



GROVE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Achieving and celebrating success for all.....

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Stars of the Week!

1JM – Sidney Jameson

1CA – Joe Glander

1JF – Freya Bell

2JC – Amari Manyika

2CA – Ava Harris

2EL – Holly Bishop

3ST – Hayden Hards

3KO – Max Groves

3CS – Ronnie Noble

4DS – Noah Peters

4LW – Lewis Mills

4HT – Luke Kelly

5CS – Chloe Lee

5FA – Ethan Macmahon

5JB – Jamie Bennet

6HR – Brandon Large

6DP – Thomas Harris

6MB – Ronnie Cooper

Rainbow Room star of the week:

Freya Allaway

Librarian of the week :

Cassidy Rodgers

Play Leader of the week:

Daisy Barney

Play Buddy of the week:

Rosa Allaway

Our attendance stars this week are :

KS1—1CA and 2JC with a fabulous 100% attendance

KS2—3ST 4LW & 6DP all with a fantastic 100% attendance

Dates for the diary this week:

29th October— Back to school

29th October—PAGWPS Halloween Disco

29th October— Year 3 Roald Dahl Story teller (not dressing up)

30th October— Year 1 Pirate Dress Up day, parents invited in to enjoy a design technology afternoon with their children

1st November—PAGWPS—Dirty Dancing theatre trip

2nd November— Year 3 Roald Dahl Dress up day



Under the supervision of Mr Cordon our newly formed rock band have been practicing with the instruments kindly donated by parents and grandparents. For our Rock Stars in the making to reach their full potential they are in need of a bass guitar and bass amplifier, please bring any donations into the office.



On Tuesday 16th October our year 5/6 table tennis players competed in the district competition hosted at Grove Wood. We set the record last year for number of participants at a single event and matched the record once more with 32 children taking part across the afternoon.

This was a team competition where, points and individual wins counted towards a team score. There were some tight matches on all tables including children from St Mary's and Plumberow. Both girls and boys Team A won their match, these children will now go onto the Essex County Competition.

A huge well done to all children involved for leading the event so well, organising matches and refereeing for other schools. A huge thanks to Mr Benson and Mr Banks for all their hard work in preparing the 'Grove Wood Table Tennis Academy' for the competition!



Year 3 were busy designing and then making their own Puppet theatres last week. The children made their own backgrounds and puppets in order to act one of Roald Dahl's revolting Rhymes.

Breakfast club are in need of donations of toy cars. Please bring any donations into the office, many thanks.



Reporting of a Child's Absence

To report a child's absence, please call the Absence Line on 01268 743 445 and choose option 1 to advise us by **9am** of any sickness or absences on the **first** day your child is not in school. We ask that if your child is still not back by the **third** day, that you advise us again via the Absence Line. Once back in School, **we do require a note detailing the absence sent in to the Class Teacher.** Please note that we can not receive notification via email.

PAGWPS NEWS

Our next meeting will be held on **31st October at 1.15pm** in the Family Learning room. Everyone is welcome to join us so please come along.

Halloween Disco

For those who have been unable to collect their child's Halloween ticket, they have today been placed in your child's register for their book bags. No tickets will be sold on the door. If you have volunteered to help at either the KS1 or KS2 disco please arrive with your child, and advise the member of PAGWPS that you are helping. Many thanks.

9-5 The Dolly Parton Musical

This week PAGWPS have managed to secure 74 tickets to 9-5 the Musical at the Savoy Theatre, London. Tickets are priced at £50 each. Letters have been emailed to all parents, these will be sold on a first come first served basis.

Coins For Cash

After the success of last years Cash for Coins campaign PAGWPS are again asking for donations of unused foreign currency and old tender. This will be converted into pounds for the school. A donation bucket will continue to be located in the office throughout the year.

School Car Park safety

The school car park gets very busy between 7.15am and 9am and also 2.45pm and 3.30pm. We ask those parents driving into the car park at any time (but especially for Breakfast drop off) to drive extremely slowly taking great care to look out for children, parents and staff entering and exiting their cars.

In addition we also ask parents **not** to let children move about the car park unaccompanied at any time (but especially for Breakfast drop off), please accompany your children all the way to the school doors.

All parents: please do not walk across the car park to get from the ramp by the Children's Centre to the office area and vice versa. For safety's sake please cross the front of the school by walking out of the fenced area by the Children's Centre, crossing the front of the school using the public footpath, and then back in via the pedestrian gates near the offices.

We are seeing an increasing number of parents and children crossing the car park at busy times to get from one side of the school to the other and this is becoming dangerous. Please do use the footpaths.



Year 2 had an amazing day at Belfairs Woodland centre. We went on a woodland walk, a mini beast hunt and even created our own wild animal! The children were fantastic and the weather enabled us to have a brilliant day outside of school.

Black History Week

This week the children have celebrated Black History Week, celebrating the achievements of black people past and present. Throughout the week, all children have enjoyed participating in workshops, where they learned about the abolition of the slave trade and movement for equal rights. On Friday, the children got together to share what they learned about influential black people such as Rosa Parks, Benjamin Zephaniah and Barack Obama in Assembly.



On Monday 15th October the entire school helped Ron celebrate his 85th Birthday. During his special celebration assembly Ron was presented with holiday vouchers, lots of cards, pictures and poems and a selection of Beautiful cakes, baked by our own Mrs Lansdowne and Arryana Payne's parent from reception. Ron was overwhelmed and would like us to send a huge thanks to all those who donated, making his birthday extra special this year.

