

Dear parents and carers,

The sun has been shining over the school site this week, which has given us all a stride in our step!

We had a gathering of our Parent Partnership Group on Monday, a group of dedicated parents who are really keen to drive new ideas forward for our students, your children. Our next meeting is Monday 7 April 2025, please come along. Exciting times ahead!

I am also delighted to share with you that we have received confirmation of the new members of Team Grove that will be joining us in September – the largest cohort that the school has had starting with us, for over a decade. This is a strong indicator that we are moving back to becoming the school of choice for our local area, though much work has happened, there is much more to do. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a lovely weekend,

*Mr Mitchell Allsopp*  
**Headteacher**



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Elephants' Toothpaste Experiment

Year 8 have been having a lot of fun in science. They have been learning about endothermic and exothermic reactions. Elephants' toothpaste also shows how chemical reactions can occur faster when a catalyst is added and produces an exothermic reaction, meaning it produces heat. See the picture below of the final result of the experiment. It was spectacular!



### Science Outside

On Tuesday, some of our pupils planted thousands of wildflower seeds as part of a studying competition.

They discussed (quite passionately) the best places to plant the seeds to have the best chance of success. They were fascinated by the variety in the seeds size, shape and colour.

They found some hazel saplings that hadn't rooted securely and planted those too. Everyone involved had a wonderful time getting their hands dirty, and it was great to see them making the most of our amazing grounds. We look forward to seeing the seeds grow and flourish over the next few months.



### World Book Day

World Book Day took place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March and The Grove School celebrated it in numerous ways. All students received a book voucher that they could swap for a new and exclusive World Book Day book or get discount off a full price title at participating booksellers.

Art took part by asking students to design a National Book Token during their lessons. Library events that took place included craft activities, a potato decorating competition and a live virtual event with author Ben Dean, former celebrity journalist and master of suspense. The English Department organised a treasure hunt, where pupils went around looking for staff wearing character names and answering questions about them. What a fun week of activities!



## 'Matilda'

A reminder that we have our school production of 'Matilda' on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Tickets are on sale now on WisePay at £5 for adults and £3 for students. Alternatively, tickets can also be bought by cash at our main office.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

18 Mar	School production of 'Matilda' at 7pm
19 Mar	School production of 'Matilda' at 7pm
20 Mar	Sixth Form Parents' Evening 4pm-6pm
3 April	Year 11 Parents' Evening 4pm-6pm
7 April	Parent Partnership Group meeting 6pm
11 April	Last day of term
28 April	Back to school after Easter Holidays

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