



# GROVE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Achieving and celebrating success for all.....*

Newsletter Friday 18th January 2019 (Issue 271)



## Stars of the Week!

Blue — Evie Conley

Green—Roman Butler

Yellow—Noah Fernon

1JM—Whole Year

1CA—Whole Year

1JF—Whole Year

2JC—Pepper Barteluk

2CA—Oscar Ratcliffe

2EL—Amber Williamson

3ST — Jack Ross

3 KO— Grace Bennett

3CS— Scarlett D'Arcy

4DS— Ayurda Saigal

4LW— Olivia Crysell

4HT— Sophie Stanford

5CS— Jessica Dangerfield

5FA— Grace Rabey

5JB— Noah Hayes

6HR— Ethan Clarke

6MB— Connor Nicholson & Dylan Smith

6DP— Emma Duggan

6JK—George Hegwein

6SS—Ryley Kohler

**Rainbow Room star of the week:**

Mackenzie Lee Layton

**Play Leader of the week:**

Callum Bones

**Play buddy**

Henry Lay

## Dates for the diary this week:

23rd January—Reception Grandparents Afternoon Tea, 2pm in the classroom

23rd January—Badminton Competition—Selected children

23rd January— 5JB Road Safety Talks

24th January —PAGWPS Bodyguard at the Cliffs Pavilion

24th January—2EL Forest School

24th January—5FA Road Safety Talks

25th January—Years 3/4 Football selected children

## Winners for Thursdays Children's Favourites School Dinner were:



REC BLUE Joseph Carlyon

REC GREEN Harper Vincent

REC YELLOW Quinn Courtnell

1CA Sonny Smith

1JF Lucas Day

1JM Millie Humphries

2EL Bethany Birch

2CA Callum Bysouth

2JC Jake Fahey

3CS Georgie Benfield

3KO Louis Vincent

3ST Jack Ross

4DS Jamie Fraser

4HT Austen Henman

4LW Layla-Rose Langdon

5CS Benjamin Fleming

5FA Marcus Williams

5JB Kyla Hollis

6DP Louie Clarke

6HR Nathanael Muyangana

6MB Sayali Elmer

**Our attendance stars this week are :**

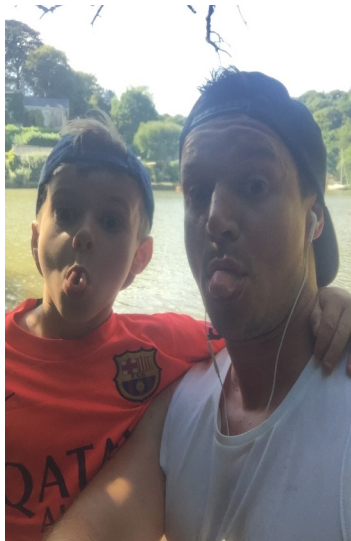
**Yellow Class with a fabulous 99.3 %**

**3KO with a brilliant 100%**

**and**

**6DP with a fantastic 100%**





### Healthy Selfie!

After this week's assemblies on **Healthy Lives and Bodies**, we would like to see what healthy activities you've been up to out of school. The challenge is to take a **HEALTHY SELFIE**. This could be of yourself and your child/children or a group of friends taking part in something healthy... at a club, in the garden, out and about or at home eating dinner – share your **HEALTHY SELFIES** by sending them through to [pe@groveswood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pe@groveswood.essex.sch.uk), where they can be printed and displayed in school! Have fun getting healthy and sharing your stories in school! Mr Seaman

As a gentle reminder, please note that we ask that photographs taken at school events are not to be shared on social media. This is to ensure the safeguarding of all our pupils.



### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Essex County Dodgeball

After a successful district competition our Dodgeball team were excited to take part in the County event, looking to challenge ourselves against the best in Essex! We got off to an excellent start in our group winning one game against Harlow champions and drawing against the Southend area winners. We lost our third group stage game to a very strong Lawford Mead team from Chelmsford. We were pleased to accumulate enough points to make it through to the Super 8's, pitting our skills against Essex's top schools. We were unfortunate not to progress through to the semi-final stage after some tough losses, but the children dealt with defeat

showing pride and respect (being noted by competition organisers for their sportsmanship throughout). A huge highlight of the event was witnessing Aysa epitomise fair play by calling himself out when the referee did not spot the decision – moments like that are what sport is all about, **BIG RESPECT TO AYSA!** A huge team effort from all, well done... Mr S



Exciting news! The Essex Teaching Award nominations have been announced. Mrs Smith has been short listed for Teacher of the Year in a Primary School and our Inclusion Team have been short listed for Inclusion Team of the Year in a School. They have been selected based on their work in breaking the barriers to learning, in terms of academic, social and family support. The awards night will be held on the 5th February at Hylands House. These awards give the opportunity to ensure those individuals get the recognition they deserve, allowing us to identify, celebrate and share best practice. Over the past five years the awards have acknowledged outstanding teachers and head teachers, teaching assistants, governing bodies and school teams who work in Essex. We are sure that you will join us in congratulating them all on this news.



