



# CURRICULUM NEWS

2022 Autumn Term 1 - Post 16

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## Headteacher's Welcome



Starting the new school year it feels like the right time to celebrate the success stories from last year. All our pupils who were entered for accreditation exams achieved their predicted grades; we are so very proud of them. All Year 14 leavers secured internships with the Autism Project and have made a great start! Of our year 11 leavers, 2 have moved to the Creative Arts College, 1 has started an apprenticeship programme at college, 1 has moved to employment and 1 pupil has transferred to a new sixth form. Although the leavers assemblies were tearful, we are so thrilled the pupils have developed the skills and confidence to make those successful next steps.

Closer to school, I was really pleased to report to our Governors of the continued and improved progress our pupils make at school. Last year 96% made expected progress in English and 92% in maths. We still have a little way to improve on attendance, which was 86.5%. Pupils who made the most progress were those with 90% attendance and above, so we are keen to get as many pupils above that attendance target as possible!

Best wishes, Lucia Santi, Headteacher

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## Teaching, Learning, Curriculum



Welcome to our first half termly Curriculum Newsletter of the 2022 - 2023 school year. Within each half termly edition you will receive updates and information about what has been happening in your child's class and in their departments.

Department and Subject Leads have been working hard to design a knowledge rich and engaging curriculum that meets the needs of all our pupils. We have a broad thematic approach to delivering the curriculum, which allows our pupils to make links between areas of learning and consolidate skills. All the themes have been carefully considered and mapped across our departments so that knowledge is consolidated and built upon to support retention and recall. Each department has a curriculum map that outlines themes for each term and the cross curricular links between subjects.

If you would like to know more about our curriculum, please contact me, visit our website.

Best wishes, Helen Georgiades, Deputy Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
24th - 28th October	Half Term
24th October	Diwali
31st October	INSET - No Pupils
2nd November	International day for the abolition of slavery
3rd November	Coffee morning 9.30am
11th November	Remembrance Day
14th November	ODD Sock Day
14th-18th November	Anti-Bullying week
17th November	Grove Governors
10th December	Human Rights Day
18th December	Hanukkah
9th December	Pupil Progress Day - School is closed to Pupils
16th December	End of Term
3rd January	INSET - No Pupils
4th January	Pupils back to school



## Pastoral News - Miss Huseyin

I am going to begin with a huge thank you to all the families that have been in touch with me and checking in over the last few weeks as I have been working offsite at another school in Haringey! I am very happy to be returning on Monday 31st October.

My first task to get back to is the coffee morning! **Thursday 3rd November at 9.30** will be our first one, we will meet at Downhills Park Coffee cafe. I hope you can join me!

Many of you might not know that we have a facebook group! This is a group for parents / carers with pupils at The Grove. It has been created to enable our families to share local information about events, share ideas, arrange meet ups or to even give away old uniforms. I am the admin for the group.

I have been fortunate enough to be in school on a Monday this half term. I teach History to Waterloo and we have been learning about the Stone Age - I love these moments in class. I was really pleased with the written work at the end of our topic where pupils explained what they had been learning.

Next half term sees our usual Anti-Bullying week celebrations from the **14-18th November** starting with **ODD SOCK DAY on Monday 14th November**.

Best wishes, Nadine Huseyin  
Designated Safeguarding & Mental Health Lead  
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## Career News

It has already been a busy start to Careers this term across the school . We have had SCOPE onsite to deliver careers advice to our pupils in year 11 and above, we are taking a work experience trip out to Kentish Town City Farm and the 6th Form pupils have started their college placements at BSIX college in Hackney. These are all really exciting opportunities.

We have more to look forward to next term. Some of our upcoming events are:

- Rugby Works Employment workshops
- Go Karting and Engineering
- Kidzania
- The Recording Studio - Wood Green

It is an exciting time for Careers at The Grove and you can now find out more information on the website in our new "Sixth Form and Careers" section.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions around careers or options for post 16 and beyond:

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Bronja Elton - Director of Sixth Form/Careers Lead

## CLASSROOM NEWS

### POST 16 NEWS

#### HEAD OF POST 16: MS ELTON

It has been an amazing first term back. We have successfully moved into our new building which is fantastic news. The pupils have all been brilliant at adapting to a new and exciting environment. I have been very proud to see how they have all been applying themselves to their lessons, negotiating new timetables and new environments and catering lunch for themselves (with the support of staff) three days a week. A big thank you to all the 6th form staff that have settled the pupils in so quickly and successfully!

