



# GROVE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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## Stars of the Week!



1ST	Oscar Potter
1AS	Tilly Griffin
1JF	Jacob Haberle
2G/B	Whole Class
2CA	Whole Class
2EL	Whole Class
3DS	Whole Class
3F/C	Whole Class
3KO	Whole Class
4TA	Thomas Oxlade/ Liam Birch
4CF	Ellie Cain
4LS	Daniel Leach
5CS	Whole Class
5HR	Whole Class
5HT	Whole Class
6JC	Anisha Juttla
6DP	Tech Crew
6MB	Elisa-May Robinson

**Librarian Kayleigh Stafford**

### Attendance Stars for last week are

KS1...Blue Class with 99%...  
and KS2... 4CF with 99.3%



**WELL DONE!**

**KEEP UP THE GOOD ATTENDANCE!**

## Happy New Year!

We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and welcome back to school.

### Diary Dates .... Dinner Menu B

**Monday 8th January—DEADLINE FOR ALL PAYMENT FOR CLUB RENEWALS.** If payment is not received by this date then places will be offered out to those children on the waiting list.

**Tuesday 9th January**—1.30pm. Last guided Tour of the school for 2018 Prospective Parents.

**Tuesday 9th January**—pm—Selected children in Hockey Tournament at Clements Hall.

**Wednesday 10th January—NO OPEN DOOR due to Staff training.**

**Wednesday 10th January**—Year 1 Dragon Man. Children to come to school dressed as a princess, knight, witch, wizard or other.

**Wednesday 10th January**—Fire Service in for Year 6.

**All Clubs begin week commencing  
15th January 2018**

**Reminder to all parents with children starting  
Primary School in September 2018—  
Application deadline is Monday 15th January.**

## Primary School Admissions

Parents of children born during the period  
1 September 2013 to 31 August 2014  
can apply for primary school places between  
13 November 2017 and 15 January 2018.



Apply online at  
[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)



## Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to all those who contributed to this year's shoebox appeal. All our boxes went off to the underprivileged children in Romania. Grove Wood and Plumberow's combined efforts, together with friends and family, came to just over 300 in total which was fantastic. The total number taken and checked at the Rayleigh warehouse this year was 5,136 which is amazing!



## Toys Needed.....

The school are desperately in need of unwanted good quality games, construction toys and any arts and crafts etc. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.



## School Absence through Sickness/Diarrhoea

Following directive from the Public Health Guidance for Schools, pupils recovering from diarrhoea or vomiting should **NOT** attend school until completely symptom free for **48 HOURS**. **Children returning to school within the incubation period will be sent home.**

**If your child falls ill while at school and needs to go home, we will contact parents/carers as soon as possible to arrange for their immediate collection to avoid the spread of infection.**

Please follow up any bouts of sickness or absences with an explanatory note to the Class Teacher or an email to [admin@groveswood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@groveswood.essex.sch.uk) to ensure that your child's attendance records are accurate.

## VACANCY – Midday Assistant

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Assistant, supervising the children both in the dinner halls and outside during the lunch period. The hours are 6 per week (Monday to Friday -12.00pm to 1.00pm or 12.15pm to 1.15pm). The rate of pay is £7.78 per hour.

We also have relief Midday Assistant positions available.

For further details and to request an application form, please see Sarah Mark, HR Officer, or email [sarahmark@groveswood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:sarahmark@groveswood.essex.sch.uk).

Closing date: Thursday 18th January 2018



The last few weeks before Christmas have seen the Sainsburys School Games Intra-house back at Grove Wood. The second event of the year was the highly anticipated Badminton event where children had the opportunity to play doubles matches against their opposing house teams. Congratulations to all the children in Key Stage 2 for their efforts during their year group event as badminton can be a tough sport to master but the children seem to be improving year on year.

The winners in each year group were the following:

Year 3 - Sapphire

Year 4 - Topaz

Year 5 - Sapphire

Year 6 - Joint Ruby and Topaz

After accumulating all of the points totals from across Key Stage 2, the overall winners were.... Sapphire! Congratulations to all of the children for all of their efforts in this competition. But, a huge well done to the team of Sapphire for winning the most amount of matches across the school.

Next up in 2018 is... Dodgeball! This will start the week commencing Monday 8th January so make sure you have your coloured t-shirts and get some extra practice in!



**Groveswood Primary School****Club:** Gymnastics**Start date:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 18**End date:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 18**Time:** 15.10-16.10**Cost:** £40.50**Club:** Gymnastics**Start date:** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 18**End date:** Thursday 22<sup>th</sup> March 18**Time:** 15.05-16.05**Cost:** £40.50*This is an 9-week course excluding February Half term**Bookings to be made online- please see our website below*

## Booking Form

**CHILDS NAME :** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB:** \_\_\_\_\_**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CONTACT #** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
**POSTCODE:** \_\_\_\_\_**EMERGENCY CONTACT :** \_\_\_\_\_**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_**MEDICAL CONDITIONS:** \_\_\_\_\_**TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED: £** \_\_\_\_\_**SIGNED** \_\_\_\_\_**PRINT NAME (PARENT/GUARDIAN)** \_\_\_\_\_*For our terms & conditions please go to our website:***[family.premier-education.com](http://family.premier-education.com)**





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**GROVE WOOD – YEARS 3 & 4**

## Bricks 4 Kidz® Junior Robotics® using WeDo® software and LEGO® Technic

How would you like to turn your next LEGO® creation into a robot, programmed to do exactly what you tell it to do? The Bricks 4 Kidz Junior Robotics® club offers all the fun of building with LEGO® Bricks, *plus* the challenge of computer programming! Using drag-and-drop, icon-based software, the WeDo® software provides an introduction to the world of computer programming and robotics that will equip children to succeed in a technology-based marketplace. This fun, action-packed course combines real life skills with real fun!



### Rates and Information:

Wednesday's: 5 week course of 1 hour per week straight from school to 4.15pm.

£25 per child, per course payable online in advance, or in a labeled envelope at end of first session.

10 January, 17 January, 24 January, 31 January & 7 February

**NB:** Students work in pairs and must have a real interest in computers and coding. No experience necessary. Please register and enrol to this club at:

**[bricks4kidz.co.uk/essex](http://bricks4kidz.co.uk/essex)**

If your child has been to a Bricks 4 Kidz club before, please log into your account and enrol your child to this club, you don't need to re-register.