We would also like to congratulate Joshua on a successful year in Gymnastics. At the London Open he won Gold on Pommel and Silver on the Parallel bars. In the Men's Artistic National Elite Grades, Joshua achieved individual Bronze overall and Gold as part of the East Region Team. Joshua is now part of the GBR Squad with his first trip to Finland coming up this month, where he will train with the national team.



### School Times

**Reception: 8.55am–12pm–  
1.00pm–3.05 pm**

**KS1: (Years 1&2) 8.55am–12.15pm–  
1.15–3.05pm**

**KS2: (Years 3-6) 8.55am–12.00pm–  
1.00pm–3.15pm**

**Gates open at 8.45 and children come directly to their classrooms where they are greeted by their teachers ready for registration.**

**Gates close promptly at 8.55am and will not be reopened.**

A shout out to all Children's University Members – please **count up** your hours and **write them in your passport**. Bring your passports into school on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January.



Many thanks – Mrs Smith

Today children came home with a Happy School Bag. Happy School Bag clothing recycle offer schools the opportunity to raise funds and at the same time to help our environment by keeping valuable and reusable resources out of landfill. They specialise in collecting and buying quality second hand clothes, working together with the pupils, parents and teachers to fundraise, recycle and educate. Please fill the Bag and leave outside the office between 28th–31st January.

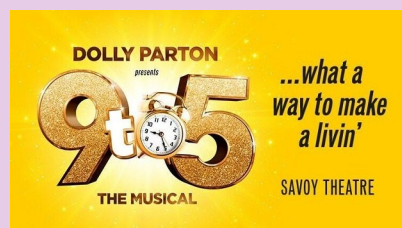


## PAGWPS NEWS

PAGWPS are now selling Sands-by-the-sea and Clarence Yard Afternoon Tea discounted vouchers. Clarence Yard Afternoon Tea discounted vouchers are £7 each, but if you book direct they would cost £9.50 each saving you £2.50 per person. Sands-by-the-Sea Afternoon Tea discounted vouchers are £10 each as opposed to £15 each if bought direct, saving you £5 per person. You MUST pre-book and mention the vouchers either by phone or online. They are valid any day until the end of December 2019. Please message Michelle Lindsay via Facebook or text 07841592053 for vouchers.

Tickets for our Movie Night and Silent Disco are still on sale, letters can be found on the school website or in the office.

We also still have tickets for lots of shows, please see our Facebook page for further details.



## Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – District Sports Hall Athletics

After two close attempts at obtaining this title over the last two years, the sports team at Grove Wood were determined to do everything possible to be crowned champions in 2019. The training regime was like nothing witnessed before prior to an event with over 10 hours of training time notched up by most team members – we were prepared! The children performed with determination, focus, commitment and subsequently achieved well in the 6 track and 6 field events. We witnessed some very pacey team performances and some astounding throws and jumps. Myself and Mr Banks waited patiently for the final results to be announced and.... YES, we did it, 2019 Sports Hall Athletics Champions! We now progress through to County finals in March. Congratulations to the team for their commitment and attitude and a huge thanks to Mr Benson and Mr Banks for giving up lunchtimes and after school sessions over the past weeks –it was all worth it!



## 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.

Even if you have informed the class teacher, please could you also inform the office.





# School Nurse Drop In

Come and have a confidential chat with your school nurse if you are a school aged young person worried about your health, or a parent who is worried about your child's health.

