

Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have had the pleasure this week of being part of our World Book Day celebrations, here at The Grove, students have had a number of reading-related activities to complete. One of these was the unique potato-character competition (students have creatively decorated a potato as their favourite literature character!). The winner was Mr Twit, entered by Kadence Gasson. Please see below for some pictures of our amazing entries.

There have also been several members of the local community coming into the school this week. They have been talking through some of our ambitions for the school and have commented on the positive changes that they are seeing happening. Exciting times ahead!

If you would like to find out more, you are more than welcome to join me at a 'Meet and Greet' event that we are hosting prior to our Spring Music concert. Details are below. Please let us know, via the form, if you are able to attend. Wishing you all a fantastic weekend!

Mr Mitchell Allsopp
Headteacher



& NOTICES



Cricket Opportunity

We have an exciting opportunity available for all girls at The Grove. On Tuesday, we have a cricket coach from Shropshire Cricket along with some of our young leaders coming in to do taster sessions.

Any girl can come along- no sign up required- just need their PE kit for the afterschool club.

The club will run after school on Tuesday 12th March and Tuesday 9th April.

This will also be available at lunchtime on Monday 18th March. Any questions please head down to PE to ask.



Headteacher 'Meet & Greet'

On Monday 18th March, all parent/carers are invited to come into school and meet our Headteacher, Mr Allsopp at 4.45pm. This is an opportunity to hear about his plans for The Grove School and ask any questions you may have. Refreshments will be available. If you would like to attend please fill out the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/5YBDi5QKWT>

Spring Concert

After the 'Meet and Greet' session with Mr Allsopp, we have our annual Spring Concert in the main hall, where many of our talented students will be performing. Please come along and support. This starts at 6pm.



Film Club

The Film Club has re-started. It's on Wednesdays during Week B. This is an opportunity to not only watch quality cinematic pieces, but also to discuss and explore them in further detail.

Last year, the club was a great hit with students. If there are any students who wish to attend, please let Mr Vacara know. It is open to all year groups, Wednesday in E04 from 3.00 – 4.15pm.



U15s Netball

On a thrilling afternoon, Grove School's U15 netball team showcased their skills and determination as they faced Ellesmere College's Year 11 team. In a remarkable display of teamwork and strategy, The Grove School emerged victorious with a convincing 28-11 win over their opponents from the year above.

The victory reflects the dedication and hard work put in by both players and coaching staff. As the team continues to build on this success, it serves as a source of inspiration and pride for the entire school community.



Girls' Football

Today, after school, we have taken part in 'The Biggest Ever Football Session', set by England Football. Girls have had the chance to participate in fun football activities and a tournament. Details about this (and photographs) will be shared in next week's bulletin...watch this space!



Hair Cut for Charity

Our Year 9 student Noah, is having his long curly hair cut off on 21st March, to donate to the Little Princess Trust. It will be used to make a wig for children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment or other conditions. He will be donating 18 inches of hair! He is also fundraising to help make the wig, as they cost £700 to make. This will also help fund research into childhood cancer treatment. So far Noah has raised nearly £1000 towards this great cause. The Grove School family are all really proud of him, and we will share his before and after pictures in a few weeks. Well done, Noah!



There is a JustGiving fundraising page if anyone wants to donate.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/suzanne-obrien-1708975840210?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fsuzanne-obrien-1708975840210&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Extra Curricular PE After School (3-4 pm)

Monday	Year 7/8 Netball Fitness (KS3)
Tuesday	Girl's cricket 12 March & 9 April

Wednesday	Year 7/8 Football, Indoor 5-a-side (KS4)
Friday	Indoor 5-a-side (KS3 Fitness (All years))

**** For football you will need shin pads and boots if playing outside**

See the PE department if you have any questions. Clubs will change each half term.



World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day, we ran a potato-decorating competition. Entrants had to decorate a potato as their favourite book character and were judged on how imaginative and close to the character they are.

As you can see from the picture below we had some great entries including Captain Underpants, Mr Bump and a Minion.



Mr Allsopp judged the competition and the winning entry was from Kadence Gasson in Year 8, with her 'Mr Twit' potato. Here she is receiving her prize:



A special mention to our runner-up, Rhys Jones from Year 7 (see picture below), who created a potato 'Toothless' from 'How to Train your Dragon. Amazing!



The Grove's Wellie Walk

The Grove School are hosting a sponsored wellie walk around the school grounds to help raise money for RABI. An agricultural charity which offers guidance/emotional support, financial support, and practical care to farming people of all ages for generations.

On the 13th March there will be a charity games held at lunch time and the opportunity to participate in the wellie walk throughout the day.

More information on how students can join in will be sent out soon.



Hot Chocolate Fridays

This week's Hot Chocolate Friday with the Headteacher, was well attended. Two pupils from each year group were chosen by their Head of Year, for being exceptional in behaviour, attendance and effort. Whilst drinking their treat, those pupils had chance to speak to Mr Allsopp about their ideas for The Grove and to discuss plans for the future. Well done to all of those chosen.



'Macbeth'

On Tuesday we took over a hundred KS4 and KS5 students to watch a performance of 'Macbeth' at the Regent Theatre in Stoke. The performance was conceived to help students revise the play, in support of upcoming exams. The group represented the school fantastically well and got a lot out of this visit. Thanks to all parents for supporting this opportunity.



IT

The Trust IT Team are currently exploring the possibility of hosting IT Drop-In Sessions in the near future, with the initial sessions planned to be held at The Grove. Whilst the exact dates are yet to be finalised, if you are interested, we ask you to complete the form provided below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/NJK94zrk>



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12 March – Sixth Form Careers Fair, Edgbaston Cricket Ground
- 16 March – Year 10 Silver Practice Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
- 18 March – 'Meet & Greet' with the Headteacher at 4.45pm
- 18 March – Spring Concert at 6.30pm
- 22 March – School closes for Easter
- 8 April – School opens for the summer term

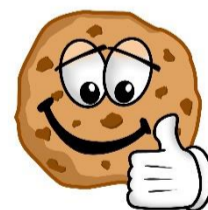
Year 9 House Point Cookie Voucher Winners

We are thrilled to recognise the outstanding accomplishments of several students who have demonstrated remarkable dedication and excellence in their studies, earning them the highest number of house points this week. In light of their exceptional achievements, we are pleased to announce that the following students have been awarded special cookie vouchers:

Maisie H, Stephen H, George L, Hayden S, Grace B, Daniel S and, Ryan H.

These students have consistently exhibited exemplary behaviour, academic prowess and active engagement in various school activities. Their commitment to excellence serves as a shining example for their peers, embodying the values of hard work, perseverance and dedication that we aim to instil in all our students.

We extend our sincere congratulations to them for their well-deserved recognition. We encourage all students to follow their lead and continue striving for excellence in their academic pursuits and extracurricular endeavours.



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