



CURRICULUM NEWS

2023 Spring Term 1 - Post 16

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Headteacher's Welcome



This has been a relatively short half term but we still seem to have packed a lot into it!

INSET at the beginning of the term focused on computing and we have seen lots of fantastic work going on since the training. Recently we ran focused dives into our Humanities, RE and PSHE curriculums. The data and feedback has helped us to plan for refinement in these areas. We saw really engaging lessons and the content in the schemes of work being delivered in a sequenced order to build skills and knowledge. We still want to work on our PSHE curriculum and support our teachers to be more confident in its delivery across classes. As a result our INSET training day on 20th February will be focused on the PSHE curriculum and Life Skills. I'm really excited about these areas for development as they provide essential learning for our pupils and can be delivered cross curricular in all other academic and vocational learning.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership working to help us to make the learning experiences for your children the best they can be. Have a good half term!

Best wishes, Lucia Santi, Headteacher

Teaching, Learning, Curriculum



Another half term has passed, and we are already through half the academic year and we are compiling our 3rd Curriculum Newsletter. The senior leadership team and subject leads continue to work hard reviewing and refining. The Grove curriculum, to enhance our pupils' learning, engagement, experiences and outcomes. The Grove curriculum is not limited by the walls of our classrooms. It is enhanced by all aspects of school life through:

- Assemblies
- Pupil Voice
- Pastoral and wellbeing support
- Enrichment
- Wide ranging extracurricular activities

The Grove curriculum seeks to empower and enable, giving our pupils the currency to allow them to realise their aspirations. In this edition you will find many updates as to what has been happening in your child's department this half term. Class teachers and Department Leads have added ideas and useful links to help you support your child at home. If you would like to find out more, please feel free to email me at, helen.georgiades@thegroveschool.co.uk.

Helen Georgiades, Deputy Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
13th - 17th February	Half Term
20th February	INSET - No Pupils
21st February	Pupils back to school
21st February	Shrove Tuesday
22nd February	Family Workshop (Primary) Online Safety
1st March	Family Workshop Session 8
3rd March	World Book Day
3rd March	Family Workshop (Secondary) Online Safety
6th March	Purim
7th March	Family Workshop Speech & Language
8th March	International Women's Day
8th March	Holi
16th March	Grove Governor Meeting
24th March	Pupil Progress Day - School is closed to Pupils
22nd March	Ramadan
27th March	Autism Week
31st March	End of Term
17th April	INSET - No Pupils
17th April	Yom HaShoah
18th April	Pupils back to school



Safeguarding Lead News - Miss Huseyin

It has been so lovely to meet so many of you at the family workshops this term. Thank you so much for attending and for your positive contributions to the sessions. They have been really fun and enjoyable to run. There are lots more coming up before summer so please keep an eye out for letters coming home. As always, if ever you have any follow-up questions then please do not hesitate to contact me on louis.maunder@thegroveschool.co.uk.

In the coming half-term we are going to be focusing on developing our practice in the playground, which is one of our key action points from the Behaviour Hub programme. There has been some great engagement from staff and pupils already, and we are excited to see what we can do.

I hope you all have a great holiday! Best wishes, Louis Maunder (Senior Leader for Pastoral Lead and Behaviour)

(Written on behalf of Miss Huseyin)

Career and Enrichment News

A big thank you to all parents and staff for your support with trips and workshops this term. For parents, thank you for embracing our new system on Parent Pay, it has really helped with the organisation of trips and clubs.

It has been a busy term for Careers and Enrichment and there have been some fantastic on and off site trips and activities. Pupils in Secondary East have taken part in a fantastic Mobile Film Workshop with a company called 'Divergent Thinking', run by an inspirational young autistic adult. I will share their films when they are ready! Sixth form continue to take part in Work Experience at Five Guys in Wood Green and most recently Kentish Town City Farm. These are fantastic opportunities and the pupils are doing really well at developing skills towards independence. Primary and Secondary West have been taking part in Horse Riding and Forest School which has been great to see.

We are now offering many enrichment opportunities across the curriculum to enhance pupils learning and experiences. Some of those activities are listed below:

- Early morning explorers / London Transport Museum
- London Law Courts
- Pet Club
- African Drumming
- NHS Cadets
- Groundswell Arts Communication Pod

Next half term is **Careers Week** (6th - 10th March) and the return of our **Careers and Next Steps Fair**. Please keep the date of the **9th March free**. The fair will take place from 2.30-4.30. please contact me if you have any questions around careers or options for post 16 and beyond: bronja.elton@thegroveschool.co.uk

CLASSROOM NEWS

POST 16 NEWS

HEAD OF POST 16: MS ELTON

I can't believe that it is time for another Newsletter. It feels like we have only just returned from the Christmas break - where has time gone?

I am, as always, so proud of all of the work that has been going on in the 6th form. There have been some amazing meals cooked, some brilliant work skills being developed through Five Guys and Kentish Town City Farm, some wonderful Art being produced and so much progress being made in all of their core subjects. It has been lovely to see them applying their learning to the real world such as writing emails and creating CVs about themselves but also applying mathematical skills to life in the community.

Next term we look forward to more offsite opportunities and trips with the onset of spring and hopefully nicer weather on its way.

Have a lovely half term.

Bronja Elton
Director of 6th Form

Post 16 CLASS NEWS

MATHS & ICT (Miss Kyriacos)

This half term pupils have covered 2D and 3D shapes. They have done particularly well in learning the key vocabulary such as corners, sides, edges, vertices and faces. Next term we move on to measurement.

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: World Religion Day, Martin Luther King Day, Chinese New Year, Holocaust Memorial Day and Children’s Mental Health Week. The skills they have covered are: finding and downloading a Word document from email, correcting spelling mistakes on the Word document, resaving the document and emailing it back to me.

I’ve been very impressed with how well they have picked up these skills that are hugely transferable across all types of jobs.

Social & Communication skills (Miss Kyriacos)

Some of us have been visiting local cafes for a hot drink or even lunch. It has been lovely spending time with pupils outside of the school environment. They’ve practiced their travel training, handling money, reading menus, communication with unfamiliar adults as well as table etiquette and social skills. It’s been a delight and we hope to continue to do more of this

ENGLISH (Miss Dawn)

This term the pupils have been working on a topic called Hobbies and Skills. Pupils have been exploring different hobbies and then using these to make posters, write letters and emails about them. Pupils have also explored the benefits and costs associated with a specific hobby. This topic has enabled pupils to develop their basic sentence writing skills as well as the use of conjunctions and paragraphs.

CATERING (Miss Dawn)

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

- [Vegetable pasta bake](#)
- [Homemade burgers](#)
- [Vegan Chili con carne](#)
- [Homemade meatballs with spaghetti](#)

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

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 News with Mr Proctor

Rugby Works continues to work with classes across the school every Thursday developing their teamwork and communication skills. A large number of pupils from Post 16 and Secondary East now support Rugby Works sessions every Thursday and they will be working towards completing their Sports Leaders Qualification during the summer term.

Post 16 classes have been enjoying their Step Into Dance sessions every Friday and we continue to see high engagement within these sessions.

