



CURRICULUM NEWS

2022 Autumn Term 2 - Post 16

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Headteacher's Welcome



What a busy term and there have been so many things to showcase. My highlight was the pupils' fantastic performance in the school production of

Peter Pan. This for me exemplifies how we should never lower the ceiling of expectation and encourage pupils to aim high! I really hope those of you that managed to attend enjoyed the show!

Curriculum work this term has seen the introduction of more enrichment activities outside of the classroom to complement teaching and develop those critical life and wider social skills. We now have a full quota of subject leads in place leading the development of the academic curriculum across the school. In our review this term for English, Maths and Science all learning was never less than good with many examples of outstanding practice across the school.

Thank you to parents and carers with your continued support with attendance. Our school average has risen to 91% which is fantastic. This has had a positive impact on progress across the school.

Wishing you all a peaceful and healthy holiday. All good wishes for 2023!

Best wishes, Lucia Santi, Headteacher

Teaching, Learning, Curriculum



We are fast approaching the end of term and we have a lot of excited pupils, and needless to say staff, ready for the festive break!

Our pupils continue to amaze me in so many different ways. They have all worked so hard this term. On Pupils Progress Day, we looked at the progress made by each individual pupil in the different areas across the curriculum. I was overwhelmed by the progress they are making. Class teachers and Head of Departments are now busy with planning for the Spring Term to continue this way.

Our pupils' performance in Peter Pan is another incredible achievement, we have a number of inspiring actors within our mists.

You will find in this edition a lot of updates about what has been happening in your child's class this term and some suggestions and useful links to help you when working at home with your child.

Thank you to all the parents for your continued support and we hope you have a restful Christmas break and a happy new year!

Best wishes, Helen Georgiades, Deputy

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
3rd January	INSET - No Pupils
4th January	Pupils back to school
16th January	Family Workshop Session 1
24th January	Family Workshop Session 2
26th January	Grove Governor Meeting
30th January	Family Workshop Session 3
2nd February	Family Workshop Session 4
3rd February	Family Workshop Session 5
6th February	Family Workshop Session 6
10th February	Break Up for Half Term
13th-17th February	Half Term
20th February	INSET Day - No Pupils
21st February	Pupils Back to School
22nd February	Family Workshop Session 7
1st March	Family Workshop Session 8



Safeguarding Lead News - Miss Huseyin

Thank you to parents / families who have attended the coffee morning this term. We will get some more dates for Spring booked in and we will be holding these in the Sixth form cafe.

The dates for parent workshops in the new year have been sent home in a letter and are listed in this newsletter.

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, please feel free to join us!

Children's Mental Health Week and Stand Up to Bullying return in February and departments will continue their work for PSHE across the term.

Wishing you all a wonderful festive season and a happy new year.

Best wishes, Nadine Huseyin
Designated Safeguarding & Mental Health Lead
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I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term at The Grove. There have been some real success stories across the school and a number of pupils have made significant steps in terms of behaviour and engagement this term. We are continuing to work on supporting all students to develop positive self-regulation and communication strategies.

I hope that many of you will be able to attend the family workshop sessions that will be starting next term. I personally am really looking forward to meeting some of you!

I hope you all have a great holiday! Best

wishes, Louis Maunder (Senior Leader for Pastoral Lead and Behaviour)

Career News

Careers and enrichment

Thanks again everyone for all your support with trips and workshops this term. It has been a busy term for Careers and Enrichment and there have been some fantastic on and off site trips and activities. We are already planning more exciting events for 2023, including **Careers Week (6th - 10th March)** and the return of our **Careers and Next Steps Fair**.