A reminder of the courses that pupils study in the 6th form:

- Functional Skills English
- Functional Skills Maths
- Functional Skills ICT
- Catering and Hospitality BTEC Level 1

Next term will see pupils going off site to college at BSIX in Hackney on Mondays, continuing with swimming lessons on Thursdays and starting their Sports Leadership qualification with Rugby Works.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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Bronja Elton  
Director of 6th Form

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## Post 16 CLASS NEWS

### CAREERS (Ms Elton)

It has been lovely this term to start working with all of the pupils on careers, jobs and next steps as part of their curriculum. Pupils have been learning about the skills they need for different jobs and what different jobs there are. Both classes are enjoying learning about the skills they need and are able to recognise many already. Next term we will be moving onto interview skills and gaining confidence around the world of work.

### MATHS (Miss Kyriacos)

Pupils have shown what they can remember from last year where they have shown understanding of numbers and place value. They've enjoyed using equipment such as Numicon and base 10 blocks as well as playing dice and dominos games with their peers. We have just begun to revisit addition and subtraction which is a skill that can be forever practised at home and at school. After half term we plan to go over money and multiplication.

### ICT (Miss Kyriacos)

It's been wonderful watching pupils progress in ICT. They've all shown they can log on and off to a laptop independently and most of them can find specific images and copy and paste them into a Word document. Each week some pupils have progressed on to creating posters which are linked to our SMSC topics such as: Queen Elizabeth's passing,

### ENGLISH (Miss Dawn)

This term the pupils have been working on a topic called 'Me, Myself and I'. Here, they have been exploring their interests and why these things are important to them. Pupils have also been exploring the difference between their skills and their qualities and using these to think about writing personal statements. They have also begun to link these to the skills and qualities that they would need for different jobs and the job that they might like to do in the future.

### CATERING (Miss Dawn)

The pupils have made some amazing meals this term, working together to make lunch for themselves three days a week. The meals have included these ones below, which you can follow the links for and make them at home.

- [Chicken and Rice Traybake](#)
- [Homemade Pizza](#)
- [Chicken Shish Kebabs](#)
- [Lemon Cheesecake](#)

It's clear that the pupils' skills and confidence are developing at a fantastic rate, with regards to meal preparation and their understanding of the need for good hygiene practices at all times.

## HOME LEARNING

**Maths:** The following websites can be used from home for pupils to continue their Maths learning: [SumDog](#), [Time Table Rockstars](#) and [NumBots](#). You can find many worksheets online however [here](#) is a useful link. If you would like their login details please email me

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**ICT:** Practise your typing and coordination skills [TypeDojo.com](http://TypeDojo.com). If you have Word and access to the internet at home how about practising copying and pasting images of things that interest you or more SMSC topics such as: United Nations Day, Diwali and Guyfawkes Night.

**English:** Encourage your child to read stories, comics, recipes, articles from newspapers and magazines or online versions of these. If possible, share this reading together or encourage them to talk about the text or point to images related to it.

**Catering:** Why not try some of the recipes that we have tried this half term (follow the links above) or encourage your child to help with the planning and preparation of some of the meals at home.

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## PE News with Mr Proctor

Post 16 pupils are currently taking part in weekly PE lessons delivered by Rugby Works and they also participate in a dance session every Friday with Step Into dance. Post 16 1 also attend a weekly swimming lesson which they are enjoying whilst learning a vital life skill. Post 16 2 will attend swimming lessons after Christmas.

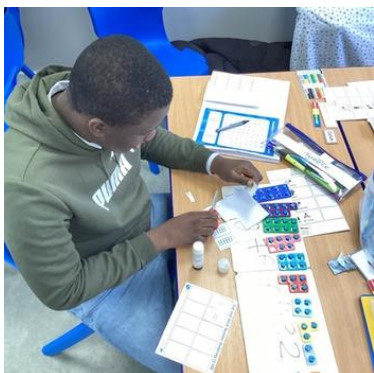
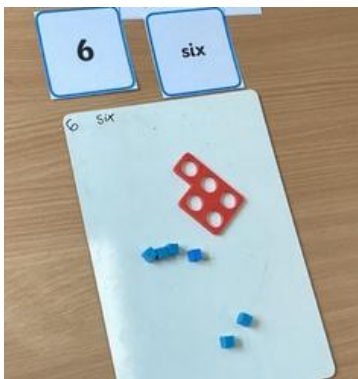
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# Gallery



*Maths: Reading, writing and ordering numbers up to 20.*