**Little Lions Childrens Centre**  
**Northwick Park Academy**  
**Third Avenue, Canvey island**  
**SS8 9SU**

**Phone: 01268 683671**  
**3pm – 4pm**  
**8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> January**  
**5<sup>th</sup> , 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
**5<sup>th</sup> , 19<sup>th</sup> March**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> April**

**Little Hand prints**  
**Thundersley Primary**  
**school**  
**Dark Lane, Thundersley**  
**SS7 3PT**  
**Phone: 01268 753557**  
**3pm – 4pm**  
**9<sup>th</sup> , 23<sup>rd</sup> January**  
**6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> February**  
**6<sup>th</sup> , 20<sup>th</sup> March**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> , 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**Oaktree Childrens Centre**  
**Grovewood Primary school**  
**Grove Road, Rayleigh**  
**SS6 8UA**

**Phone: 01268 775910**  
**3pm – 4pm**  
**8<sup>th</sup> , 22<sup>nd</sup> January**  
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Services commissioned by:

## Family Support services

**ADHD support** for parents/ carers—meets first Monday of each month 10am—12pm. Get information, support and hear from specialist guest speakers.

**Parents SEND support forum** meets third Friday of each month 10am—12pm. Get support, information and advice and hear from guest speakers on a variety of topics.

**Community Coffee morning** for parents/ carers of babies & toddlers. Meets each Tuesday 10.45am—12.15pm. Have a chat over a coffee/tea, get support and a chance for the little ones to make friends & play!

**The Mix**— meets each Wednesday 4.30pm—6pm. A family fun session for children with any additional need, whether diagnosed or not, siblings and parents—activities may include art & craft, sports, games, visiting entertainers.

**MegaMonday**— meets the third Monday of each month a session in our softplay arena 4.30pm—6pm. A chance for children with any additional need, whether diagnosed or not and their siblings to have fun!

**Twins & More**—meets first and third Thursday of the month 1pm—3pm. A play session for twins and multiples and their parents/carers.

**Down Syndrome group**—meets the first Thursday of each month 10am—11.30am. A group for parents/carers of babies and pre-schoolers with Down Syndrome to meet, chat, get information and advice—and for the little ones to make friends and play! Supported by preschool specialist SEND teachers.

**Parentalk—the Primary Years and Parentalk—the Teenage Years**—two courses for parents/ carers to come together, get support, ideas and information around topics such as communication, boundaries & battles, discipline, encouraging independence and making wise choices. These courses run at regular intervals throughout the year, please contact the Family Team for further information/ dates.

**One to one individual support**—for families/parents/carers who need a little extra emotional support, a listening ear, someone to help if things are tough or if a family is going through a difficult time.

**Dads & Kids Club**—Saturday mornings 10am—12pm—a chance for fathers (& father figures) and their children aged between 5– 11 to meet, have fun, play games & sports.

**All our services are free for families/parents/carers.**

Our groups are term time only but sometimes we arrange extra activities/family meet ups for school holidays, please get in touch for details.

The Families Team at The Megacentre Rayleigh—Julie Sawford and Jan Baugh



01268 779100



families@megacentrerayleigh.co.uk

\* ARE YOU READY FOR A PAGWPS FIRST?...



# SILENT DISCO

\* TICKETS:  
Adults £6  
Children £4 \*

\* Sat 2nd February 2019  
7.30pm-11pm \*

Dance the night away to music that is transmitted through wireless headphones rather than played over a speaker system.

**You choose the music!**

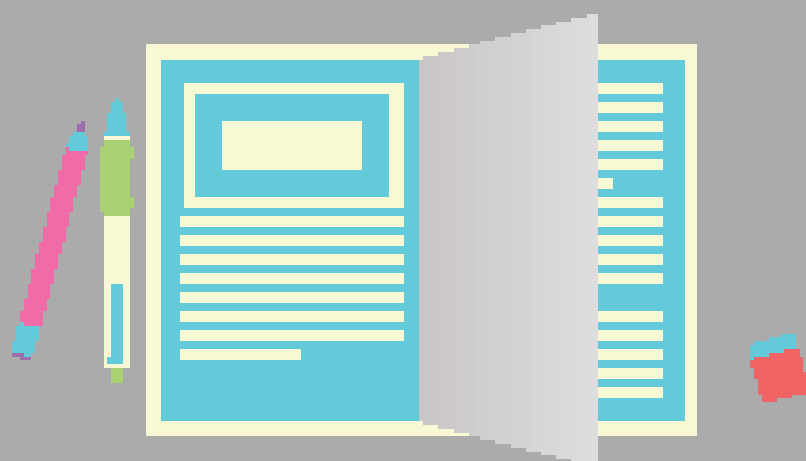
\* Family event- so round up the kids, friends and family and come and join us!  
Please bring your own drinks and nibbles as we will not be selling either at this event.  
Any questions contact Claire Rodgers on 07896 319446 or [clairerodgers72@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clairerodgers72@hotmail.co.uk)  
Please note: Breakages will need to be paid for.

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