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21st April 2023 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful first week we have had. We have had a visit from Tidy Ted and most classes were involved in first-class gymnastics display led by Josh (our teacher from Grassroots). Children have also been doing their bit for the community by being involved in litter picks.

We also have had some lovely feedback from one of our families:

W loved litter picking today she was so excited to do it. When she first came to the schools the main thing she really wanted to do was go out litter picking, she didn't get a chance in year 4 so she was so happy she got the chance today. She has come home and picked up the stray litter that blew into the garden and just outside our gate. We are going to invest in a litter pick as she really wants to go on the walk in the woods as she says there's a lot of rubbish there that will hurt the wildlife. 😊 Thank you for letting her have this experience.

We love to get your views and feedback; thank you for sharing!

ParentPay payments

Can parents ensure that all ParentPay accounts are settled and up to date please? If you are having difficulty, please contact the school office in the first instance.

Free School Meals

Have your circumstances changed? Do you think that your child/ren qualify for Free School Meals after checking <https://www.durham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals> Please contact the school office and we can check for you.

Nursery Places

Did you know that you can apply for a Nursery place when your child turns two? They will then start on the term after their third birthday. Please see <https://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/our-classes/nursery/> for admission forms and any additional information.

Phone Contacts

If parents/carers change their phone number or address, you must inform the school office as soon as possible. We must have contact details in the event of an accident or illness.

Strike Action

You will have received a letter regarding Strike Action for Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May via your child's Tapestry account on Thursday.

Attendance for w/b 17th April 2023

	<u>Class</u>	<u>%</u>
1 st Place	Year 5	97.5%
2 nd Place	Reception	96.2%
3 rd Place	Year 2	93.3%
4 th Place	Year 3	92.5%
5 th Place	Year 6	91.7%
6 th Place	Year 1	90.3%
7 th Place	Year 4	89.4%
8 th Place	Nursery	82.1%

Well done Year 5! Our target is 96%

Important dates for this term

27th April- School partially closed due to Strike Action (open to Year 2)

1st May and 8th May- School Closed- Bank Holiday

2nd May- School partially closed due to Strike Action (open to Year 2)

9th- 12th May- Year 6 SATs week

w/b 22nd May- Year 2 SATs week

We hope to have a full list of dates, next week, for the remainder of the academic year.

Leader boards for week beginning 21st April 2023- Well done to all of our winners!

Times Tables Rockstars Leader board This Week		
Rank	Name	Year Group
1	Freddy R	Year 5
2	Ewan A	Year 5
3	Ted I	Year 5
4	Amiee W	Year 4
5	Ben I	Year 5

KS1 Numbots Leader board This Week		
Rank	Name	Year Group
1	Annia T	Year 2
2	Faith C	Year 2
3	Ella D	Year 2
4	Lillie V	Year
5	Julia S	Year 2

KS2 Numbots Leader board This Week		
Rank	Name	Year Group
1	Alfie B	Year 5
2	Alfie M	Year 5
3	Ben I	Year 3
4	Freddy R	Year 5
5	Zak A	Year 5

Coronation Celebrations

We will be having a day in school to mark the King's coronation on Friday 5th May. In tribute to the King's public service, there is a Big Help Out organised to encourage people to try out volunteering and bring communities together. We will be spending the morning carrying out our own activities in class to help out the environment and local community.

In the afternoon, we will have a coronation party with our classes and our celebration assembly at the end of that day will celebrate children who have done things to help others that week.

The day will be non-uniform and the children should wear red, white and blue. Any combination of those colours is fine! Rather than paying £1 on Parent Pay, the children will be asked to bring one tin or packet for the food bank as payment to take part so that we can help the local community as a school.