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7th October 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a wonderful week of announcements with all of the children who were successful in applying for special positions within school. Well done to you all!

Here are the results...

Head Boy/Head Girl and Deputies

Head Boy- Leon J

Head Girl- Millie R

Deputy Head Boy- Jay M

Deputy Head Girl-Izzy A

These children will be on hand to help and support staff and children over the course of their last year with us.

School Council

Our School Council for this academic year are: Lucy S-S, Lucas K, Toby B, Robyn G, Lewis S, Evie-Mae J, Phoebe T, Abel W, Ted I, Sofia P, Jay M and Nelly S. They have already arranged an assembly to highlight World Mental Health Day as well as arrange an event for Hallowe'en to get them started- great work School Council!

Last week's winners- well done to you all!

Times Table Rockstars Leaderboard This Week		
Rank	Name	Year Group
☆ 1 🏆	Freddy R	Year 5
2	Lucy S	Year 3
3	Josh S	Year 5
4	Abel W	Year 4
5	Thomas B	Year 5
Numbots Leaderboard This Week		
☆ 1 🏆	Ben I	Year 3
2	Tommy W	Year 3
3	Kaden C	Year 5
4	Alfie M	Year 5
5	Tyler B	Year 4

Attendance w/b 3rd October 2022

	Class	%
1 st Place	Reception Year 5	98.8%
2 nd Place	Year 3	96.8%
3 rd Place	Year 2 and Year 4	96.2%
4 th Place	Year 6	95%
6 th Place	Year 1	93.8%
7 th Place	Nursery	85.2%

Well done Year Reception and Year 5!

Our target is 96% (please see Punctuality and Attendance information on the next page).

Congratulations!

We have some lovely news to share with you all. Sally and Craig are going to be parents with a baby due in December. Sally will go on maternity leave at the end of November and we look forward to meeting the newest member of The Grove Family! Final arrangements are being made for Sally's maternity cover and we will share these details as soon as we can.

We were also privileged to meet Hayley's baby- Mason-this week and some of the staff were lucky to have cuddles.

World Mental Health Day- Monday 10th October

Monday 10th October is World Mental Health Day and this year our theme is 'kindness is power.'

School council came up with the fantastic idea of writing a kindness letter.

Each class will be writing a kindness letter to someone else in school which will be presented in assembly time.

Kindness certificates will also be awarded to children who have been particularly kind and thoughtful.

We look forward to hearing about all the wonderful ways people have been kind.

if you would like some information about supporting your child's mental health or your own, you can visit the youngminds website for help and advice.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

Scholastic Book Fair- Monday 10th to Friday 15th October

Scholastic Book Fair will be in school next week. We would love it if you could come along. The fair will be held in the Year 2 classroom and can be entered via the yard. You will find lots of the best new books from £2.99. The more books we sell, the more money we raise for our school to buy more new books.

The fair will be open from 3:00 - 3:30pm Monday to Thursday. We will have a late- night opening from 4:00 till 5:00pm on Thursday evening.

You can pay easily and securely for these books and many more when you attend the Fair by using the online payment link at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.

Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest Assembly will take place on Thursday at 8.50am in our school hall. We would ask any parents, carers or family members to arrive no sooner than 8.45am so that children can arrive through the hall first and are registered.

We are also going to collect food items to help us to support our school families in need. If you would like to donate items such as: tins, pasta, packets of food (no fresh items please). We will be collecting these from Monday 10th October and can be sent with your child to school or given to a member of staff.

School Photos- Thursday 20th October

School photos (individual) will take place on Thursday 20th October in our school hall. We are finalising times for those parents who would like to have photos with siblings who do not attend our school (this information will be in next week's newsletter). For siblings that only attend our school, these will be taken during the school day.

Attendance 2022/2023

We have updated our Attendance Policy based on Local Authority and DfE guidance. You can find the new policy [here](#)

Punctuality

Nursery children (morning + 30 hours) and siblings should arrive promptly at 8.30am before the register closes at 8.35am. All other children must arrive in time for the register closing at 8.50am. If your child is late, they will receive a L code. If a child arrives after 9.05am, this will be recorded as a U and will affect the percentage recorded on your child's report. We know that there are unexpected events that may cause families to be late but we would ask all of our families to arrive on time as far as possible.