

Grove Road children carry Paralympic Torch

The Rio 2016 ParalympicsGB Torch Tour visited Grove Road School on 20th June! 12 lucky pupils were nominated by classmates to be torch bearers, and took it in turns to carry the famous torch a short distance, while the whole school watched, clapped and cheered. An incredible experience for them!

Grove Road in Tring is one of 100 primary schools included in the Torch Tour between 13th June and 8th July. It is a unique event, granted exclusively to the British Paralympic Association by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), because of their association with Stoke Mandeville, the birthplace of the Paralympic Movement.

The Rio 2016 Paralympic torch will not visit any other country outside of Brazil.

The tour presents a unique opportunity to raise awareness of the Paralympic Movement and the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games, and to inspire young people through the Paralympic Values: **courage, determination, equality and inspiration.**



Sharon Sanderson, Head Teacher at Grove Road, commented: “We feel privileged to have received the Rio 2016 Paralympic Torch at our school. The 12 torch bearers took on their role with great pride, cheered on by the rest of the school. Our year 6 students also benefited from a talk on the history and importance of the Paralympic movement. The Paralympic Values of courage, determination, equality and inspiration are ones with which all our children can engage”.