



CURRICULUM NEWS

2023 Autumn Term 2 - Post 16

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Deputy Headteacher's Welcome



As we bid farewell to a busy term, I am thrilled to share a few of the remarkable highlights from our wide range of activities.

The school production of The Snowman showcased outstanding performances by Primary and Secondary West pupils, creating a truly memorable experience. Similarly, Secondary East captivated audiences with their impressive presentation of The Little Match Girl in the performing arts showcase.

Among my highlights is the TGS Young Enterprise Team, they demonstrated dedication and hard work. Their biscuits especially were a resounding success, and sold out during all the performances.

The dedication of our pupils shone brightly on Pupils Progress Day, where we celebrated their exceptional strides across various curriculum areas. Witnessing their progress left me genuinely moved. It is inspiring to see our pupils consistently meet and exceed expectations. Thanks to parents and carers for your ongoing support in improving attendance. Our school's average has now reached an impressive 92%, positively influencing progress throughout the school.

Wishing you all a peaceful and healthy holiday. Best wishes, Helen Georgiades, Deputy

Teaching, Learning, Curriculum



As we come to the end of a very busy Autumn Term, it is such a pleasure to reflect on all of the hard work that has gone on across the school. We have set up a Curriculum

Development Team, which allows us to develop and monitor all curriculum subjects and ensure that we are providing the best possible education for all of our pupils. This has been hugely successful. Our focus this term has been PSHE, Maths and Humanities, and we aim to cover different subjects going forward into Spring Term. Reading continues to be a priority at The Grove, with Phonics, Guided Reading and Reading for Meaning happening across the school consistently. I would like to take this time to remind parents how beneficial reading at home can be for pupils. Any time you can set aside for reading over the holidays would help your child develop their vocabulary and understanding, as well as prepare them for more learning next term.

Have a wonderful break!

Best Wishes,

Molly Stopps
Senior Faculty Lead

Dates for your diary

| Date | Event |
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| 8th January | INSET Day - No pupils |
| 9th January | Pupils back to school |
| 15th January | Martin Luther King Day |
| 16th January | Coffee Morning at Downhills Park Cafe. 10.45-12 |
| 21st January | World Religion Day |
| 24th January | Family Workshop |
| 25th January | Grove Governors |
| 27th January | Holocaust Memorial Day |
| 31st January | Family Workshop |
| 6th February | Family Workshop |
| 12th - 17th February | Half Term |
| 14th February | Ash Wednesday |
| 12th - 16th February | Half Term |
| 9th February | Pupils back to school |
| 26th February | Women's History Month |



Safeguarding Lead News - Miss Huseyin

Wow what a term! I would like to say thank you to all of the families who have been in touch this term and to those that have welcomed me into their homes.

This half term I saw some wonderful celebrations for Anti-Bullying week and the Winter show practice and performances. I have been fortunate enough to teach Marylebone Relationship and Sex Education and have been astounded by their maturity as we covered topics including forced marriage, abuse, types of relationships, sex and contraception. I have also had the opportunity to teach District where we had a focus on Online Safety, again some excellent work and recognition for safety aspects online.

Ready for the new year we have a Coffee Morning on Tuesday 16th January 2023 at 10.45am-12.00. We will have this one at Downhills Park Cafe.

Just a reminder for the 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. It is called The Grove Families Group - if you search for it the image is The Grove logo.

Last but not least pupils who have access to Thrive, PBS and Trauma Informed direct support will be reviewed and parents contacted in the new year. Referrals can be made by staff and families for these services, therefore I will send information home in January detailing what each service can provide / support with.

Wishing you all a wonderful break. Best wishes, Nadine Huseyin

Designated Safeguarding & Mental Health Lead

Pastoral and Behaviour - Mr Louis Maunder

Hi everyone,

It has been a long but incredibly successful Autumn Term, with so many success stories evident across the departments.

It was an absolute pleasure to see the Christmas Shows this year, and everyone involved should be so proud of what they achieved. All of the hard work from pupils and staff members really did pay off and it was great to see so many happy faces in the audience.

We have had 3 very successful Family Workshops this term. Our 'Careers and Next Steps' session was incredibly well attended and our families really benefited from hearing from a range of different providers and ex-pupils. The session run by our SaLT Team was also very well received and it is great that we are able to offer workshops from such skilled professionals. We look forward to seeing more of you at the sessions we will be running in the new year.

I hope that you all manage to have a restful break and I look forward to working alongside more of you in 2024!

Best wishes,

Louis Maunder

Senior Leader for Pastoral and Behaviour

Career News

It has been a fantastic term for careers and enrichment activities across the school. We are so proud of our Young Enterprise team who have raised over £200 through their hard work and creativity. They have raised money for their business and will be having a stall at Spitalfields in March! We will keep everyone posted on their achievements.

We have lots of exciting opportunities coming up next term such as a trip to the RSC to see a play at the Barbican, immersive art exhibitions and hopefully another visit from the Fire Brigade.

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

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

bronja.elton@thegroveschool.co.uk or on 020 3876 6555

Bronja Elton - Director of Sixth Form/Careers Lead

POST 16 NEWS

HEAD OF POST 16: MS ELTON

It has been another fantastic term in the Sixth form and I cannot believe that we are breaking up for the Christmas holidays next week. I think all of the pupils deserve a well earned rest for their hard work this term. I have enjoyed seeing everyone so engaged in their lessons, taking part in work experience on and off site, and developing friendships and supporting each other.

As always I would like to say a huge thank you to the teachers and support staff in the department who have also worked so hard this term to support the sixth formers in very varied settings.

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

Have a wonderful break and a happy new year.

