



GROVE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Achieving and celebrating success for all.....

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Stars of the Week!



Blue Class	Leo Lawton/ Joshua Downer
Green Class	Ava Crockford/ Lucy Fallows
Yellow Class	Katie Evett/ Hayden Timms
1ST	Chloe Bedford
1AS	Archie Wright
1JF	Sophie Lunn
2G/B	Scarlett D'Arcy
2CA	Ronnie Noble
2EL	Elizabeth Hall
3DS	Alice Miller
3F/C	Callum Hawkins
3KO	Autumn Barteluk
4TA	Vinnie Griffin
4CF	George Mackenzie
4LS	Charlie Cox
5CS	Whole Class
5HR	Whole Class
5HT	Whole Class
6JC	Jake Ashworth
6MB	Jessica Harland

Attendance Stars for last week are



KS1...1JF with 98%

and KS2... 5HR with 100%

WELL DONE!

Diary Dates

**THURSDAY IS THE LAST DAY OF TERM
BACK TO SCHOOL MONDAY 16TH APRIL 2018**

Dinner Menu A

Tuesday 17th April—Selected Year 6 children in Rayleigh Town Council Quiz Final.

Tuesday 17th April—Year 4 Kent Residential Parent Information Meeting 3.20pm KS2 Hall.

Date for the Diary...Friday 4th May– 9.15-10.30am Year 6 Parent coffee morning. This will offer advice/support for SATS and the transition to Secondary School. Representatives from The Fitzwimarc and Sweyne Park School will be in attendance to answer any questions.

Clubs...

Year 5/6 Netball and Scenes of Crime Clubs will restart the week commencing 16th April. All other Clubs will start again the week commencing 23rd April.



Really successful start to the new Personal Challenge project which has seen the end of the first challenge. Those children who have completed the first challenge have received their certificate. It is not too late to get involved and the second, more difficult challenge is now live on the school website. The link is: <http://www.grovetwoodprimary.co.uk/sports/personal-challenge>. We would love to see as many children get involved in this very exciting project and complete challenging physical movements to enhance their ability and confidence. Closing date is 27th April. Good luck! Mr Benson



During Science week, Year 4 have been carrying out different experiments with floating ice! We put some thread over the top of an ice cube and then poured salt over the top. We waited five minutes...then as if by magic, we could lift the ice! We also created 'Dancing raisins' using hot water, baking soda and raisins. When we added white vinegar, it created little bubbles of gas which made the raisins rise to the top of the container, they then popped making the raisins fall back down. They looked like they were dancing!



To finish their topic, Portals of Possibilities, Year 4 had a visit from a touring drama company today. They thoroughly enjoyed the production of the Wizard of Oz and loved joining Dorothy on her exciting adventure. They especially enjoyed joining in with the dancing!



Easter Bonnet Winners:

Ronnie W.—2GB
Benjamin B.—Yellow Class
Cooper H.—Green Class
Katie E—Yellow Class
Elizabeth T—3DS
Josie H.—3DS
Freddie W.—3KO
Grace R.—4LS
Georgia B.—2CA
Nancy H.—Yellow Class

Very Well Done to everyone who entered!

Congratulations to the Year 6 Quiz Team who have made it through to the finals of the Rayleigh Primary School Quiz. As the current champions we are hoping to keep hold of our title this year - good luck!



Year 5 Go Mad at Bradwell... Last week Year 5 spent a cold and exhausting week at Bradwell. They took part in all kinds of fun activities and will be holding an Assembly to parents on Wednesday 25th April at 2.30pm in the Sports Hall.



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>

Play Buddy of the Week—George Tierney

Thank you to Mr Tunbridge and Build Base for providing salt spreaders and other equipment used to clear the recent snow

