



CURRICULUM NEWS

2023 Summer Term 1 - Post 16

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Headteacher's Welcome



Welcome to Summer 1 curriculum news and more importantly a time for celebrations. The most obvious is news on our confirmed **Outstanding**

Ofsted inspection last half term. We are obviously thrilled with this and I am particularly proud that teachers and support staff, alongside pupils, were mentioned for their valuable contribution to our school.

We hosted our Challenge Partners review this half term which went really well. There were no recommended outcomes and it was a pleasure to have visitors from other schools join us for learning walks and evaluation. This is a great process for staff to be involved in and really supports school improvement. You can find both reports on our website.

Highlights this half term for me have been the installation of the Communication Pod by Groundswell Arts, our new school choir and the new tennis coaching sessions. All these additional enrichment activities continue to support the school curriculum and provide our pupils with lots of varied and rich learning experiences. Happy Half Term to you all.

Best wishes, Lucia Santi, Headteacher

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Welcome to the latest edition of our curriculum newsletter. As we approach the end of Summer Term 1, I wanted

to provide you with some updates and highlights from our curriculum. As you are aware we recently underwent an inspection by OFSTED and we are delighted that their report acknowledged our efforts in providing an outstanding educational experience for our pupils. OFSTED reported, "Leaders have ensured that there is a highly ambitious and rich curriculum in place for all pupils."

This recognition from OFSTED affirms our commitment to delivering a curriculum that empowers our pupils and prepares them for the next steps in their education and life beyond The Grove.

In this edition you will find updates about what has been happening in your child's class this term and some suggestions and useful links to support your child's learning journey at home.

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

Best wishes, Helen Georgiades, Deputy Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
29th May - 2nd June	Half Term
5th June	INSET - No Pupils
6th June	Pupils Back to School
6th June	D-Day Anniversary
12th June	Demand Avoidance
13th June	Sensory Stories
13th June	Coffee Afternoon
15th June	Grove Governors
20th June	Early Reading
20th June	World refugee Day
27th June	School Music Performance
4th July	School Music Performance
11th July	International Day at School
14th July	Pupil Progress Day - School is closed to Pupils
15th July	School PROM
19th July	Primary Leavers Assembly
19th July	Secondary West Leavers Assembly
20th July	6th Form Leavers Assembly
21st July	End of Term
7th-10th August	Summer School
14th -17th August	Summer School
4th September	INSET - No Pupils
5th September	Pupils back to school



Safeguarding Lead News - Miss Huseyin

Another big thank you from me to all of you for contacting me whilst I was unwell over the last few months and for welcoming me back with such warmth. Your care and consideration was much appreciated - but now back to those Coffee Catch Ups!

The next coffee afternoon is Tuesday 13th June at 1.45pm in the 6th Form Cafe. I look forward to seeing you all there. Tuesday 13th June at 1.45pm in the 6th Form Cafe!

Best wishes, Nadine Huseyin
Designated Safeguarding & Mental Health Lead

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We were pleased to have a family workshop session on ADHD delivered this half-term by Dr Laura Cockburn and Claire Kenny, external educational psychologists. The session was really positive and well attended and they will be running another session on Demand Avoidance after the holidays on the 12th June.

We are now moving towards the end of the DFE behaviour hub programme which we have been part of this year.

Staff will again be visiting other schools to gain further knowledge and see how other settings support behaviour and wellbeing. New activities are now available to pupils at playtime as part of our action plan and they have been very well received by pupils with increased engagement..

I hope you all have a great holiday!

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

Career News

It has been another very busy half term for careers and enrichment. Pupils have continued to take part in African Drumming sessions, Kentish Town City Farm trips, and off site work experience. It was really lovely to see Marylebone class pupils at Linklaters Law offices; I think they particularly enjoyed the lunch provided! It has been fantastic to see all the pupils involved in the Communication Pod brought in by Groundswell Arts. I know some images have already been shared on our Twitter feed and Parents News. I have loved seeing pupils involved from all departments across the school.

Next half term we will continue to provide exciting new experiences. Some of which are a TFL workshop, more Linklaters trips, Drama workshops and a visit to Tottenham Fire Station.

As always please contact me if you have any questions around careers and next steps.

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Bronja Elton *Director of Sixth Form/Careers Lead*



POST 16 NEWS

HEAD OF POST 16: MS ELTON

This half term has flown by! With Bank holidays, strike days and the King's Coronation, it seems like we have been in school for a very short period of time. Considering this, the pupils have still taken part in many new activities and worked hard towards their exams across all of their subjects.

It has been great to see all of the sixth form going to visit different cafes on Fridays to help with the development of our 6th form cafe. I am excited to see all of the pictures and inspiration for how we can redesign the cafe in the summer term ready for September.

