



# GROVE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Newsletter Friday 16th March 2018 (Issue 239 )

## Stars of the Week!



Blue Class	Alessandra Nichols- Birch/Joe Glander
Green Class	Olivia Kirkland/ Clark Meecham
Yellow Class	Benjamin Berwick/ Imogen Barber
1ST	Olivia Hooke
1AS	Oliver Ratcliffe
1JF	Jessica Noble
2G/B	Emmeline Franklin
2CA	Marcie Stevenson
2EL	Tilly-Mae Matson
3DS	Lily Lanning/ Whole Class
3F/C	Whole Class
3KO	Freddie Wood/ Whole Class
4TA	Holly-Mae Elmes
4CF	Evie Jackson
4LS	Olivia Pritchard
5CS	Nathanael Muyangana
5HR	Ryan Williamson
5HT	Frazer Walker
6JC	Ellie Passfield
6DP	William Lloyd
6MB	Matthew Bond

## Diary Dates .... Dinner Menu B

Year 5 at Bradwell all week.

**Wednesday 21st March—am**—Selected children in Rescheduled KS1 Racquets Festival at the Deanes School.

**Friday 23rd March**—Rescheduled Reception Maths and Phonics Workshop to Parents and Carers 2pm.

## Dates for the diary.....

**KS1—Year 2 Maths and English Workshop on Monday 26th March at 1.45pm.**

**Growth Mindset Workshop on Tuesday 27th March at 1.45pm.**

## Attendance Stars for last 7 days are

**KS1...Blue Class with 99%...**

**and KS2... 3F/C with a fantastic 100%**



**WELL DONE!**

**KEEP UP THE GOOD ATTENDANCE!**



Huge congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 Drama Club who staged their tribute to Roald Dahl - 'A Little Bit Naughty' on Thursday night. The children have worked really hard this term to put together the show which has been directed, choreographed, costumed etc. by the children themselves. They produced a very polished show that was thoroughly enjoyed by an audience of their friends and family. Well done!

There are still some places available for Year 5 Drama Club on a Thursday after school (3.15-4.15) if you would like to secure a place, please contact Mr Pascoe in writing.





This week our KS1 choir represented the school at the Infant Music Festival which was held at the Freight House in Rochford. The theme was "on the move". The children had an amazing experience, singing and performing musical instruments to an appreciative audience. Mrs Backhouse and Mrs Marshall were extremely proud of the childrens' performance and the way they conducted themselves was exemplary.



After weeks of cancellations due to poor weather, the School District Tag Rugby competition finally took place. GroveWood took two teams consisting of twenty very talented players over to Deanes to compete for the crown of Tag Rugby Champions and have the chance to represent the district at the county competition. The teams tried hard to win each game and had many successes throughout the competition. Grove Team 2 had a tough group and managed to finish third which unfortunately meant they didn't go through to the semi finals. Their performances definitely deserved it but they couldn't quite get enough tries to win more games. Grove Team 2 had a little more success and didn't lose a group match which meant they went onto the semi-finals to face a tough Thundersley team. They managed to win this match and go through to the final where

they convincingly beat Kents Hill to finish the day as champions! A massive thanks to all the parents that were there to support and a huge well done to all the players for there unbelievable commitment during each match.

Year 1 had a fantastic trip to the Library this week. We enjoyed a fun ride on the minibus and for some of us it was our first visit to the Library! We talked to Mrs Hunt about our theme 'All Creatures Great and Small', chose



books to read and shared them with each other. Mrs Hunt talked to us about all the activities that the Library hosts and is looking forward to seeing many of the Year 1 children returning to the Library with their parents to choose some books to borrow.

On Thursday 8th March, Year 3 went for a visit to Colchester Castle as part of their Roman theme. The children thoroughly enjoyed looking around the museum, answer-



ing questions in their booklets as they looked around. Included in our trip was an opportunity to go underground into the temple vaults. Once there our tour guided gave us lots of information about the castle, and how the Romans would have had battles with the Celts. We also had the chance to work as a team to build a Roman villa, with a fantastic mosaic floor. The children had a fantastic day!

**Play Leader of the Week—Alanna Norris/Ellie Clark**

**Play Buddy of the Week—Lois Pankhurst**

**Thinking of trying a new sport?... See our club links**

Girls football sessions at Sweyne Park school. Please visit website <https://www.facebook.com/435037123197573/videos/1851217368246201/>

**For Benfleet Cricket Club** Website: <http://www.benfleet.play-cricket.com>

**PAGWPS.....**Match funding is a fantastic scheme whereby employers provide funding for registered charities.

It is a very simple and easy means of extra funding. As an employee it does not cost you anything, but could mean hundreds of pounds of extra money for our PTA, which directly benefits the children. In many cases it is as simple as approaching your HR department and finding out about their scheme (the name of the scheme may differ depending on the company). If you think you may be able to help us, or would like to discuss it further, then please do get in touch on [Clarepagwps@gmail.com](mailto:Clarepagwps@gmail.com)

Don't forget PAGWPS' Quiz Night on Saturday 21st April in the Sports Hall. Doors open at 7pm, Quiz to start 7.30pm. £4 per person. Bring your own drinks and snacks.



