



# THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

## SHOUT OUTS TO ....

**Dove Tree Class, Skye, Learning, for super maths. Laura, Learning, for super reading and writing.**

**Lilac Tree Class, Percy and Thelma – Learning - amazing maths knowledge looking at multiplication and division.**

**Lime Tree Class, Torr, Learning, giving 100% even when he found things tricky he never gave up. Super star! Polly, Love, for being there for others when they find things hard, a great friend to all.**

**Willow Tree Class, Maisy, Learning, incredible literacy skills and you're smashing your fractions. Alicia, Communication, great choices made this week and fab maths skills.**

**Mountain Ash Tree Class, Poppy, Love, such a kind and caring member of Mountain Ash, a super role model. Max C, Learning, fantastic effort in badminton, showing focus and excellent skills.**

**Juniper Tree Class, Denis and Ferial, Love, for caring so much for our school environment and spending their lunches litter picking.**

**Flame Tree Class, Ben, Learning, amazing progress across the board, his attitude to learning is beyond belief . Cerys, Learning, the most beautiful writing ever! You made me cry!!**

**Ginkgo Tree Class, Aphra, for such confidence and bravery in your Learning, especially your maths - keep it up! Barney, Communication - for such great ideas, especially in your internal angles rules!**

**Trumpet Tree Class, Merla, Learning, for incredible progress in maths, I am so impressed! Hannah, Learning, for perfecting her gymnastics routine ready to show off her skills at the competition.**

## Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

### Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ Tickets for Years 1 and 2 Spring Concert are on ParentPay – please order
- ☺ World Book Day paper Plate Competition winners
- ☺ Easter holiday club booking link
- ☺ Behaviour as communication - tips and discussions about how to manage behaviours
- ☺ Year 6 Leavers Hoodies link <https://forms.gle/jYg7DAcynRt6XsWe8>
- ☺ PTA news and events

More info on all these below or ask at the front desk



### **Year 1 and 2 Spring Concerts**

Preparations are underway for our Spring Concerts which will be on Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday the 1st of April. The shows will start at 2.15pm and there will be tea, coffee and biscuits in the hall beforehand from 1.45pm. Tickets need to be ordered through ParentPay by Friday 20th March.

The children will need to bring in colourful, spring type clothes (with flowers, leaves etc) to wear. Please can these be in school in a named bag by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

### **World Book Day Paper Plate Competition Winners**

We were totally blown away by all of the amazing entries into the World Book Day paper plate competition and so pleased that so many children took part.

They were all winners in our eyes which made it very difficult to judge the prize winners, so we asked someone outside of the school community to choose the class and key stage winners.

#### **Class Winners**

Reception – Barney (Robins)  
Lilac – Arthur  
Dove - Kit BW  
Lime – Fraser  
Willow – Imogen  
Mountain Ash - Freya  
Juniper – Aoife  
Ginkgo – Ivy M  
Flame – Zebedee  
Trumpet - Isla M

#### **Key stage winners**

##### **KS1/Reception**

1<sup>st</sup> - Romilly (Dove)  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Emily (Lilac)  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Alisdair (Robins)

##### **KS2**

1<sup>st</sup> - Cyra (Trumpet)  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Poppy (Mountain Ash)  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Eve (Juniper)

Thank you to all who took part and the support from parents at home as we know children spent a long time on their brilliant creations.



### **Easter Holiday Club**

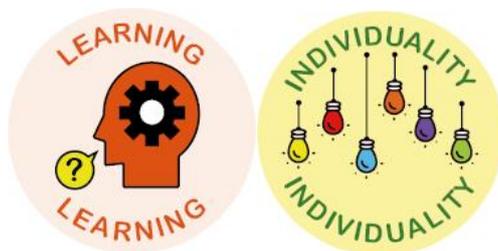
We are delighted to share that our Holiday Activity Club will be running during both weeks of the Easter holidays. To secure your child's place, we encourage you to book in advance as spaces are limited.

<https://kalscope.co.uk/product/totnes-easter-holiday-camps-at-the-grove-school/>

**April 7-10 (Tues-Fri) - UNDER A ROCK**

**April 13-16 (Mon-Thurs) - FREE LIKE A BIRD**

At our holiday camps, children do a proper mix of activities and each week follows a particular theme. We have been running these much-loved camps in London since 2015 and are thrilled to be offering them in Totnes. Each day is fast-moving and designed to keep kids interested, engaged, and wanting to come back for more!



### **Behaviour as communication – Throwing things / breaking things – Week 6**

Here's the good news: when children throw or break things, it's not a sign that you're failing as a parent. It's a sign that their brain is still under construction. Kids often act out physically because they don't yet have the language, impulse control, or emotional regulation to express what's going on inside them. The goal isn't to "stop the behaviour" in the moment so much as to teach the skills that prevent it next time. Children usually lash out physically because they're overwhelmed by big feelings (anger, frustration, fear, overstimulation), they don't yet have the words to express what they need, they're seeking connection or attention, they're testing boundaries to understand what's safe and what's not, they're tired, hungry, or dysregulated...

Understanding the "why" helps you respond rather than react.

#### **I. Stay calm and grounded**

Your calm nervous system is the anchor they borrow from.

