



CURRICULUM NEWS

2024 Spring Term 1 - Post 16

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Deputy Headteacher's Welcome



It is hard to imagine that we are already wrapping up the first half of the Spring term.

As part of our ongoing commitment to our school vision, 'To make a difference and change lives for the better', I am pleased to share that all faculty and subject leads have been working hard to further develop and refine The Grove curriculum.

All our CPD has been carefully tailored to enhance all staff subject knowledge and their implementation of the curriculum. During my visits to classrooms across the school, it has been wonderful to see pupils so actively engaged in their learning.

Additionally, we devoted our INSET Day to further developing our knowledge of ADHD, in partnership with the ADHD Foundation. This is part of our ongoing effort to earn the ADHD Friendly School Award.

Finally, I would like to thank you 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, Helen Georgiades, Deputy Headteacher

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I can't believe we are already at the end of our first Spring half term! It has been a short but busy half term, with lots going on

regarding the curriculum and teaching and learning. We have continued to monitor the development of our curriculum to ensure that it is meaningful, personalised and challenging for all of our pupils. We have begun deep dives into different subjects which has given us the opportunity to get into different classes across the school. It has been lovely to see such inspiring teaching and to see pupils so engaged in their learning.

There are many parent workshops taking place next term focusing on different areas of the curriculum and how we can support our pupils, please do look out for more information as the term progresses.

Have a restful break and I look forward to welcoming the pupils back for Spring 2.

Best Wishes,
Molly Stopps Senior Faculty Lead

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
February	LGBTQ+ History Month
12th - 16th February	Half Term
19th February	INSET - No Pupils
20th February	Pupils back to school
7th March	World Book Day
19th March	Mother's Day
15th March	Red Nose Day
21st March	World Down Syndrome Day
22nd March	World Water Day
23th - 24th March	Purim
25th March	Holi
22nd March	Pupil Progress Day - School is closed to Pupils
28th March	End of Term
15th April	INSET - No Pupils
16th April	Pupils back to school



Safeguarding Lead News - Miss Huseyin

What a short term this is! I am sorry I have not been able to squeeze a coffee morning in but I shall get that organised for our return after the February break.

Tuesday 6th February was **Safer Internet Day**, this takes place in February of each year to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people. Have a look on <https://www.saferinternetday.org/> which has some great resources.

The UK Safer Internet Centre has some great information, you can find it via this link <https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

Some of you may be interested in mental health support, there are a few great websites here:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

As always, thank you for your support. Looking forward to the next half term!

Best wishes, Nadine Huseyin
Designated Safeguarding & Senior Mental Health Lead

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Pastoral and Behaviour - Mr Louis Maunder

Hi everyone,

It has been an incredibly short half-term, yet it still feels like we have managed to pack a huge amount in across the whole school.

We have had some incredibly well attended family workshops this half-term, with sessions focused around anxiety, function of behaviour and behaviour strategies. It has been amazing to see some new faces at these workshops and for me to meet some new people.

Family workshops for the remainder of the year will have more of a curriculum focus and will be led by some of our wonderful class teachers and subject leads. Topics will include sensory stories, phonics, OT strategies and many more. Please keep an eye out for information on how to sign up.

Best wishes,

Louis Maunder

Senior Leader for Pastoral and Behaviour

Career News

It's been busy on the Careers and Enrichment front this half term. We've had pupils from Secondary West going on trips to the British Museum, Key Stage Four pupils involved in Scope, (a 121's career advice service for young people aged 15 and above) there have been two theatre trips, one to The witches at the National and one to the RSC and Barbican Theatre to see My Neighbour Totoro. Both trips were a great success and it was lovely to hear a pupil say that seeing My Neighbour Totoro was 'the best day of

their life'. Some of our primary department families are taking part in workshops to create music with their children. The Sixth Form still continue with their regular work experience at Kentish Town City Farm and Five Guys! **THANK YOU** so much to all the staff who supported these activities. It means so much to our pupils.

These are some of the careers and enrichment activities that are coming up next term:

- Art trips of secondary west classes to 'Frameless'
- Employability visits for key stage 4 to the Rugby Works Offices
- On site drama workshops with 'Monkey Moves'
- 'Becoming a chef' trip to Pizza Express
- The Gaming Bus! TBC

CAREERS WEEK 4th March - 8th March with our CAREERS FAIR on Thursday 7th March.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions around careers or options for post 16 and beyond and if any parents know of any local businesses or companies that would be willing to take our pupils for work experience opportunities please let us know. You can contact me via the office email.

office@thegroveschool.co.uk or on 020 3876 6555

Bronja Elton - Director of Sixth Form/Careers Lead

CLASSROOM NEWS

POST 16 NEWS

HEAD OF POST 16: MS ELTON

This half term has been a very short one and it feels like we have only just returned from the Christmas break! Despite this there has already been so much achieved throughout the sixth form, and, as always, I feel so privileged to see the progress that all the pupils are making in all areas of the curriculum. I have seen pupils take part in so many exciting activities; they have gone to see *The Witches* and *My Neighbour Totoro*, continued to work at Five Guys and Kentish Town City Farm, taken part in internal work experience and gone to New City College on Fridays.

It is exciting to see the way the cafe space is evolving into the hub of the sixth form and it has been fantastic to see the pupils looking so professional in their full catering uniform doing the different roles involved with running a hospitality business.

Next term we are looking to launch the sixth form making and serving food for teachers across the school and taking over a local allotment space where we will start growing our own produce. We will update you on how that goes in the next newsletter.

I am looking forward to next term as we move into spring and can take even more advantage of off site trips and activities and the local area for enriching our curriculum.

Have a wonderful half term.

Please contact me if you have any questions:

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Bronja Elton

Director of 6th Form

Post 16 CLASS NEWS

MATHS (Miss Kyriacos)

This half term pupils have done some great work on fractions. Pupils have carried out a variety of tasks finding fractions in shapes, objects and numbers. Some have moved on to word problems in prep for their Maths exam in May 2024. Well done!

ICT (Miss Kyriacos)

ICT lessons this half term have focused on identifying electrical and non-electrical items. Pupils have walked around school and the local community taking photos of these items using the digital cameras. Some pupils have extended this by downloading the pictures and importing them into Book Creator to make a book all about electrical and non-electrical items.

ENGLISH (Miss Jac)

This term our learning theme in English is "me, myself and I". We will be taking time to think about our likes and dislikes, identify our skills and qualities and work towards writing personal statements for future application forms. We are also learning about what personal information we need to know and be able to write down when filling in an application form. At the start of term all pupils had the opportunity to practise sitting an entry level reading and writing paper, they all did really well and they should be proud of their efforts.

CATERING (Miss Dawn)

The pupils have continued to make some delicious amazing meals this term, working together to make lunch for themselves 3 days a week.

Below are links to the websites with versions of our recipes on them. Please give them a try. All of the pupils 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

- [Homemade burgers and potato wedges](#)
- [Sticky chicken traybake](#)
- [Flapjacks](#)
- [Pineapple upside down cake](#)

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

HOME LEARNING

Maths: Practise fractions whilst carrying out a small cooking task e.g. cutting cake or sandwiches in halves, quarters.

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 make a book on electrical and non-electrical in your home. <https://bookcreator.com/>

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.

English: Continue to encourage your young adult to read for pleasure, if possible visit the local library.

As a family, take part in leisure activities and encourage your young adult to discuss what they liked about the activity and what else they would like to do e.g. going for a walk in London or joining a local youth group.



Gallery

Flapjacks , Pineapple upside down cake and homemade pizza

