



CURRICULUM NEWS

2024 Autumn Term 2 - Post 16

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Deputy Headteacher's Welcome

As we conclude a busy term, I am pleased to share highlights from our activities. The school production of *Adventures in Wonderland* showcased outstanding performances by our Primary and Secondary West pupils, leaving the audience with a memorable experience. The Secondary East Autumn Showcase also highlighted the creativity and talent of our pupils, who presented an impressive array of work.

Another notable moment was the success of the TGS Young Enterprise Team, whose dedication was evident. Their biscuits were a hit, selling out during performances and earning well-deserved praise.

After working alongside teachers during Pupil Progress Day last Friday, I feel incredibly proud to be part of this team. The in-depth knowledge and understanding that our teachers have of their pupils is exceptional, and it continues to drive significant progress for those they teach. We celebrated outstanding achievements across various curriculum areas, and it was truly inspiring to witness our pupils' dedication and remarkable progress, which consistently exceeds expectations.

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

Teaching, Learning, Curriculum

As we draw near to the end of the Autumn term, it is really good to reflect on the hard work going on behind the scenes to ensure our pupils are receiving the highest quality teaching and learning from staff at The Grove.

Miss Amy led our science quality assurance earlier in the term, taking a good look at how we're doing in lessons across the school. Her feedback highlighted all the positive attributes of science but more importantly gave us areas we need to elevate and improve upon. We continually strive for excellence!

Over in the English department, Miss Lottie has been heading up the writing quality assurance across the school. We're really focusing on helping our pupils express themselves through the written word, and Miss Lottie's efforts are making sure we're on the right track. These quality checks are so important for us at The Grove.

It is also worth mentioning all of the fantastic off-site trips that have taken place this half term which are linked to a range of subjects across the school. Trips include London Zoo as part of the science curriculum, numerous Church visits and a visit to a Buddhist Temple as part of the RE curriculum, a bowling trip linked to English as pupils had to write a letter to convince me to allow them to go and finally a wonderful trip to Jacksons Lane Theatre as part of the performing arts curriculum. I hope you all have a wonderful winter break. Mr Mills, Assistant Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
6th January	INSET - No Pupils
7th January	Pupils back to school
20th January	Martin Luther King Day
23rd January	Grove Governors
27th January	Holocaust Memorial Day
29th January	Chinese New Year
February	LGBTQ+ Month
3rd - 9th February	Children's Mental Health Week
11th February	Safer Internet Day
17th - 21st February	Half Term
24th February	INSET - No Pupils
25th February	Pupils back to school
4th March	Shrove Tuesday
5th March	Ash Wednesday
6th March	World Book Day



Safeguarding Lead News - Miss Huseyin

Thank you all for yet another productive term!

Please find here some information for services that you can use during the winter break:

If you have a safeguarding concern please use the numbers below to contact staff at Haringey's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) for advice:

Monday to Thursday 8.45am to 5pm;
Friday 8.45am to 4.45pm Tel: 020 8489 4470

Out of office hours, including weekends the Emergency Duty Team Tel: 020 8489 0000

If you need to speak to the CAMHS crisis team please contact:

CAMHS crisis number: 0800 151 0023.

You can call this number to get help or advice in a crisis from trained mental health advisors and clinicians, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Pastoral and Behaviour - Mr Louis Maunder

Hi everyone,

It has been a very long, but very successful term! I always love the build up to Christmas in school and it has been wonderful to see staff, pupils and families all pull together recently for the shows. Everyone involved should be very proud of their achievements.

I have really enjoyed running the Family Workshops this term and getting to meet some new parents. Our conversations have been insightful, thought-provoking and honest and I really appreciate everyone's contributions during these sessions. Off the back of these sessions I am hoping to meet with some of you 1:1 to explore support options further.

I hope you all have a lovely break and can come back feeling refreshed in the New Year.

Best wishes,

Louis Maunder

Senior Leader for Wellbeing and Behaviour

Career News

This half term has been filled with a range of exciting Careers and Enrichment activities across the school! Our 6th form placements continue to provide valuable real-world experiences, with pupils working at Kentish Town City Farm, Boots, and Five Guys.

Our primary pupils have been exploring the local community, with regular trips to Markfield Park every Friday, as well as

visits to a bowling alley and Westbury Church. Additionally, we've hosted onsite workshops with local employers and career professionals, giving pupils insight into various industries.

We've also taken our pupils on exciting trips, including visits to the British Museum and London Aquarium. Jackson's Lane Circus Skills workshops were a big hit with the pupils, and 30 of our staff and pupils had a fantastic time attending "*The Moomins*" at Jackson's Lane Theatre. Secondary West pupils enjoyed a cultural trip to a Buddhist Temple, as well as a fun day out at London Zoo.

