops.

Next term, the topic will be 'Materials'.

We wish you happy holidays!



Secondary East News from Mr Woods

Well done to everyone in Secondary East for making it through the first term! There have been a huge number of positives to take from the term and some of the work that has been created has been fantastic. The class teams are gelling well and we are really excited that we have a new Maths and Computing teacher joining the department in the new year. There is a new timetable in January which I am sure will take a little while to get used to, but we are confident we have put together a broad curriculum for our young people and they have been really receptive of the work done so far. We thank the students for working really hard this term and also for your parts in the school show, you did the team proud! Thanks to all the parents for your continued support and we hope you have a restful Christmas break and a happy new year!

District Class

This half term District Class have been learning about stop motion animation in art, looking at new lab equipment and practical skills in science, beginning to understand the events of World War Two in History, creating presentations in English, online shopping and transport in life skills and making lots of delicious food in cooking.

We have been very busy over the last couple of weeks creating the props for the show and practising our lines.



Metropolitan Class

Metropolitan have been progressing in various subjects. In History we have been studying the Industrial Revolution and WWII; in Science we have been developing our practical skills; in English we have been studying A Monster Calls novel; in Art we have been creating Stop Motion animations and building Winter Show Props (including a fabulous Tinman costume, well done Rafael!); and in Food Tech we have been cooking delicious meals!



Secondary West News from Ms Colhoun

Merry Christmas from Secondary West! It's been a very exciting half term as we prepare for our Christmas show and look forward to festive celebrations at school and home. Our students have continued to enjoy all areas of the curriculum with KS3 learning about our earth and natural disasters and KS4 continuing to explore the concept of how to keep safe at home, school and within the community. Thank you to all our parents for your continued support and encouragement this term, we wish you a joyful holiday and look forward to welcoming our students back in the new year.

Bakerloo

Bakerloo Class have had an amazing first term at The Grove. Our topic this term has been 'staying safe' which has helped us to include life skills in all areas of the curriculum. We have made beautiful safety books for bonfire night and have really enjoyed learning about safety in the kitchen when cooking delicious healthy snacks! We were all very proud of the winter performance too, what a lovely way to end the term!



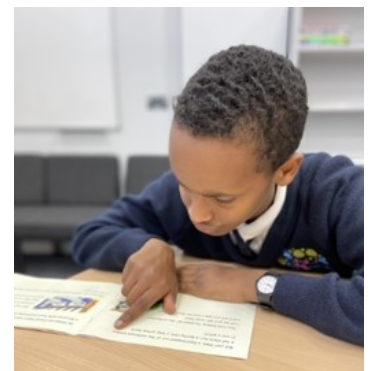
Central

This term Central class has settled into the new school and all students have made great progress. They have enjoyed using the new facilities such as the trampolines, swing and water play room. They have been working hard in all areas to develop their skill sets and independence with a main focus on communication and social skills. The topic this term was dinosaurs which we embedded it across all key learning areas such as English, Maths and Science. The highlight of our term was making a paper mache volcano and conducting a science experiment to watch it explode.

Jubilee

Jubilee class has been eager to learn new things in English, Maths, Geography and DT. Our topic this term was Extreme Earth and in our Geography lessons we have been learning about the main layers of the earth, tectonic plates, tornadoes, earthquakes and volcanoes to understand our planet better.

In English we have been using adjectives to describe pictures of the extreme phenomena and explored but also wrote our own newspaper articles and diary entries. During our library sessions we practise reading a book independently and writing a book review.



Moreover, during our Phonics sessions we learnt about various phonemes, how to pronounce them and practised how to write those sounds. During circle time we sorted consonants and vowels and had to think and write words beginning with those letters and sounds.



For D&T we looked at different building structures and created our own Earthquake proof buildings using various techniques such as cross braces or a pendulum. We practised our problem solving, social interaction and team work skills.



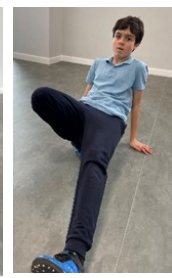
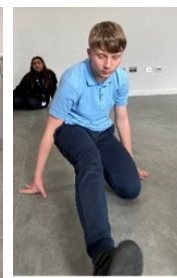
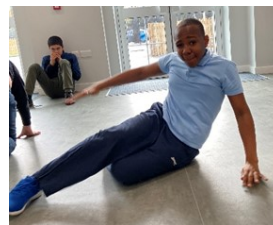
In Maths we have been learning about place value, subtraction of 2-digit numbers and self-assessed our work using calculators. We have also started looking at word problems and continued to develop our addition skills through our lessons on Money.



A lesson that we all enjoy is Food Tech and this term we have started using the oven to bake various easy and quick snacks such as tortilla chips, tortilla pizza, biscuits with lemon zest etc. We practised out cutting, spreading, mixing skills as well as following a recipe and tidying up our equipment.



Finally, as a class we love PE and Dance lessons and we've worked very hard in both lessons, in order to achieve the challenging sport techniques for Hockey and Football and complicated dance routines for break dance, therefore we are very proud of our accomplishments.



