



GROVE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Achieving and celebrating success for all.....

Newsletter Friday 20th April 2018 (Issue 242)

Stars of the Week!



Blue Class	Kyle Marsh/ Amelia Turner
Green Class	Kayleigh Fenwick/ Arthur Pau
Yellow Class	Travis Chapman Daisy Sewell
1ST	Crystal Vance
1AS	Keavie Hollis
1JF	Oscar Ratcliffe
2G/B	Lois Pankhurst
2CA	Charlotte Sumner
2EL	Matthew King
3DS	Whole Class
3F/C	Whole Class
3KO	Baylea Cox
4TA	Jamie Bennett
4CF	William Groves
4LS	Ryah England
5CS	Whole Class
5HR	Whole Class
5HT	Whole Class
6JC	Tom Rixon
6DP	Amy Wilcock

Diary Dates

Dinner Menu B—Monday's Fishwich will consist of fish coated in a light crispy breadcrumb.

All Clubs begin this week.

Tuesday 24th April—Selected Year 6 children in Tag Rugby County Finals at SRC.

Tuesday 24th April—am—Selected Year 3/4 children in District Tennis competition at the Deanes Sports Centre.

Wednesday 25th April—KS1 Phonics Check Workshop for Year 1 and invited Year 2 parents in the KS1 Hall..

Wednesday 25th April—Year 5 Bradwell Assembly at 2.30pm in the Sports Hall.

Thursday 26th April—Selected children from the Years 3,4 and 5 choir singing at the Rayleigh Library at 2 o'clock.

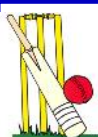
Thursday 26th April—Repeated KS1 Phonics Check Workshop for Year 1 and invited Year 2 parents in the Family Learning Room—**now at an amended time of 2.30pm.**

Date for the Diary...Friday 4th May— 9.10-10.30am 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.



Well Done to 6MB and 2EL who have won a competition to give ice creams to their whole classes and Teachers on the afternoon of Wednesday 25th April. Ice creams for the rest of the school will also be available to buy on this day.

We know many of you are asking after Ron the Lollipop Man. We are checking in regularly with him and he is missing everyone but he is hoping to be back very soon.



Calling all Year 4, 5 and 6 girls....Why not give cricket a try. Come along at 8am on Monday 23rd April for a free taster session.

Attendance Stars for last week are



**KS1...2GB with 99.2%
and KS2... 3KO with 98.4%**

WELL DONE!



Year 4 enjoyed exploring the local area Tuesday morning, looking at habitats and land use, whilst walking to Gusted Hall. It was a beautiful sunny morning, perfect for explor-

ing the local area. Pupils saw a variety of wildlife, habitats and plants: including birds and rabbits, rabbit holes and birds nests, and flowering plants and towering trees. Pupils enjoyed sketching the view, in the horizon, across Rayleigh towards Southend. Thank you to the many parents who joined us.



Important Reminder **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 **ad-min@groveswood.essex.sch.uk** to ensure that your child's attendance records are accurate.

Play Buddy of the Week—Andy Pau
Play Leader—Kellise Chapman

Personal Challenge

It is not too late to get involved.....The second, more difficult personal challenge is now live on the school website. The link is: <http://www.groveswoodprimary.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 midday on 27th April. Good luck!**

Intra-house Games.....Before half term, the children of GroveWood were back into Intra-house games. This time, it was hockey. The children again took part in their houses teams and all teachers reported that all the children played brilliantly and showed improvement as the games moved forward. All the games were incredibly fast paced and competitive but all the children showed fantastic team work skills and fairness. Well done to all the children for their hard work during the Intra-house games and good luck with the next one.

Year 3 winners - Sapphire
Year 4 winners - Topaz
Year 5 winners - Sapphire
Year 6 winners - Sapphire

Overall winners - Sapphire



Clubs... All Clubs MUST be paid for in advance. If payment is not received, we will assume that your child no longer wants a place and offer it to another child.

Congratulations to Mr Seaman and family who welcomed baby daughter Eden into the world yesterday



Congratulations must also go to Ms Fletcher who got married in the Easter holidays and has now become Mrs Stevens.





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Dear Parent

Little Musketeers at Grove Wood Primary School – Summer Term 2018 – Years 1-6

Little Musketeers is an exciting club offering a fun, safe and educational environment for young children to learn the sport of fencing. What child has not grown up pretending to be a swashbuckling pirate, a duelling Musketeer, or even the master of swordplay himself, Zorro? Why do they do it? Because it's fun!

Little Musketeers provide bright coloured foam and plastic foils and plastic masks with mesh visors that are safe and yet hard enough to give children the real feel of fencing. Visors are worn at all times giving peace of mind as well as that genuine fencing experience.

Little Musketeers classes are designed and run by Olympic fencer and 4 times British National Champion James Beevers. All staff have enhanced CRB clearance and are trained personally by James.

Following successful courses for all classes we would now like to run two further courses for the Summer Term 2018 as follows:

KS1 – Tuesdays BEFORE school – 1 May – 17 July 2018 – 8.00am – 8.45am - £35

KS2 - Tuesdays AFTER school – 1 May – 17 July 2018 – 3.15pm – 4.15pm - £45

(PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES ON 5TH JUNE 2018)

If you would like your child to sign up for this course please complete the return slip below to the school office as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

James Beevers
Director

LITTLE MUSKETEERS FENCING CLUB – GROVE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

I would like to sign my child up for the Little Musketeers Summer Term 2018 clubs:

KS1 AM CLUB £35 ☐ KS2 PM CLUB £45 ☐

Child Name: _____

Class: _____ Age: _____

Emergency Contact No: _____

Medical Information: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____



☐ I enclose payment for ☐ £35.00 / ☐ £45.00 made payable to Duel Fitness Ltd



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Starts 7th April 2018 and then every Saturday from 10.30am -11.30am @ The Warren, Old London Road, Rawreth SS11 8UE.

School years 1-4 (under 6 - under 9) age group welcome! Just £3 per session!

Those attending our #SSEWildcats sessions for 10 weeks or more will receive a free Academy training shirt, shorts & socks

Contact Shane on 07790 938009 or email: generalmanager@academysoccer.co.uk



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FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 16th June

Time: 12-3pm

**GROVE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
Rayleigh, Essex SS6 8UA**

£4.00 Adults

£1.50 Children

**(All entry tickets
will receive a raffle ticket)**

**Plus Zorbing, Giant Skipping, Stalls
Food and Refreshments and much more...**

**Live
Singer
Julie
Jive**

**Dirty
Dancing
Lessons**

**Bouncy
Castle**

**Giant
Hungry
Hippo**

**Tickets available from Saskia Marklew - 07947 200213
or tickets can be purchased on the day**

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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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