# Egg-cellent Easter Hat Competition 2018!

Grove Wood children are once again invited to join in our Egg-citing Easter hat competition! Your hat/bonnet needs to be based on the theme of Easter but can be made from whatever craft materials you like - the more Egg-streme and Egg-stravagant the better!

## Eggs-tra Challenges!

How tall or wide can you make it?

Can you make everything 'from scratch'??

Can it have moving parts??

PRIZES GALORE for the most Egg-ceptional headwear!

Please bring your creations into school during the last week of this term - judging will take place on Wednesday 28th March and the entries will be displayed in school.



# Parentalk

## THE PRIMARY YEARS

**Come along to a free course for parents of primary school age children**

**Session 1 It's not just me** – Sharing how hard it can be sometimes as a parent helps us to realise that it's not "just me" feeling this or facing these challenges. We all find parenting hard at times, there is no instruction manual!

**Session 2 Love them and let them know** – for children to really thrive they need to know that they are loveable, that they are valued and that they are safe – this session helps us to think about the different ways we can help our children feel reassured that they are loved and valued, whether it is with conversation, practical help or just a cuddle.

**Session 3 It's good to talk** – how to talk so our children will listen – and practicing "being there" for our children.

**Session 4 Boundaries and battles** – and how to choose them. This session will help look at behaviour and what triggers it and also how to be consistent – but flexible!

**Session 5 Parenting with elastic** – Considering how to encourage independence in the way that is right for our children and at the time that is right too. We will also think about how the parental role changes from control, to care, to counsel.

**Session 6 Creating a sense of belonging** – helping your child feel part of the bigger picture within your family – creating the "relationship glue" by way of shared memories, traditions and fun. This all goes towards building stronger relationships to help during any tricky times.

**Fridays 1pm – 2.30pm**

**20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April and 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**For more information or to book your place please contact**

**Julie or Jan at [families@megacentrerayleigh.co.uk](mailto:families@megacentrerayleigh.co.uk) or ring 01268 779100**



# Parentalk

## THE TEENAGE YEARS

**a free course for parents of teenagers (or soon to be teenagers!)**

**Session 1 Understanding your teenager** – the teenage years can be a time of transition and turmoil for teenagers. They are going through huge changes, physically, emotionally and mentally and as parents it can be tough and challenging – but we're all in the same boat!

**Session 2 Stay connected** – teenagers can seem as though they want to withdraw from family life, but it is important to stay connected and maintain open lines of communication – even though we can feel taken for granted as a taxi service or butler.

**Session 3 Identity** – our teens have so many pressures on them, from all sorts of directions, it can be hard to keep up with their world. We need to try and understand how it is for them so we can help them develop healthy self-esteem and discover who they really are.

**Session 4 Communication and conflict** – it is normal for parents and their teens to find it hard to communicate with each other, the trick is to find a way that works for you! Choose your battles, practice negotiation, set realistic consequences and follow through with sanctions

**Session 5 Big pressures – good choices** – try to understand the big pressures on your teen – alcohol, sex, drugs, bullying – there is a lot of pressure on them to grow up fast – but they do take notice of us as parents believe it or not (even if they say they don't!)

**Session 6 Creating a sense of belonging** – letting go of our teenagers can be hard, but that is what we need to do to enable them to grow and flourish as independent adults. We have to allow them to make mistakes and learn from them.

**Tuesdays 7pm – 8.30pm**

**17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

**For more information or to book your place please contact**

Julie or Jan at [families@megacentrerayleigh.co.uk](mailto:families@megacentrerayleigh.co.uk)

or ring 01268 779100



7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Essex, SS6 7UT



### Welcome to Mapac!

We are delighted to be working with your school who have entrusted us with providing your children's school uniform.

### 1. HOW TO ORDER

- Visit [www.mapac.com/education/parents](http://www.mapac.com/education/parents) or search online for "Mapac find your school".
- Once on your dedicated school page, simply add everything you need to your basket, register (if you haven't already) and then check out. (See the 3 steps below)



### 2. ORDERING GUIDE

Our aim is that all orders are sent out within 10 working days. During the busy summer period, it can take a little longer. Please allow us some extra time to get your order to you.

Delivery Option	Delivery Charge
Delivery to your home year round	Free - over £50 £3.95 - under £50

Summer Break **\*\* To receive your order before the start of term \*\***

Order Deadline	Delivery Option	Delivery Charge
Before 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2018	Delivery to your home	Free - over £50 £3.95 - under £50

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call or email us. We are happy to help!