Please contact me if you have any questions:

office@thegroveschool.co.uk

Bronja Elton
Director of 6th Form

Post 16 CLASS NEWS

MATHS (Miss Kyriacos)

This half term pupils have done some great work on money and shapes. They have carried out a variety of tasks in the classroom such as naming and ordering British coins and notes. They enjoyed the online games matching money to names. Some pupils have demonstrated they can show different amounts of money from £1 to £500, some were able to round amounts to the nearest £1.

As part of the money unit pupils went offsite to local shops. We linked Maths in with PSHE and Life Skills where they identified personal hygiene products. Some pupils were able to identify the most expensive and the cheapest items as well as some visiting more than one shop to compare the price of items. Pupils very much enjoyed learning outside of the classroom to practise both Maths and Life Skills.

Towards the second half of Autumn 2 we moved on to learning about shapes. Pupils played Bingo where they identified common 2D shapes. We then moved on to discuss the properties of shapes such as how many sides, vertices and faces shapes have. This linked in nicely with festive celebrations where pupils made 2D and 3D decorations.

ICT (Miss Kyriacos)

ICT lessons this half term have focused on exam practise where pupils are expected to use both Word and email to edit and enhance the design of a pre-existing poster. Pupils have demonstrated fantastic independence in ICT with some pupils

demonstrating they are now secure in using formatting tools in Word. These lessons give pupils the basic life skills in using a computer which is transferable to the real world of work. Tools and skills used have been: opening, replying, sending emails, using formatting tools in Word such as bold, underline, italic, font style, font size, alignment, font colour. Well done everyone.

ENGLISH (Miss Jac/Ms Elton)

This half term we have continued with the theme of “My Community” and have really enjoyed going to visit different places that can support us in the local area. We have been doing lots of research on community activities and places such as the library. Pupils in P1 have been finding out what a library can offer and some pupils have now got their own library cards. Pupils in P2 have been learning about people that help us in different services and what we can use those services for. They have also been making regular trips to the school library and will also start visiting the local library after the Christmas holidays.

It has been really great to see pupils making progress with their writing skills and working towards their Entry level qualifications. They have been putting words in alphabetical order, completing comprehension tasks, writing emails and letters and learning how to communicate what they understand in different ways.

Next half term we will continue on a similar theme but will be focusing on ‘The World of Work’. Well done everyone.

CATERING (Miss Dawn)

We have continued to develop our skills and independence following the recipes

that we began using at the start of term. The students are now approaching these recipes with a great deal of confidence. All students are writing menus for each meal and many of the students are also serving others and learning how to use other machines such as the frothy milk maker and the panini grill for making hot drinks and snacks at break times

Below are links to the websites with versions of our recipes on them. Please give them a try. All of the students have been really enjoying making the meals. If you and your child make them at home - I’d love to see some pictures of how they turn out

- [Lemon drizzle cake](#)
- [Korean Noodles](#)
- [Chicken wings](#)
- [Rice and beans](#)

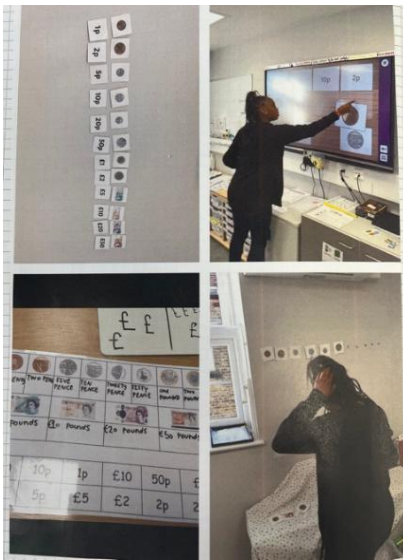
HOME LEARNING

Maths: Practise using money, go out and about to the shops and practise using money. Name British coins. Identify different shapes in your surroundings, make biscuits using different 2D shapes.

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. Create a Book Creator account and keep a journal over the Christmas break. <https://bookcreator.com/>

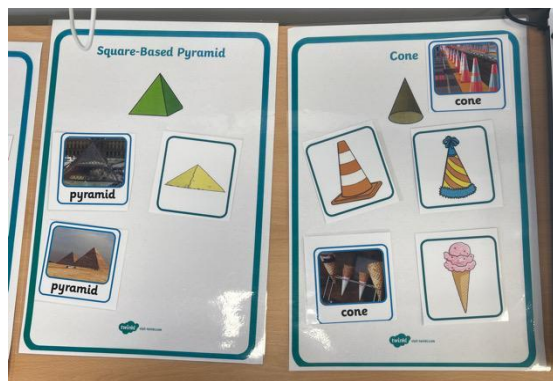
English: Visit different places in your community and find out what they offer such as a leisure centre, library or community centre.

Read a variety of different texts - books, newspapers, magazines, recipes (see

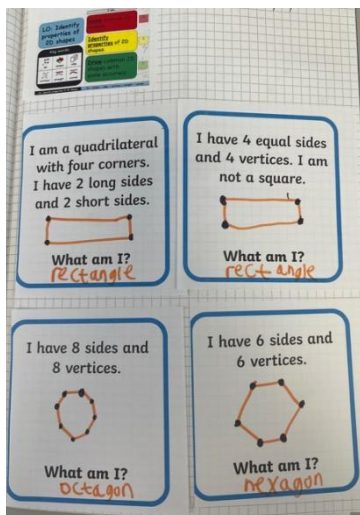


Naming, ordering British money.

Using the food processor



Preparing the Buffalo wings



Identifying 2D & 3D shapes.



Making the milk frothy to make the best hot chocolate ever!!