If you escalate, they escalate. If you model, they will copy – try slow breathing, use a neutral tone, use minimal words ("I'm here. You're safe.")

## **2. Ensure safety first**

Move breakable or dangerous items out of reach. If needed, gently block throwing without restraining. Eg “I won’t let you throw that. It could hurt someone.”

## **3. Acknowledge the feeling, not the behaviour**

Kids calm down faster when they feel understood. Eg “You’re really frustrated that the game isn’t working.”

This doesn’t excuse the behaviour — it helps regulate the emotion driving it.

## **4. Set a clear, simple boundary**

Short, consistent, and firm. Eg “It’s okay to be angry. It’s not okay to throw things.”

Avoid long lectures; their brain can’t process them mid-meltdown.

## **5. Offer a safe outlet**

Redirect the impulse rather than trying to shut it down. Try getting them to throw soft balls into a basket, rip paper, punch a pillow stomp feet, squeeze a stress toy..

This teaches: “*Your feelings are allowed. Here’s a safe way to express them.*”

What to Do After Things Have Calmed Down

### **1. Reconnect before correcting**

A hug, a snack, or quiet time together resets the relationship.

### **2. Teach the skill they were missing**

This is where the real learning happens. You might teach: How to ask for help, How to say “I’m angry”, How to take a break, How to use a calm-down strategy

### **3. Repair the situation together**

Not as punishment, but as responsibility. Eg “Let’s clean this up together.”, “Let’s think about how we can keep things safe next time.”

If you have any areas of behaviour that you may like guidance on, or if you’d like to share some top tips or guidance with others, please do email in your suggestions to [head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk).

## **Year 6 Leavers’ Hoodies**

Please could you make sure you order your child’s Leavers’ Hoodie before 25th March through the link below:

<https://forms.gle/jYg7DAcynRt6XsWe8>

## **PTA NEWS**

Please put these dates in your diary and watch this space for further information!

### **PTA dates for your diary**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Easter disco

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Bingo night

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:

- Easter bonnet/hat competition
- Easter hamper raffle
- Mufti £1



**Remember - if you are up for helping with any event, please let us know by emailing [jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)**



### **Cake Sale**

No cake sale this week as we have our school disco this Friday

**Next Friday will be Lilac Tree Class' turn to bake.**

**We will also be selling the Easter Raffle tickets at the cake sales too!**

### **Easter Raffle**

Tickets are on sale, available from the front desk, £1 per ticket. Cash/card. Fantastic prizes, come and get your tickets!



### **Easter Disco - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Permission have been sent home. You can pay on ParentPay, cash or card. Please pay by end of today. Let Jenni know if you can help.

**We need more help for Reception, Years 1/2 please.**



### **Easter Bingo – NEXT FRIDAY**

Get your dabbers ready for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March!  
Doors open at 6:30pm. Eyes down at 7pm

This is open to everyone not just Grove Schoolers so please let family and friends know. Children are welcome - probably more suited to Year 3 and above, but it's up to you.

Come along and enjoy the fun!

If you know of any business or friends etc that could donate a prize, that would be amazing!

### **Rainbow Prizes**

It's an ask please. If you could donate items in your child's year group colour that we can use for prizes at our Easter bingo. (No fresh food items please)  
Please bring them in to school from now to next Wednesday.

Acorns - Pink

Year 1 - Red

Year 2 – Orange

Year 3 - Yellow

Year 4 - Green

Year 5 - Blue

Year 6 – Purple

You can also donate items in any colour if that's easier.



### **Easter Bonnet Hat Competition - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

(Last Day of term)

Get designing your hat - we can't wait to see your amazing creations!

This is also a mufti day for £1.

Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> – Reception/Nursery, Years 1/2, Years 3/4 & Years 5/6

**Please support these events and donations – all monies raised will go towards the astro turf and items needed in the school for the children.**



### **The Grove School PTA Facebook Page**

The Grove School PTA Facebook Page will also keep you up to date on events - e.g. discos, fundraisers, bake sales etc.



**Dates for your diary this term** <http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/calendar/256154>

Heights and Weights Reception and Year 6 – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Yr 1/2 Spring Concert - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – On ParentPay

Year 5 Residential Okehampton Adventure - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Kind regards, Hilary Priest

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# RAINBOW PRIZES

Please bring something in your year colour - we will make them into hampers for our Easter bingo - between 16-25<sup>th</sup> March!

Thank You.



THE GROVE SCHOOL PTA  
PRESENTS

# DISCO



**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

ACORNS, Y1 & Y2 : 3.15PM - 4.15PM    £4

Y3 & Y4 : 4.30PM - 5.30PM    £4

Y5 & Y6 : 5.45PM - 6.45PM    £4



# Easter *Bingo*

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Doors Open  
6.30pm

Grove School Hall.

Eyes Down 7pm

Bingo Caller **Rob Ashford!**



# EASTER HAT

## COMPETITION

THURSDAY 2ND  
APRIL

GET DESIGNING  
YOUR FABULOUS  
CREATIONS!

Prizes for the best Easter  
Hat!

Mufti for £1!



# EASTER RAFFLE

Lots of Fabulous Prizes!

Tickets £1 each from the  
Front Desk.

TO BE DRAWN  
ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> OF  
APRIL.



**THURSDAY**

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