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2017-2018 Diary Dates



Easter holidays - Friday 30 th March – Friday 13 th April		
1	Monday 16 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer day for parents of EYFS children starting in September 2018
	Tuesday 17 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Quiz Final
	Wednesday 18 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Thursday 19 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Friday 20 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
2	Monday 23 rd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All clubs begin this week • EYFS – Duckling project
	Tuesday 24 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Wednesday 25 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 and 2 Phonics information meeting to parents 9:00 – 9:30 • 2:30pm Year 5 Bradwell Assembly to parents - Sports Hall
	Thursday 26 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2pm Year 3 and 4 choir singing at Rayleigh Library (some of Year 5 choir may also join) • Year 1 and 2 Phonics information meeting to parents 2:30 - 3:00-FLR?
	Friday 27 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
3	Monday 30 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 - Residential 4CF and ½ of 4TA •
	Tuesday 1 st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 - Residential 4CF and ½ of 4TA •
	Wednesday 2 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 - Residential 4LS and ½ of 4TA •
	Thursday 3 rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 - Residential 4LS and ½ of 4TA • Year 6 Discovery Event @ FITZ 3:45 - 5:45
	Friday 4 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
4	Monday 7 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
	Tuesday 8 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Wednesday 9 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5 greater depth writing activity at Grove- need woods and Lady Bird lodge • Year 1 Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park tbc
	Thursday 10 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Friday 11 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EYFS - Party Pets Visit
5	Monday 14 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 SATS –Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
	Tuesday 15 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 SATS - Reading
	Wednesday 16 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 SATS Maths – Arithmetic, paper 1
	Thursday 17 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 SATS Maths – paper 2
	Friday 18 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS2 – am - finals day • Year 6 pm – Mad Satters Party • Inflatables Afternoon
6	Monday 21 st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Week
	Tuesday 22 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Week • Year 6 Parent Meeting for Hilltop
	Wednesday 23 rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • AreaMusic Rehearsal @ Heycroft 9am - 12:00 - some Year 5 and 6 choir

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> attending Writing Week EYFS – shared learning morning with parents – Rumble in the Jungle!
	Thursday 24 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing Week
	Friday 25 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing Week Theme Letters Home Year 2 SATS - mop up
Half Term – Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June		
7	Monday 4 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non Pupil Day
	Tuesday 5 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00pm - SRE meeting for Year 5 and 6 parents
	Wednesday 6 th June	
	Thursday 7 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm – EYFS introductory parents meeting in KS1 hall.
	Friday 8 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor Education Day for Years 1-6 EYFS to Year 1 transition – stay and play in class bases – session 1
8	Monday 11 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EYFS Super hero dress up day
	Tuesday 12 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning rehearsal @ Cliffs for Music Festival 7:30 pm Music Festival @ Cliffs Eastern Mennonite Choir visiting - tbc
	Wednesday 13 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	Thursday 14 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	Friday 15 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Am - EYFS to Year 1 transition – stay and play in class bases – session 2 Pm - EYFS outdoor education afternoon Year 6 to Hilltop
9	Monday 18 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 to Hilltop
	Tuesday 19 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Rest Day KS1 Summer Games (am)
	Wednesday 20 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	Thursday 21 st June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-Safety Day for children E-Safety - parents evening 7-9pm
	Friday 22 nd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EYFS to Year 1 transition – stay and play in class bases – session 3
10	Monday 25 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SRE week Year 3 - Guidewoods tbc Sports Day – am KS2 / pm KS1 & EYFS
	Tuesday 26 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 – Guidewoods tbc
	Wednesday 27 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 – Guidewoods tbc
	Thursday 28 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.00am - RG - SETSA Partners Meeting
	Friday 29 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 FITZ Induction Day Whole School Meet the new teacher Day 9:30 – 11:00 Reception Stay and Play drop in session for new parents and new children.
	Saturday 30 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAGWPS Camping Night
11	Monday 2 nd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Day Reserve 1

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year R reports out to parents
	Tuesday 3 rd July	
	Wednesday 4 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7pm Year 2/3 Transition meeting to parents
	Thursday 5 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7pm Year R/1 Transition meeting to parents
	Friday 6 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
12	Monday 9 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Year Assessments home to all parents • District Sports @ Garons pm - selected children
	Tuesday 10 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Production – evening 7pm start • School Council & Playleaders (KS1 and KS2) & Librarians Reward
	Wednesday 11 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All – extended open door to parents 3:15 – 5:30. • Year 6 Production – Evening 7pm start
	Thursday 12 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EYFS – water play day
	Friday 13 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Day – Reserve Day 2
13	Monday 16 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EYFS Teddy Bear's picnic with parents • playleader reward day
	Tuesday 17 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Wednesday 18 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent helper thank you Tea and cake • All GWPS – 1.30pm outdoor music celebration concert
	Thursday 19 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 Year 6 Leaver's Assembly • Year 6 Leaver's Party 4:00 – 6:00 BBQ & Bouncy Castles
	Friday 20 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of term
Summer Holidays – Monday 23 rd July – Monday 3 rd September 2018		



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Saturday 16th June

Time: 12-3pm

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Rayleigh, Essex SS6 8UA**

£4.00 Adults

£1.50 Children

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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

20th & 27th April and 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th May

For more information or to book your place please contact

Julie or Jan at 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

17th & 24th April and 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd May

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