We have built strong foundations to start creating healthy and friendly relationships with our peers and we enjoy spending time together. Happy holidays and a happy new year!

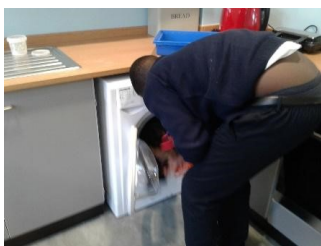
Piccadilly

Life skills

This half term has been full of new experiences. Piccadilly class have been going out to the park every week and have now started going to the shop to increase independence and life skills. We have been learning about safe travel, shopping skills, making a shopping list, then looking for the items in the shop and then handing them out at the till.

During life skills sessions in school, we have been learning about hygiene and how to keep ourselves clean. Piccadilly class has been learning how to do their laundry and wash their swimming trunks and towels after water play.

During snack time, everyone has been practicing different skills such as laying the table, tidying the table, washing and drying up the dishes and putting dishes away. They all have done extremely well!



Mathematics

In maths, we have been learning about numbers and addition and subtraction using a variety of resources such as paint and sensory objects. We have done lots of different fun activities such as throwing balls to a dartboard and adding a specific number of blocks to towers.



English/ PSHE/ Topic

This term, our topic has been around extreme Earth conditions. We have been looking at tornados, volcanos, earthquakes and tsunamis. The students have made different crafts to represent each of them and learned about their effects on Earth.

In PSHE we have been learning about emotions, how to recognize them in others and in ourselves. We have introduced the zones of regulation and everyone has been really engaged with learning about them through a wide range of activities. We have been acting out emotions and looking at pictures and videos. We have also been learning about private and public places.



Post 16 News from Ms Elton

I can't believe that we are nearly at the end of our first term, in the new school, in the new building! It has been a brilliant first term for all of post 16 students. I have enjoyed seeing all of their hard work across their subjects: particularly seeing their progress with life skills in the life skills flat. It has been a pleasure meeting all families during the very positive annual reviews and I loved the presentation that the students put on, of a Christmas Carol in the Winter Show - thank you to all the Post 16 teachers for their hard work to make this happen. It just leaves me to say, have a wonderful Christmas break, get some well earned rest and see you in the new year.

Post 16

Post 16 students have had another interesting and wonderful half term. They have arisen with enthusiasm for learning new skills. They have shown personal resilience and willingness to deal with new challenges. Students have worked as a team to produce class props for the school winter show. They have worked tirelessly to practice their lines. Well done Post 16.



News from Miss Huseyin

Parent Coffee Mornings

On 14th November I had a record 25 of you arrive for the parent coffee morning. I was really delighted to share conversations around training, life outside of school and the futures of our young people. Thank you for coming. I hope we have as many next term, on **Wednesday 22nd January 2020 at 10am.**



Relationships, Sex and Health Education

September 2020 sees the introduction of the new government guidance. At The Grove School, we are early adopters. I will be leading the sex education at The Grove. During January and February I will be running workshops throughout a number of days, I encourage you to ensure you attend one of the workshops so you can understand what your child will be learning and how they will be taught.

There will be workshops during and after school for families only, I will send detailed information after Christmas, but the dates available will be as follows;

Wednesday 29th January

Thursday 30th January

Thursday 13th February

Barnardos Cygnet Programme

Thank you to the six families who were part of the Barnardos Cygnet Programme. This was run by myself and Sarah Lewis, Senior Educational Psychologist at Haringey. This was a trial project, which appears to have been well received. Please let me know if you are interested in attending when we run the next programme. You will need to be able to commit to attending once a week for three hours over seven weeks. nadine.huseyin@thegroveschool.co.uk

Anti-Bullying Project

Over the last term I have been working on a project with The All Together Programme which is funded by the Department for Education and delivered by the Anti-Bullying Alliance with support from Contact and Achievement for All. I choose to use this award as our project, because it focuses heavily on individual wellbeing with many of the questions, directed at students, based around how they feel.

Next term will be our first meeting, which will be held once every half term. I would really like a parent representative to be a part of this programme. Please let me know if you will be interested in supporting our anti-bullying project. Contact Nadine on

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or via 07912945107.

FINAL THANKS: We would like to thank all parents, carers and families for your continued support over

the Autumn term.

Working in partnership is such an important part of our school approach and ethos and we look forward to working with you all again in the New Year.

From all the staff at The Grove, we wish you all a very restful and happy holidays and best wishes for 2020.



- ◇ **Tuesday 21st January** PLP Meeting with teachers for Primary Pupils 3-5pm
- ◇ **Tuesday 21st January** PLP Meeting with teachers for Post 16 students 3-5pm
- ◇ **Thursday 23rd January** PLP Meeting with teachers for Secondary Pupils 3-5pm
- ◇ **Monday 3rd February - Friday 7th February** Children's Mental Health Week
- ◇ **Thursday 6th February** - The Grove Local Governors Meeting 6-8pm
- ◇ **Monday 10th February** - Heartlands Community Trust AGM at The Grove 6-8.30pm
- ◇ **Friday 14th February** - Break up for Half Term