



# Grove Road Primary School

**Growing and Achieving Together**  
*Community Respect Self-Belief Ambition*

## Newsletter 8

## May 2016

### Year 1 Canopy - Thank You to FOG

We are delighted with the new canopy outside Year 1GM's classroom. It will provide a lovely space for the children at playtimes who wish to use it, all year round - making an excellent space for reading, chatting, enjoying the sunshine or keeping out of the wind! It will also be welcomed by the parents who collect from this door. We owe a huge thank you to FOG for helping to fund the project. We are very lucky to have such a fantastic team of parents who work incredibly hard to ensure we are able to afford such lovely enhancements to our school.



### Sporting Achievements

The Grove Road Year 5 & 6 football team have won the 'B team' league locally! The team did exceptionally well throughout the season playing games against other local school teams. The trophy was presented in assembly this week by one of our Game On coaches and will be on display in the Key Stage 2 Library. Well done team - Claudio Ranieri would be proud of you!



Calling all parents - Do your children have any sporting achievements, either inside or outside of school that you would like us to celebrate in the newsletter? Let us know on [admin@groveroad.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@groveroad.herts.sch.uk)

Good luck to Sam Pyefinch and Isobel Geller who have been selected from 145 swimmers to represent Dacorum in the Inter-District Swimming gala on the 29th April! We will let you know how they get on.



We are continuing to collect **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers** - if you have any lurking at home, please send them in. For the last couple of years these have been used towards extra playground and sports equipment and resources for Early Years such as balls, hoops and games. The more vouchers we get, the more resources we can order.



- 9/5 Y6 SATs Week - breakfast club available for Year 6 pupils this week
- 16/5 Y6 away on PGL
- 16/5 Y5 taking part in cycling course
- 25/5 Music concert (choir and Heath Brass Band) at High Street Baptist Church
- 27/5 INSET Day - School closed
- 30/5 Half Term week
- 6/6 Class Photos
- 9/6 Parent & Child E-Safety workshop 6pm
- 11/6 Summer Fair, 11am - 2pm
- 13/6 Y1 Phonics Screening Check week
- 30/6 Open Evening
- 5/7 Y5/6 Performance
- 6/7 Y5/6 Performance
- 14/7 Early Years Sports (am)
- 15/7 Y1-Y6 Sports Day
  - 9:15am Round Robin
  - 11:00am Competitive
- 21/7 Reserve date for Sports Day
- 22/7 Term finishes at 1:30pm

### Summer Term Class Assembly Dates

Each term KS1 classes invite parents to come along and watch their class assembly. This term Reception classes will also be performing.

The dates for the Summer term are as follows:

- Tuesday 17th May Reception (CO)
- Tuesday 24th May Reception (NG)
- Tuesday 14th June - 2LB
- Tuesday 28th June - 2FM
- Tuesday 5th July - 1CL
- Tuesday 12th July - 1GM

Assembly begins at 9:15am and parents are welcome to come and wait in the KS2 hall until assembly begins.



### Year 5 & 6 performances

Due to various other commitments in school and the talk for Year 6 parents at Tring school, the Year 5 & 6 performance dates have been changed to **Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th July**. We apologise for the need to change.

### 2015/16 Term Dates

Friday 27th May - School Closed INSET  
 Monday 30th May - Half Term  
 Friday 22nd July - Term finishes @1:30pm  
 Thursday 1st September - School Closed INSET  
 Friday 2nd September - School Closed INSET  
 Monday 5th September - Term begins



**Full term dates for 2016/17 have also been published.** They will be sent out soon and are available on our website.

The school year consists of 195 days, of which 5 are training days (INSET) when the school is closed to the children. Term dates for future years are available on the Herts Grid at:

[www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/schlfe/termdates](http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/schlfe/termdates)

Don't forget that a full set of dates, policies and school information are available on our website.

[www.groveroad.herts.sch.uk](http://www.groveroad.herts.sch.uk)

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## News From Grove Road



### Budding artists

Last term Years 4 and 5 took part in the Dacorum Arts Competition. From over 400 entrants Henry Plumeridge came 2nd overall! Huge congratulations to Henry (Y5) - a fantastic achievement, we are very proud of you. All of the art work submitted will be on display at The Astley Cooper School, Hemel Hempstead on Saturday 7th May at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to go along and have a look at all the fantastic work. Prizes and certificates will be awarded by local MP, Mike Penning.

### Rocket seeds

Year 1 have managed to win some of the seeds that Tim Peak had on the space station and are taking part in a nation wide school science experiment on the effects of space on seeds. Blue Peter recently did a feature on the experiment, which you might have seen. Everyone taking part is growing 2 sets of seeds - some that have been in space and some that have not. We don't yet know which is which, but will find out at the end. Around 1000 schools are taking part in this amazing experiment. Pop into 1CL if you want to see how the seeds are getting on!



### Hatching eggs

As part of their work on life cycles, foundation stage (Nursery & Reception) have been looking after some eggs since Monday 18th April. They have had a talk about how eggs hatch into chicks, and when the chicks hatch they will be able to watch them in their first few days of life. Hatching day is due to be the 9th May! The eggs and talk about chicks has already inspired some fantastic work from the pupils. (Centre picture is the incubator housing the eggs).



### Musical Grove

We have two music events coming up:

On **Wednesday 4th May** there will be a special interactive live music assembly with Kevin Nicholls from the Bedfordshire Music Service



On **25th May** the choir will perform alongside community band, Heath Brass Band. We are also hoping to involve a small group of year 5 brass players and a year 6 trumpet soloist. It's a wonderful opportunity for the children to perform; please come and support them at the **High Street Baptist Church, Tring (opposite the library) at 7pm.**