Also coming up:

- Divergent Thinking / Mobile Film Making workshops
- More Kentish Town City Farm visits / Work experience
- Early morning explorers / London Transport Museum
- London Law Courts
- Pet Club
- Scope
- African Drumming
- NHS Cadets
- Groundswell Arts Communication Pod

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 6th Form/Careers Lead

CLASSROOM NEWS

POST 16 NEWS

HEAD OF POST 16: MS ELTON

It has been another fantastic half term. All of the pupils have really settled into the building and it was lovely to see how much ownership they had of the space when they took all of the parents and visitors around during the opening event. Thank you to all of the support for the opening event. It was really lovely to officially open the space and be able to showcase all the fantastic work that the pupils and teachers do.

Thank you to everyone for their support with BSix college. Unfortunately, due to circumstances out of our control, I am sorry to say that the partnership work with BSix college will not continue next term but hopefully there will be further opportunities on the horizon with Hackney Community College. I will be in touch as soon as I know more.

On a final note, it has been really exciting to see pupils going off site for some many different activities this term: Five Guys, Travel Training and Park Side Theatre just to name a few. There will be lots more to look forward to in the Spring term.

Have a wonderful Christmas break and Happy New Year.

Bronja Elton
Director of 6th Form

Post 16 CLASS NEWS

ENGLISH (Miss Dawn)

This half term the pupils have continued to work on a topic called 'Me, Myself and I'. The focus has been writing emails about past events, completing application forms with basic details about ourselves and we are also beginning to do some speaking and listening work about recalling the main points from a description or an explanation of something. Pupils will end the half term producing a presentation about themselves which they will present to their class.

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.

- [Cauliflower and Chickpea curry](#)
- [Sausage traybake](#)
- [Pineapple upside down cake](#)
- [Chocolate Muffins](#)

This half term, the pupils have particularly enjoyed using the electrical equipment such as the food processor and the electric whisk. There has also been a focus on developing the pupils' ability to weigh and measure ingredients accurately.

MATHS (Miss Kyriacos)

This half term pupils have done some great work on money. They have identified the names of British coins and notes as well as moved on to calculate different amounts. To link in with the Christmas theme pupils have worked together to calculate a Christmas party. This involved listing items for the party, finding the items online e.g. using Tesco's website, then calculating the overall cost. Some pupils even created a financial spreadsheet in Excel where they got to practise their ICT skills.

ICT (Miss Kyriacos)

ICT lessons this half term have been linked with the SMSC topics as well as focussing on "using email". Some of the topics we have covered have been: Guy Fawkes, Remembrance Day, Road Safety Week, Human rights day. Pupils have practised finding and logging into their school gmail accounts where they have had to read and reply to emails from their teachers. They have shown great concentration when copying text from paper onto email and then changing the font colour.

HOME LEARNING

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.

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.

ICT: Practise your typing and coordination skills [TypeDojo.com](#). If you have access to the internet pupils could try logging into their school email from home and sending emails to family members.

If your child cannot remember their login details for any of the websites of their school email address feel free to email me levanda.kyriacos@thegroveschool.co.uk

PE Gifted and Talented sessions take place at Lee Valley Athletics Centre where pupils get the opportunity to take part in athletics sessions taught by an athletics instructor in an amazing facility. Staff at Lee Valley have been amazing with our pupils and we even got to meet a Team GB sprinter!

Pupils have enjoyed following the football world cup with the whole school watching the first England game against Iran. All pupils had the opportunity to watch this game with class teachers organising world cup themed lessons and parties on the day.

PE News with Mr Proctor

It has been a very busy half term within the PE department with many exciting events and trips happening across the school.

Each half term pupils focus on developing specific sports skills during PE lessons. The sports change each half term and we are trying to expose pupils to as many different sports as possible. This half term pupils have been developing their football, table tennis and curling skills.

Post 16 classes have been enjoying Rugby Works sessions every Thursday and developing their teamwork skills, problem solving and leadership skills.

This half term we also launched a new PE Gifted and Talented programme across the school for pupils that show great attitude, enthusiasm and ability within PE lessons.



Gallery



Boxercise



To be able to identify and calculate British monies.



Social skills; taking turns, encouraging others.



Catering: Using electrical appliances and weighing ingredients for pineapple upside down cake