

Dear parents and carers

We kickstarted the week with an impeccable whole school service to mark Remembrance Day. Nearly 1000 members of Team Grove assembled on the tennis courts as we shared a passage, then played the last post, followed by a two-minute silence. Your children were outstanding; it was a fitting moment to mark all of those that have fallen.

To raise awareness, we have held an Odd Socks day to help mark Anti-Bullying Week, which was a great success – and we have also begun to plant the numerous trees that have been donated to us by local charities. A busy week here at The Grove School!

There are just 7 days until our Winter Market, we have **lots** of stalls and events happening, and it would be brilliant to see you there as we open our doors again to our community. The details for this are below.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend!

Mr Mitchell Allsopp
Headteacher



Winter Market

On Friday, we have our Winter Market here at The Grove School. It starts at 4pm and there will be 25 stalls, refreshment, entertainment plus much more. It's open to the whole of our Market Drayton Community so please bring along friends and family. All are welcome!



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Remembrance Day

On Monday, the school fell silent whilst we all gathered to commemorate lives lost in conflicts. Mr Pledger led the whole school event, reminding us of the importance of their sacrifice. Later, several of our students visited the war memorial in Market Drayton to lay a wreath to honour all who have fallen.



Irish World Dancing Champions

Two of our students have been crowned world champions at an international competition. Toby Nellins and Lilia Tokai of Studio J Dance Academy, and Holding Academy Irish Dancers, competed together in Warwick on 28th October, becoming world champions in the Two-Hand Ceilidh. Well done both of you, Team Grove is very proud!



Tree Planting

7NDA were given the opportunity on Wednesday afternoon to plant lots of trees in the forest. They were given a demonstration by Mr Gilmour and then between them they planted over 40 tree saplings ready for the next generation. This is part of our belonging strategy here at Team Grove. Great work 7NDA!



Year 8 & 9 Football



On Tuesday, we took two teams from Year 8 and Year 9 to a football tournament at Oswestry School to represent The Grove School. All the players played extremely well. Year 9 played really well and finished fourth, however Year 8 finished first, winning the tournament unbeaten and only conceding one goal. Mr Jones and Mr Reynolds were delighted with the behaviour, efforts and passion shown by everyone. Well done to all involved!

Odd Socks Day at The Grove School

On Monday, we celebrated 'Odd Socks Day'. This is when schools, workplaces, and individuals join together to show that it's okay to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination. It was amazing to see so many of our students and staff take part and we had some very imaginative combinations!



Mountain Biking

Charlie Toomer was invited to Birmingham University for some lab testing and a follow up gym session with Alan Milway who is the leading professional for mountain bike training. This was a big opportunity and great experience for Charlie, and he represented Team Grove brilliantly! We are looking forward to seeing what the future holds for Charlie and his mountain bike!

