

8th November 2024

Dear parents and carers

A warm welcome back to the second half of our autumn term here at Team Grove. The great momentum that was built in the first part has continued into this first week. It has been excellent to see our students, your children, back in lessons and thinking hard about their learning. Standards of uniform have been high – thank you for supporting us with this. We have also managed to have both a fire drill and lockdown practice this week – the students were impeccably behaved for both events, grasping the importance of routine and the gravitas of practising these emergency moments.

The questionnaire for your views on uniform continues to be live – please add your voice if you have any thoughts around this. Finally, we have a community-based Winter Market hosted here on site at 4pm on Friday 22nd November; if you would like or stall, please let us know – or even better, come along and support our students to begin the festive cheer!

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend,

Mr Mitchell Allsopp
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Remembrance Day

As it is Remembrance Day on Monday 11th November, we are allowing those students who are part of Army Cadets, St John Ambulance, Guides, Scouts, etc. to wear their uniform to school. We are also still selling poppies for any pupils who would like to donate. These can be purchased from reception.



Market Drayton Air Cadets

Market Drayton's Air Cadets (24 Squadron) are currently recruiting new cadets (Year 8 upwards) and adult volunteers. They parade at Hedley Way, Tern Hill on Tuesdays and Thursday from 7pm. If your child is interested, please visit their website.



Blue Peter Badge Winner

Penny Davies in Year 8 earned her first Blue Peter Badge over the holidays. The work towards this was completed during our Blue Peter Badge Club which takes place every Tuesday lunchtime for Year 7-10 students under the age of 15. Penny has already made good use of her badge to gain free entry into the National Botanical Gardens in Wales. Well done Penny – we are so glad all your hard work has paid off!



Festival of Lights Event

'VoiceBox', The Grove School's choir, are performing under the Buttercross as part of Market Drayton's Festival of Lights next Saturday 16th. We would love to see you there!

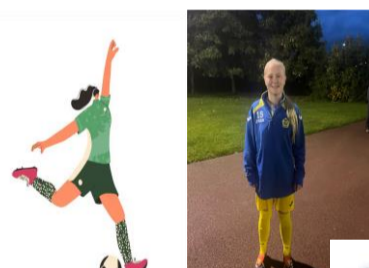


Girls Under 13's Football

The U13 girls football team competed at the North Shropshire football tournament last week, where they scored a total of 9 points. This put them joint first with Corbet; unfortunately, Corbet then won the tournament on goal difference, putting our Grove girls into second place. A fantastic effort from all the girls in the team. They represented themselves and the school brilliantly and we're very proud of them!

Olivia Day – County Football

After a successful day in the football trials that were held at Thomas Adams School on the 27th September, Olivia represented Grove School in her first football match for the county against Cheshire, at Cumberland Arena over in Crewe. The result didn't go our way but Olivia and her new teammates played well considering they had never even met before! Mary Logan (team manager) contacted Olivia saying how impressed they were with her and that they would love to have her as Captain throughout the season. The school now has a Shropshire County Captain. Well done Olivia!



Save the Date!

We have our very first Winter Fair on Friday 22nd November here at Grove. The event will have stalls, activities and performances by our pupils. More information to follow next week.



REWARDS



Last term's reward trip was a big success, with over 500 of our pupils enjoying a fun filled day out at Alton Towers. The latest qualification window for this term's trip is now upon us. Students have the opportunity to attend an event during the last week of term as follows:

- Y7: 'AirHop' indoor activity centre
- Y8 and Y9: Telford Ice Rink and Bowling
- Y10, Y11 & Sixth Form: visit to the Trafford Centre

The qualification window runs from 5th November to 6th December 2024 and to be permitted to attend students **must**:

- Attend 100% of the time during these dates (unless they have a medical appointment or other allowed absence)
- Have no more than 1 detention that lasts a maximum of 10 minutes
- Have no lates to school or lesson
- There must also be no after school detentions, Internal Exclusions or suspensions.

(Following on from parental feedback, we will review each student's eligibility to attend the trip on an individual basis once the qualification window has lapsed.)



Extra-Curricular Activities in PE



Autumn Term 3pm-4pm		Activity	Year Group	Staff	Description
Monday	Football		Year 7	MSO	Girls and boys football - please bring football boots and shin pads in order to participate in training. Fixtures will also be available throughout the year
			Year 8	MJO	Girls football - please bring football boots and shin pads in order to participate in training. Fixtures will also be available throughout the year.
			Year 9		
			Year 10		
		Year 11	DMA		
	Rugby		Year 8 and 9	ABA	Boys rugby - Please bring your boots along with a gum shield (recommended) in order to participate fully in the sessions.
Tuesday	Fitness Club		All year groups	CMC	The fitness suite will be open to all year groups to use the equipment to support their own fitness programmes. Staff will also be available to provide suggestions and encouragement to students to achieve their fitness goals.
	Badminton		All year groups	JBE	Badminton will be available to all students to come and play, whether it be recreationally with friends or whether on a more competitive level.
Wednesday	Football		Year 8	MJO	Boys football - please bring football boots and shin pads in order to participate in training. Fixtures will also be available throughout the year
			Year 9	ABA	
			Year 10		
			Year 11	DMA	
	Netball		All year groups	KPA	Netball will be available to all, whether you want to try it for the first time or develop your skills further, this club will be skills/drills and game play. Attendance at this club will give you the potential to represent the school in fixtures throughout the year.
Table Tennis		All year groups	JBE	Table tennis will take place in the gym. This club is open to all year groups and abilities to develop skills further and develop your knowledge and tactics within games.	



UPCOMING EVENTS

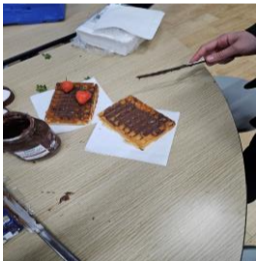
- 22 Nov Winter Fair (more information next week)
- 25 Nov Winter Concert at 6.30pm
Please note date change from previous bulletins
- 4 Dec Christmas service at St Mary's Church
- 12 Dec Y11 Parents' Evening
- 20 Dec Last day of term

Winter Concert



Attendance Breakfast

This morning, we held a special breakfast for the forms that had the best attendance in each year group. Please see below some pictures of the students having their treat.



Your School Needs You!

This week we had our first Parent Partnership Group meeting. This is a fundraising group we are setting up to support events in school and to engage closer links with the Market Drayton Community. If you are interested in being part of this team, have some fundraising ideas for future events or would like to find out some more information, please email:

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