Parentalk is about  
helping mums and dads  
do the best job they can

Covers essential topics for parents

# Parentalk

THE PRIMARY YEARS

**Thursdays 9.30-11.30am**

**22<sup>nd</sup> February;**


**1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Parish Centre

No cost

**[cara.parker@parishofrayleigh.org.uk](mailto:cara.parker@parishofrayleigh.org.uk)**



 **parishofrayleigh** [www.careforthefamily.org.uk](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk)



# TEN PIECes

GET CREATIVE WITH  
CLASSICAL MUSIC



*Every child a musician*

## Orchestral Day!

Are you learning an orchestral instrument?

Would you like to play in an orchestra?

Come and work with top professionals from the  
BBC Symphony Orchestra

Thursday 12th April 2018

9:30am - 4:30pm

St. Mary's Prittlewell C of E Primary School,  
Boston Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 6JH

To book visit  
[www.musiconseasouthend.co.uk](http://www.musiconseasouthend.co.uk)



Supported using public funding by



**ARTS COUNCIL  
ENGLAND**



# The Deanes Sports Camp



**Castle Point & Rochford School Sport Partnership**

**Tuesday 3RD APRIL - Friday 13th APRIL inclusive**



**The Deanes School  
Sports Centre**

Daws Heath Road, Thundersley, SS7 2TD

**Early Club (Optional) - 8-10am (£4)**

**Main Activity - 10-3pm (£15)**

**After Activity Club - 3-6pm (£6)**

Activities are coached by highly qualified School Sport Professionals.

Full itinerary of activities provided on the back page of this leaflet.

10% Discount for all sibling bookings.

**For more information & to book/pay please visit -**

**[www.deanessportscentre.com](http://www.deanessportscentre.com)**

**Centre Opening Hours**

**Monday-Friday — 3-10pm**

**Weekends — 8-6pm**

**Contact Information:**

**Tel: 01268 741162**

**E-mail—[thedeanessportscentre@outlook.com](mailto:thedeanessportscentre@outlook.com)**

**Website—[www.deanessportscentre.com](http://www.deanessportscentre.com)**





Premier  
League  
Kicks



# KICKS PROGRAMME

FREE SESSIONS!

## TUESDAY

4-6PM WATERSIDE LEISURE CENTRE  
(12-19 YR OLDS)

5:30-7:30PM ST THOMAS MORE  
(8-11 YR OLDS)

## WEDNESDAY

5:30-7PM KING EDMUND SCHOOL  
(12-19 YR OLDS)

## THURSDAY

4-6PM WATERSIDE LEISURE CENTRE  
(12-19 YR OLDS)

## FRIDAY

5:30-7:30PM PLAYFOOTBALL.NET  
(12-19 YR OLDS)

5-7PM CLEMENTS HALL  
(12-19 YR OLDS)



For more information call  
01702 341351 or email  
[info@southendunited-cet.co.uk](mailto:info@southendunited-cet.co.uk)







The Deanes Sports Centre  
Daws Heath Road • Thundersley  
Essex • SS7 2TD

General Manager- Samuel Wood  
Tel: 01268741162  
Email: dscmanager@outlook.com

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Deanes Lawn Tennis Centre – Free Open Day**

I would like to invite your son/daughter to attend a “free” open day tennis session at Deanes LTC delivered by our fully qualified coaches.

There are two sessions available details of which are below.

Session 1	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am-10.45am
Session 2	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00-11.45am

To reserve a session please email [thedeanesltc@outlook.com](mailto:thedeanesltc@outlook.com) and provide the following details.

1. Session 1 or Session 2
2. Name of child
3. Date of birth
4. Medical Conditions
5. Emergency contact number
6. Name of school

There are limited spaces on these sessions and therefore if you are interested in your son/daughter taking part, please contact me **before 23<sup>rd</sup> March.**

Your son/daughter will not need any equipment as we will provide this on the day. However, they will need to wear appropriate clothing/footwear for tennis.

Once you have requested your session I will email confirmation. If the session you have requested is fully booked, I will offer you an alternate.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

**Will Roberts**  
**Deanes LTC Tennis Co-ordinator**





YOU LOVE  
FOOTBALL.  
IT'S EASTER.  
SO JOIN US  
AT A...

# SOUTHEND UNITED SOCCER

# SCHOOL







This week your child has been provided with login details to access MyMaths; a maths website used in the classroom and to support home learning. Also, there are many maths games your child can access freely to develop their understanding of timetables and maths topics.

As MyMaths is a fully online resource you will need nothing but an Internet connection and an up-to-date web browser with inbuilt Flash, or a recent version of Flash installed on your computer. MyMaths will continue to work in older internet browsers but in order to get the best possible learning experience, you will need to upgrade to a more recent version. MyMaths will support the following browsers over the next academic year:

- **Windows**
- IE 11 or above
- Firefox 13.0 or above
- Chrome 21.0 or above
  
- **Mac:**
- Safari 5.0 or above
- Firefox 13.0 or above
- Chrome 21.0 or above

MyMaths can currently be used on iPad and other tablet devices through the free Puffin Academy app on **iTunes** and **Android**.