Ongoing enrichment activities include African Drumming sessions, piano lessons, horse riding, and Young Enterprise, which continue to be hugely popular.

Looking ahead to the spring term, we have an exciting lineup of activities, including a packed Careers Week! We're also working on a variety of new opportunities to enhance our pupils' learning and personal growth.

As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions for future activities, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

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

DIRECTOR OF 6th FORM

As we approach the end of term, I'm delighted to share some of the great things that have been achieved this term. The Sixth Form has been a hive of activity, with our young people engaging wholeheartedly in their lessons and embracing a wealth of off-site activities that have enriched their learning journey.

One of the highlights of this term was the trip to Covent Garden. The pupils enjoyed the opportunity to immerse themselves in the bustling atmosphere, soaking up the culture and history of this iconic London landmark. It's experiences like these that bring classroom learning to life and broaden our pupils' horizons.

Our allotment continues to be something the pupils really enjoy, getting their hands dirty, quite literally, as they tend to the plants and learn about sustainable living. The Sports BTEC pupils have been pushing their boundaries and developing new skills and I'm excited to see how they'll continue to grow in this field.

Developing life skills continues across the department with P2 pupils have been embarking on weekly trips to the local café, P1 pupils have been out and about in the community, building confidence and independence with every outing and P3 pupils delving into the crucial aspects of independent living. They've been learning to support each other, exploring potential

careers, and gaining insights into the world of work.

As we look forward to the new year, I continue to be impressed with how much progress our Sixth Formers have made and excitement for what's to come. Your continued support and with this is always appreciated.

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 enjoyed learning about money. We have combined this largely with Life Skills by visiting local supermarkets and comparing prices of items. Bingo has been a popular activity where pupils have demonstrated they can match coins from the screen onto their bingo cards, as well as find the correct coin/note from a mixture of monies. Another group has been comparing the difference in branded and non-branded shopping items and comparing the total cost for the ingredients to make spaghetti bolognese.

ICT (Miss Kyriacos)

In ICT pupils have been learning about internal and external devices. They have practised using external devices such as digital cameras and how to download and save images they have taken whilst out shopping. Google Drive has been introduced where they are practising uploading files/folders to their drives. Some have been working very hard on their speed typing skills resulting in one pupil being able to type the full alphabet in less than 5 seconds – wow!

ENGLISH (Mr Johnny)

It has been lovely getting to know everyone in P3 this half term as their new English teacher. This half term we have continued to focus on Countries and Cultures, building on the work they did in the first half term. All pupils have developed their sentence writing skills, and have worked on using compound sentences consistently. They have also spent time building confidence using a range of adjectives to describe. Towards the end of the term pupils put these skills into practice when writing an email. All pupils were able to use what they had practised to improve their writing.

It has been great to see everyone show such a high level of maturity and focus in their English lessons. In addition to their English skills, I have seen them build up their independence and confidence. Well done everyone for an excellent half term; I look forward to teaching you again after the break.

English (Miss Dawn)

pupils have continued to use their English lessons to find out about London. This half term we have focussed on the artwork of the local artist Althea McNish. They found out some information about her and over a few lessons they made their own pictures inspired by the artist. You can see some of them below.

CATERING (Miss Dawn)

The pupils are continuing to prepare lunch for each other, four times 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

- [Chicken and rice traybake](#)
- [Spaghetti and meatballs](#)
- [Lemon drizzle cake](#)

pupils have also been continuing to gather evidence for either their Hospitality and Catering or Home Cooking skills BTEC

HOME LEARNING

Maths: Continue to expand Maths learning in the real world by going shopping and saying the price out loud, using key words pounds and pence. Compare price of items as well as locate and look at the weight of certain items.

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. Take some time

to have your child learn their home address and emergency contact number.

English

Next half term we will be focusing on **reading for pleasure** across the school. To prepare for this it would be great if pupils returned to school after the break with a book that they can read each day.

The best way that pupils can continue to develop their **English** skills over the half term is **independent reading** - ideally reading for pleasure. This can mean reading a book that they enjoy, but it can also be part of real world activities such as using a recipe or playing a game.

Pupils can also brush up on their core **English** skills here:

[Spelling](#)

[Punctuation](#)

[Grammar](#)

Catering: All of the 6th form students take part in the preparation of the meals that they eat. All of the students can independently peel, chop and slice fruit and vegetables. Most of them can independently weigh amounts using digital scales. Most of them can also follow a straightforward recipe. They can all wash up and dry up too. Please encourage them to do these things at home.

Performing Arts News with Ms Dydymska

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In Performing Arts, pupils have been learning to play and create music together as an ensemble on tuned percussion. They have learnt how to follow simple musical cues and been able to perform a simple piece as a whole class. They have also had opportunities to create their own melodic patterns as part of the performance piece.



Gallery