Next term we look forward to more offsite opportunities and trips, pupils will continue with Kentish Town City Farm, visit Linklaters law firm and continue with work experience around the school.

I hope everyone has a lovely half term. See you back on the 6th of June!

Bronja Elton
Director of 6th Form

Post 16 CLASS NEWS

MATHS AND ICT (Miss Kyriacos)

This half term pupils have covered measurement. Lots of lovely activities identifying big, small, wide, narrow, tall, short, full, empty have been carried out in Maths lessons. Pupils have learnt several new keywords and have shown a great understanding across the curriculum not just in Maths. They have transferred their knowledge into catering and Life Skills lessons. We also spent some time on days of the week and months of the year.

ICT lessons are linked with SMSC topics, this half term pupils have used the SMSC topics: Earth Day, St George's Day, Bike to School day and International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia to create posters using lots of different tools and facilities. They have learnt how to use tools such: font style, size and colour, bold, underline as well as adding a page border in Word. These skills and the quality of their work has improved over the weeks. Well done!

ENGLISH (Miss Dawn)

This half term the pupils have been working on tasks related to the theme, Entertainment. We have been using this theme to develop the pupils' reading, writing and speech and language skills. They have had the opportunity to write letters, emails, carry out surveys and to complete comprehension tasks related to the outcome of the survey. Students have also been participating in discussions and have been developing their ability to ask questions and to

respond appropriately to questions asked of them.

CATERING (Miss Dawn)

The pupils have been exploring some new recipes and ingredients this term. We have also started to regularly make our own bread to go with some of the meals made each week. The meals have included these ones below, which you can follow the links for and make them at home.

- [Homemade falafels](#)
- [Soda bread](#)
- [Lasagne](#)
- [Baris Iskukaris](#) (a Somali chicken and rice dish)

Pupils have also been gathering evidence for their Hospitality and Catering Btec, showing that they can follow recipes and use a variety of skills and equipment when making their meals.

HOME LEARNING

Maths: Practise measuring at home. Maybe make a cake, biscuits or squash and measure out the quantities using different measuring equipment.

ICT: Book Creator can be accessed from home [here](#). To sign in you will need your child's school email address. Have a go at making your own book over the half term break or practise the skills you have learnt in school by making a poster at home.

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

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.

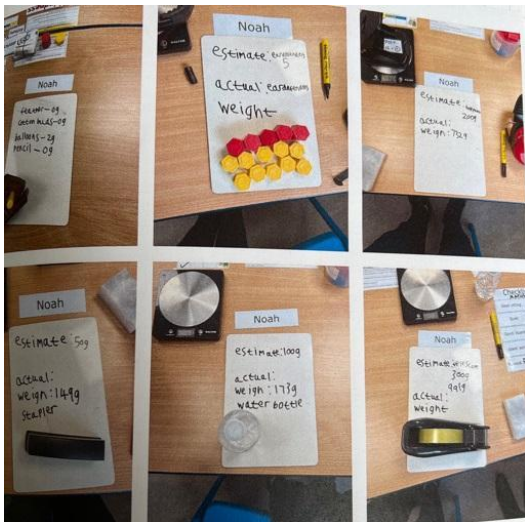
Catering: Why not try some of the recipes that we have tried this half term (follow the links above) or encourage your child to help with the planning and preparation of some of the meals at home.



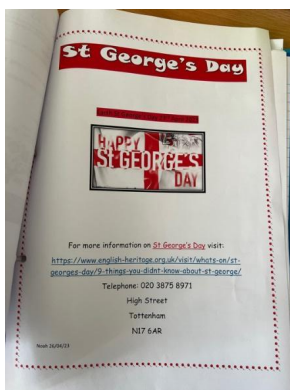
PE News with Mr Proctor

Post 16 have enjoyed a weekly PE session with the Rugby Works sports coaches every Thursday focusing on tag rugby, athletics and hockey this half term. Pupils have learnt to hold a hockey stick with two hands, dribble using a hockey stick, pass to a partner, take part in hockey matches and the importance of keeping the hockey stick low to prevent accidentally hitting another player. Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in athletics events such as javelin throwing, jumping over hurdles and running races. All of Post 16 take part in a weekly dance lesson with our Step Into Dance instructor and many Post 16 pupils also enjoy a weekly trip to Lee Valley Athletics Centre where students attempt all athletics events in an amazing facility. We have also been able to offer students in Post 16 a series of tennis lessons that will continue next half term which have been thoroughly enjoyed by Post 16 pupils.

Gallery



Maths Lesson



ICT Lesson